

Welcome back to school after Christmas holidays! Hopefully you had a restful and renewing break and that we enter into 2017 with new beginnings and opportunities to make new resolutions! Our Epiphany Liturgy will be our first celebration together in the New Year hosted by our grade 3 classes (3B, 3L, 3PG). The Epiphany celebration remembers the three miracles that manifest the divinity of Christ. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and celebrate with us on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

Our school council will have our first meeting of 2017 on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the school staffroom. We encourage parents and guardians to come out and join our school council. Being part of our group is a way to stay informed and be an active partner in your child's education! Free childcare is always provided.

The staff members in our school have been training and refreshing their leadership skills this school year using the Leader in Me program by Franklin Covey. This program is based on the Seven Habits of Happy Children. Please check the newsletter as we share the seven habits with you to help facilitate discussions about leadership with your children. Classrooms will begin learning about the seven habits in 2017!

Our first Success Assembly will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and the theme is Jersey Day! We hope to see you there!

A thank-you goes out to all of our families and friends who celebrated with our students during our many activities in our concert week and our Family Advent Dance. It was wonderful to share our gifts and talents with you and having parental support in school is a blessing for all children. We are so proud of all our students and the staff who made our Christmas concerts such a success! A special thank you goes to Mr MacLean, and the Father Turcotte staff who went above and beyond to make the week special for us all!

Happy New Year to all of our families. Warm wishes for all, for peace and prosperity throughout 2017!

God Bless  
Leslie McPherson and  
Laura Dennis



# January 2017

## "Thank You" Card Contest

We have received lots of cards and donations from individuals, organizations and other schools across the country due to the wildfire last spring.

We want to say Thank You, but we need your help! We will be holding a "Thank You Card Contest" in January. We are asking students to come up with a colourful picture for the front of our card. The image should show our synergy as "three schools in one" this year. Please have your child write their names and homeroom on the back of their picture.



Pictures can be submitted to the office from January 3<sup>rd</sup> until January 20<sup>th</sup> on an 8.5x11 piece of paper.

The card that's chosen will be sent out as well as featured in our February Newsletter.

## January Hot Lunch Dates

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>: Panago Pizza

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>: Chez Max- **NEW VENDOR!**

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: OPA!

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Pizza Hut

**Hot Lunch Forms were due on  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Late forms will not be accepted.  
Please make sure you return your  
filled out form before or on the due  
date each month to ensure your  
order is processed.**



## FNMI NEWS

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a joyful New Year, it's great seeing all the children again and hearing about their wonderful holiday.

**\*Anyone wanting to volunteer for our Aboriginal Day that will be held in April, please stop by the Gathering Room, call the school, or send me an e-mail [jk2182@fmcasd.ab.ca](mailto:jk2182@fmcasd.ab.ca)**



## Leader In Me

Our school will be learning leadership skills throughout the New Year using the **Leader in Me** Leadership Curriculum. We believe all students have important strengths to share and we will be learning about ways to develop and share those strengths.

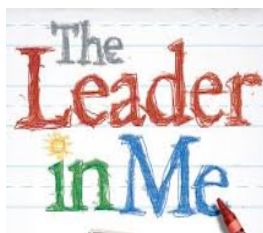
Part of **The Leader in Me** Leadership Curriculum involves learning about **The 7 Habits of Happy Kids**.

Each month we will feature 1 or 2 habits in our Newsletter.

To learn more, visit [www.theleaderinme.org](http://www.theleaderinme.org)

### Here are the 7 Habits:

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin With The End In Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen The Saw

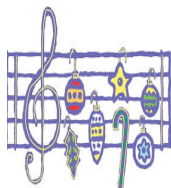


All students did a fantastic job at rehearsals and Christmas concerts. Thank you, parents for your hard work too. I speak not just for myself when I say we had a great time. Also, if anyone has some video or pictures you'd like to send in to the office of the concerts, it would be great to have a record of the events!

These will not be posted on social media.

Finally, a special thanks to Mairiana Cardona, Ethian Mayuk, and Hannah Schultz for helping out, last minute!

- Mr. MacLean



## Dress For the Weather

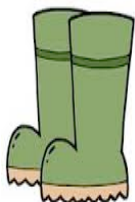
Please remember all students need to be dressed warmly for school in the morning. Bus students are waiting outside at the end of the day for the bus and need to be fully dressed with: winter coat, mittens/gloves, hat, winter boots, scarf, snow pants. It is a great idea to label all of these items with your child's name.

Our cut off temperature for outdoor recess is -20 degrees with the wind chill.

### Boot Policy

We respect the hard work our caretakers do to keep the school clean. Please remove your boots at the front door when you enter the school. Let's work together to keep Father Turcotte School clean.

Thank you!



## My School Bus Monitor

### Attention: Parents of bus students

If your child rides the bus to and/or from school please sign up for the "My School Bus Monitor". This website will send you an email notification if your child's bus is running late.

(You must sign up for email notifications)

Website: [www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca](http://www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca)

Step 1: Click on "for receiving email alerts click here"

Step 2: input your email, confirm your email.

Carrier: Sparksman Transportation

Step 3: select "Father J.A Turcotte OMI school-Fort McMurray" from the drop down menu.

Step 4: Choose your child's bus route from the drop down menu. Click add route.

If you need help please stop by the office and see Mrs. Robbins to sign up for email notifications.

My School Bus Monitor

LIVE SCHOOL BUS UPDATES -- STAY INFORMED!



## Walking Club



**What: Walking Club**

**When: Every day from 8:30 - 8:45. Students can drop in whenever they arrive!**

**Where: Gym**

**Who: All students in grades 1-6 (K bus students)**

**Reminder: Students head directly into the gym. No need to hang around the hallways!**

Students are invited to join volunteers to "walk the track" in the gym before heading into class at the first bell at 8:45am. When students arrive, the outside supervisors will have the door by the tarmac unlocked and students are invited to head into the school to hang their coats and head into the gym.

They will be in sock feet! For students with classrooms in the portables: coats and backpacks will be kept in the gym (the middle space) and students will leave their boots neatly on the carpet by the outside door

(the boot room door). Again because students are only walking, indoor shoes are not required.

When the first bell rings, students will take their backpacks and outdoor wear to their classroom as they normally would. We encourage all students to participate, especially in these cold winter months!!



We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help with paper and cardboard recycling.

If your able to help us out please let the office know so we can set up a schedule.

Father Turcotte School office: 780-799-5772