

# KOINONIA

## Connection

### Who We are...



Koinonia Connection is a bi-monthly newsletter published by the Koinonia Christian Education Society (KCES) to keep teachers, parents, students, staff and friends of our system informed & connected.

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**DEAP**

**- Drop Everything and Pray! ...**

by April Barton

Student Council at Cornerstone Christian School in Medicine Hat is to be commended for their excellent leadership this year. A unique focus involved initiating several DEAP sessions in which the entire school came together to Drop Everything and Pray. The council also assisted in preparations and serving of the monthly hot lunch and weekly food concessions to raise money for student activities.

The missions focus this year was H2ooneyO. (Yes, that's spelled

*correctly!*) The students raised more than \$800 to go towards Nehemiah Construction drill wells and provide much needed garden seeds for Trekana tribes in Northern Kenya. Other activities planned by student council included the Fall Festival, Olympic Day and a Treasure Hunt.

A spring fund-raiser featuring the student musicale "From the Pit to the Palace" generated about \$15,000. Appreciation is extended to the many helping hands.

It was a hectic spring break for five students who, along with two teachers, joined Airdrie Koinonia on the mission trip to Mexico. The Mexico team presented a power-point in a recent Chapel and gave impressive, informative testimonies to the student body. In other Chapel news, each class from Grade 2-12 capably presented Chapels this past year. Many pastors from various churches shared and challenged students and staff in their faith walk.



Challenge accepted! Reach the "Nehemiah" goal and you can shave the teacher!!

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Cornerstone recently hosted the Southern Koinonia Track and Field Meet. Although it was cool and windy May 21<sup>st</sup>, students, parents and teachers from Cherry Coulee, Newell and Cornerstone experienced a wonderful day together. Cornerstone brought home the trophy for the school earning the most points. Eight of their junior high students competed in the city Track and Field meet, where Cornerstone received three firsts, and several thirds and fourths. Two students broke city records and went on to compete in Zones June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations!

Student art is on display at the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre along with 700 other pieces from schools in this region. Cornerstone students visited the exhibit on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

During the year, the Junior/Senior High class served at the Prairie Gleaners preparing food crates for Haiti, joined YWAM missionaries on praying adventures and served at the local food bank and Salvation Army. The high school students also assisted local churches doing clerical work and offered support at a refuge for women in crisis - the Agnes Adams Lee Centre.

Congratulations to the many Cornerstone students who recently received national awards for their temperance posters and cartoons. ☺

**Hayden Kroeker demonstrating his science project**



# Congratulations GRADS !!

**June 5—KCS—Red Deer**

Jillian April Ay-ay  
Sara Benson  
Alicia Constantine  
Jordan Constantine  
Emmanuel Cruz  
Raymund Cruz  
Darcy Driedger  
Jillian Fletcher  
Shawn Friesen  
Nathan Fritz  
Kate Illsley  
Jordan Nielson  
Paul Peters  
James Rosales  
Nicole Scholz  
Kayla Smith  
Ar-Jay Tumbokon

**June 24—Cherry Coulee CA**

Garison Babe  
Lisa Heinrichs  
Dylan Huizing  
Vivian Wikkerink

**June 26—Airdrie KCS**

Benjamin Beitzel  
Courtney Cheyne  
Nathan DeBruyn  
Chris Deimert  
Michael Herrmann  
Zander Horwood  
Megan Klumpp  
Aaron Kondrat  
Linnea Lawton  
Amanda Lu  
Andrew Oldridge

**June 11—High Level CA**

Martin Driedger  
Nathan Heier  
Tiffany Sceerey

**June 26—Yellowhead KCS**

Nathan Giesbrecht  
Kelsey Hoge

**June 19—Cornerstone CS**

Rashni Augustine  
Brittany Mitchell

**August 8—Slave Lake KCS**

Carson Cardinal  
Garrett Gutowski  
Tyler Lund



# COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD FEATURED AT HLCA...

by April Barton

With less than two weeks remaining in their school year, High Level Christian Academy are reflecting upon a very busy spring.

Their annual spring banquet and fundraiser April 24<sup>th</sup> netted a most impressive \$23,000. Secretary/bookkeeper Margaret Brock reports about 200 people attended the "highly successful" event. The talents of Kindergarten to Grade 9 students provided the entertainment for the evening with appreciated songs and skits. One student and three alumni who participated in the Mexico Missions Trip this spring were also featured at the fund-raiser. "Participants were absolutely astounded" by their trip, says Ms. Brock. A big pat on the back goes to all who supported and participated in this major event.

Instead of a science fair, High Level students presented a Social Fair to the community May 27<sup>th</sup>. Each class chose a featured country to study and then transformed their classrooms into their represented country. Community residents and parents were invited for the evening and dis-



Romanian Priest



Japanese Booth

covered the distinctiveness of **Africa, Mexico, Japan, Romania and Indonesia.** Displays, food samples and costumes added to the



Gr 1-2 Indonesia displays

unique experience. "Even non-school families who attended were very impressed," says Ms. Brock.

HLCA welcomed new elementary teacher Jennifer Bond this spring. She replaced Connie Gerbrandt who is currently on maternity leave. Congratulations to Connie and husband Paul who welcomed their 6 lb. 14 oz. daughter Isabel Maiya on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.



Connie & Isabel

Best of luck to HLCA students as they head off to divisional Track and Field events this month.

An Open House welcomed community residents June 1<sup>st</sup>. School tours, curriculum displays, snacks, and opportunities for questions and answers were offered. Attendance was small, but optimism wasn't diminished following the event.

ECS to Grade 9's held their Graduation ceremony June 11<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students proudly wore their graduation caps as they were welcomed into Grade 1 for the fall.



ECS grads

Kindergarten to Grade 6 students spent the afternoon recently at the seniors centre. A sing-song was well appreciated by all in attendance.

With June 18<sup>th</sup> being the last day of school at HLCA, an Awards Night will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> to honor students. Parents will also be given special recognition for their volunteer efforts throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

High Level Christian Academy appreciates your prayer support as they search for a Junior High teacher for Grades 7-9 for the fall. Thank you one and all. ☺

# Vitamins and Exercise

by Garry Anderson

My wife makes me take vitamins. She has a whole list of the ones I should take. I hate taking them. They cost money. They are a nuisance. Why do I have to take them? I took a whole handful yesterday and I don't feel any better today at all. Do they really do me any good? OK, so I haven't had a cold all winter but maybe that was just coincidence.



She also thinks I should exercise regularly. She says that if I don't, I won't live long enough to see my grandchildren grow up. "Stretch your muscles; ride your bike, not your motorcycle; get your heart rate up." I rode my bike hard yesterday but I don't feel any better at all. Today I have sore muscles. Do you think it would pay off in the long run? Well, maybe. I suppose I will have to do it every day to really find out.

When you send your children to a Christian school for the first time, it is possible that you will notice an immediate change. Hopefully, the teachers will be more caring, the discipline will be more consistent, the other children will be a better influence and the atmosphere will be more godly.

But it may be that the difference won't be all that noticeable immediately. After all, many secular schools have excellent teachers, and some of them have quite a good atmosphere. And to be frank, some of our Christian schools are not yet finished becoming all that they should be.

So if this is the case, why should I send my chil-

dren to a Christian school? If my children are happy in their other school, if they are learning to read and write and do arithmetic reasonably well, if they get to play sports and are able to take advantage of the other amenities of the school system, why not be satisfied with the free education offered by the province?

Well, maybe it's a little like vitamins and exercise. Even if the difference isn't noticeable immediately, it will become more and more evident over time.

What will be the effect of God's Word going into a child's heart on a daily basis?

What will be the effect of daily Scripture memorization over a period of several years?

What will be the result of conscientiously teaching a Christian worldview over a period of years?

You really won't know the result of a Christian school education the first day of school or even the first month. It is a lifelong process of a home, a church and a school working together. A worldview is not inculcated immediately. It takes time. It is built into a life, little by little. But it is well worth the effort and expense.

Kind of like vitamins and exercise. Just ask my wife. ☺

