



**Upcoming Dates:**

May and June 2015

- May 18—Victoria Day—No school
- June 29—Last Day of School (2:30 dismissal)

**Pritchard:**

- May 20—At the Zoo with Leadership Team
- May 27— At the Matheson for Chapel
- June 15—19 Everest VBS
- June 24—Chapel at Matheson

**Matheson Elementary School:**

- May 19—Hot Lunch
- June 11 —Kindergarten Grad
- June 12— Kindergarten Orientation, no school for current Kindergarten classes
- June 15—19 Everest VBS
- June 22—Grade 1-4 Closing Program

**Middle School:**

- June 17— At the Goldeyes Game

**High School:**

- May 19—Missions 2 applications due
- May 21—29—Grade 11 in Ottawa
- May 25—Ignite
- June 17—22—High School Exams
- June 24—Grade 12 Graduation

**Staff changes:**

**Cathy Hillman** (secretary, Middle School) recently accepted a new position and had her last day on May 1st. We wish her well as she leaves us.

**Cindy Doroshuk**, (vice-Principal, Elementary) will be



leaving Faith Academy to teach in Kuwait. Her last day will be June 30th. Congratulations to **Laurie Dyck**, (current Gr 2) will be the new Elementary Vice-Principal.

The high school Missions 2 team recently went to Volcan, Panama for ten days with Operation Mobilization, where they stayed in a church and did many different activities to help out and get to know people in the area. They served with Pan de Vida (Bread of Life), a program held twice a week in a local church, to provide a full meal along with games and a Bible lesson for children. This program is one of the only times these children get a full meal during the week. The team went to a dump where they gave out food and water, to a prison for teenage boys where they shared testimonies and did some skits, and to an indigenous tribal reserve called COMARCA where they spent time with families. They also took time to build an extension on a house for a single mom and her 5 kids which gave them an opportunity to play with the children and get to know the family.



Here are some of the thoughts from the students:

*“We talked to one man who had been in a really bad accident and miraculously lived. He desperately wanted to know why he had to live in the dump, how come it had to be him? We Canadians, who have everything, had no idea how to tell him why. We couldn’t answer it. All we could tell him was that God had not forgotten him and has a purpose for this. It broke your heart to see these people live day to day there, with the heat and trash everywhere. I believe this trip opened our eyes and changed our views. It created a special love for Panama and the people we connected with, and most importantly, this trip showed us how to have a real servant heart for God.”*

*“Pan de Vida is a very important program to the children around that neighborhood because for some of them, it is their only chance to eat a full meal during the week. It was also a chance for us to hang out, play, and give joy to the children of Volcan.”*

*“The people were very content with their blessings and they shared it with joy.”*

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**2015-16 Enrollment Update:**

We are very encouraged with our registration numbers this year. God continues to bless us with His provision and we are grateful for this.

Classes for Grades 1 to 8 are now filled, however there are still 9 spots available for Kindergarten. If you know of someone who is considering kindergarten, please encourage them to get their applications in soon.

There are a couple of spots available in High School, primarily Grade 11.

**Enrollment:**

(as of April 24, 2015)

**Pritchard Campus: 22**

**Matheson K-4: 214**

**Middle School: 177**

**High School: 166**

Elementary students, from both Matheson and Pritchard campuses, participated in a **Nutrition Week** from April 20 to April 23. It was a fun, hands-on way to teach them about good nutrition and encourage them to increase the amount and variety of fruits and vegetables they eat. Each day students were encouraged to dress in the colour of the day and to bring fruits and vegetables of that colour in their lunch. On Tuesday, they ate Fruit Kabobs, and on Wednesday, they made vegetable soup which they all enjoyed for lunch on Thursday.

It was a great success and many students tried new fruits and vegetables that they had never had before! Great job!

We hope that they will continue to be inspired to pack their lunch kits full of healthy choices.



**Jump Rope for Heart!**

K-4 Students from Matheson and Pritchard raised over \$2,000 for Jump Rope for Heart! These funds go to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation which conducts research and raises awareness on many important health issues.

Each student who registered online received a free skipping rope, and other prizes were given out based on amounts fundraised. In total 166 prizes were given to Faith Academy students. The school also benefitted with bonus credits to put towards more physical education equipment.

Special thanks to the top three fundraisers:

**Lincoln San Miguel** who raised \$350 and won Cobra Walkie Talkies

**Cheyenne Monkman** who raised \$200 and won a glow in the dark soccer ball.

**Malik Rose** who raised \$175 and won a glow in the dark soccer ball.



High School classes participated in a wellness day on April 17. The theme was **Renovate**, and the staff ran it like a conference day. Students had name badges, attended a variety of sessions throughout the day and had an opportunity at the end of the day to provide feedback on the things they learned.

The renovate theme inspired the topics for each session:

- REFRESH**
- EXERCISE**
- NUTRITION**
- OVERCOME**
- VISION**
- ADORATION**
- THOUGHTS**
- EXPRESS**



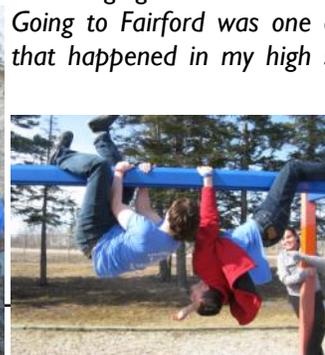
EXPRESS



EXERCISE



OVERCOME



**The Missions I team went to Fairford, Manitoba during spring break.** The week started with the team attending a small church service where they were welcomed by the community. The team ran a day camp for the children of the community from Monday to Thursday where they played games, had chapel times, participated in arts and crafts and enjoyed getting to know the children.

*“The children in Fairford were as much a blessing to me as I hope I was to them. Running around playing with them, having chapel time, and just sitting down and getting to know them really opened my eyes to some of the realities of the world we live in, but also it gave me hope that things can be done to make a difference in people’s lives. It was very rewarding to see our hard work pay off and to see God moving in the lives of young children.”*

*“When we got there Rick, from Pathway, told us to ‘deny ourselves, its not about you.’ This really hit a lot of us hard because it really wasn’t about us. We were there to serve God’s children so that we could bless them and in return, they would bless us.”*

*“Challenging was the word that described the trip for me. Going to Fairford was one of the most challenging events that happened in my high school life, not only because it was out of my comfort zone, but because I got to be with kids that I hardly knew. It helped me become more confident in myself.”*