

Home Business Shopping Day
Saturday, March 27th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
School Gym

Cedars' families and the public are welcome to come shop at over 20 vendors in one location. **Invitations will be sent home with Cedars families today to distribute to friends and neighbours.**

Vendors include, but are not limited to: Avon, Partylite, Bling Ring Jewellery, Mary Kay, Norwex, Tupperware, Close to My Heart, Stampin' Up, BoPeep Soaps, Isagenix, Word to the Wall, Everyday Style, Purse Paradise, Usborne Books, Envirostyles, and Watkins.

Come out and support the school!

Requested Announcements

Looking for a Free...

Ping pong table in good condition or highschool use. Contact Heidi Strybos @ Strybos@shaw.ca.



Mother Daughter Camp at Ness Lake
April 16-18, 2010

This camp is a wonderful opportunity for moms and daughters to come to beautiful Ness Lake and spend quality time together building memories to last a lifetime as they deepen their relationships. Aunts, Grandmas, and friends welcome as well! For ages 10 to 99! Cost \$140 for Mother & Daughter; additional daughters \$70. Info and registration forms at:

www.nlbc.bc.ca

Times Tables Math Club!

Each TUESDAY and THURSDAY morning from 8:00 - 8:25 am, Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Fisher will be available to help Grade 3-6 students with their times tables through many activities. Let's get faster and more accurate at the times tables!

Cell Phone Use While Driving

We have noticed that occasionally vehicle drivers around our parking lot and roadway are using their cell phones while driving. We ask that all drivers please obey the traffic safety laws in this regard as our roadways and parking lots are especially congested and students can easily run out in front of traffic.

Thank-you

Magazine Subscription Fundraiser
Last Chance

The library's annual magazine fundraiser is drawing to a close. Deadline is Thursday, March 4th. **Any subscription that is received late will be processed after spring break.**

This is a great opportunity to renew old subscriptions, sign up for new ones and at the same time support Cedars Library.

The library earns 40% during this fundraiser. Your magazine prices are guaranteed to be the lowest.

Younger students receive prizes. Older students receive money into their student account. Our goal is to have 300 subscriptions. Your participation is appreciated. Magazines can be one way to encourage reluctant readers.

They are also a good way to stay informed about current events, products, cultural trends, etc. Of course Cedars cannot endorse all the magazines that are listed. Please review your children's choices carefully.

Senior Girls Soccer Team

The Cedars Sr. Girls Soccer Team had great success with their bottle drive this past Saturday. They raised \$608.55. We would like to keep this success on-going so we have opened an account at the Nechako Bottle Depot on 1st Ave. We invite you to support the girls in this way by donating your recyclables.

Volunteer Program Reminder

Synopsis of the Program:

In order to keep our school looking clean and well maintained all year long the Board of Cedars Christian School relies on parent participation.

1. In keeping with our present policy, all families are required to volunteer 25 hours each school year.

2. We ask that each family submit a \$250.00 deposit. Date cheques for June 30, 2010, and submit to the office.

3. At the end of June each family that has completed 25 hours of volunteer time will have their \$250 post-dated cheque returned to them. Please record all volunteer hours in the log book kept in the office. If your 25 volunteer hours are not recorded by June 15, your post-dated cheque will be deposited.

If everyone volunteers at least 25 hours we will save money in the long run and have a sharp looking school!

Currently we have received volunteer deposits from only 30% of our Cedars Families. If you have not submitted a cheque for this year, please do so immediately.

Math Help!

Each WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY morning from 8:00 - 8:25 am, Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Fisher will be available to help Grade 3-6 students with their Math. Drop in for some extra help when you need it!

Regional Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Miranda Nikkel who represented Cedars last Saturday at the Regional Spelling Bee. She was in the top 14 of 44 competitors.

Congratulations!

Grade 9 students Kathryn Binnema and Elizabeth Czechmeister won silver in the Prince George Iceman competition.



Transformers in History: Quaker Abolitionists

Recently the Grade 5 class performed a play adapted from the novel *Underground to Canada*. People like the Quaker abolitionists smuggled escaped slaves on the 'underground railway', and amazing network of hidden routes and safe houses where they received food, clothing, medicine, and directions to the next home. The Quakers were a group of Christians who believed all people were equal in the sight of God and capable of understanding God's purpose for their lives. They also believed that Christians must actively work to transform themselves and then transform their culture. In the late 1600's, an important Quaker leader, Mr. Fox, became convinced that all slavery is wrong from scriptures in the Bible. First he and other Quakers chose to free the slaves involved in their businesses and farms. For the next 180 years, despite being put in jail, given outrageous fines, beaten, or killed, many Quakers preached and took action about the evils of slavery in the Lord's eyes until slavery was officially abolished in the United States.

Matthew 25:37-40

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'."

Dates to Remember 2010 Calendar

Mar. 5	Elem. Report Card Term 2 Distributed
Mar. 8-19	Spring Break (All No School)
Mar. 27	PAC Fundraiser
Mar. 30	Hot Lunch -Pizza
Apr. 2	Good Friday (All No School)
Apr. 5	Easter Monday (All No School)
Apr. 12	Preschool Visit 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	Hot Lunch -KFC
Apr. 14	HS Term 3 Ends
Apr. 16	Board Nomination Forms Due *Please note revised date
Apr. 21	HS Term 3 Report Cards Distributed
Apr. 22-23	Northern Pro D Conference (No school, K-12)
Apr. 26	H.S. Parent Teacher Interviews (HS 1/2 day)
Apr. 27	Hot Lunch -Tacos
May 11	Hot Lunch -Pizza
May 13	Spring AGM
May 20	Grandparents Day
May 24	Victoria Day (All No School)
May 25	Hot Lunch -Hotdogs
June 4	H.S. Grad (HS 1/2 Day)
	Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
June 8	Hot Lunch -Pizza
June 9-11	Bowron Canoe Trip
June 10	Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 11:00 am
June 11	Elem. Sports Day
June 17	Kindergarten Grad 1 p.m.
June 18	Last Day H.S.
June 21-29	H.S. Final Exams
June 23	Last Day Elem. & Year End BBQ (Elem. 1/2 Day)
June 24-29	Admin Days



Reminder
Cedars is a
Peanut/Nut
Free School.



The Cedars Shake

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**Our Christian
Perspectives Classes:**
Focusing on the Real Jesus

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In the last week or so, I have had the opportunity to get to know what three of our grades are doing for Christian Perspectives at this time. I'm impressed at how our teachers are striving to help their students to see what real Christianity might look like compared to a facade of Cultural Christianity.

Last Friday, I had the privilege of escorting half of Mr. Roland Rempel's Christian Perspectives 12 class to the Salvation Army Thrift Store at Parkhill Centre while the rest of the class went to do similar work at another Salvation Army center. It was neat to see all of a Christian Perspective class put feet to their faith and theory into practice as they were able to act in service so close to school. The staff members at the Thrift Store were very appreciative of all the help they received, and they reassured us that there was plenty of work to go around. I think they were especially thankful for the students who could test donated electronic equipment, such as older game systems and VCR's. I think the students particularly enjoyed that job! The visit must have been successful because the class has been invited back to serve again this Friday.

On Wednesday, the Grade 7's went downtown to become more aware of the needs and the service opportunities at our local missions agencies such as The New Life Center and St. Vincent De Paul.

Students met new people and were able to pray for the agencies and the people they met. At least one student exclaimed that it was the best field trip they had ever gone on. It was a wonderful experience organized by Mr. Brown and Miss Vandenberg.

While Miss Vandenberg was with the Grade 7 field trip, I covered her Christian Perspectives 11 class. The lesson, based on a work by Tony Campolo, posed the question, "Which Jesus do you believe in?" We compared what the 'Real Jesus' might require of us for life compared to what man-made (cultural) Christianity might prescribe for us. I was pleased (relieved) to see how well these students seriously shared some deeper insights and responded positively to the lesson. I'm glad our students are challenged to wrestle with the essential questions of the faith.

These glimpses into our Christian Perspectives classes should help us be encouraged that Cedars Christian School is making serious strides to point our students to the 'Real Jesus', and not just a Cultural Christian facade. Christ needs to remain the center of who we are, what we teach, and how we teach it.