

# ALBERTA ADVENTIST EDUCATION COMMUNICATION

Connecting Classroom, Constituency, & Christ

Communication #26

WORK IN PROGRESS



GOD  
LOVES  
YOU AND ME  
CRAZY MUCH!!!



CAA



Jesus



MANS

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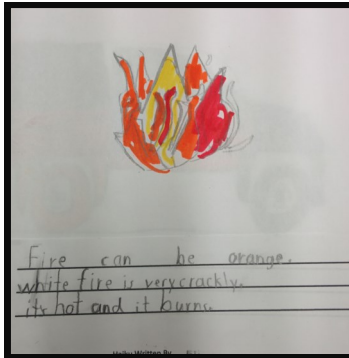
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As pictures come to my in-box, each one seems to beg to be "front page" material. In fact...each one is! Alas, choices must be made. It is a painful process. Please proceed to the next pages for more 'front page' material.



Back L-R: Kate, Jade  
Front L-R: Eli, Liam

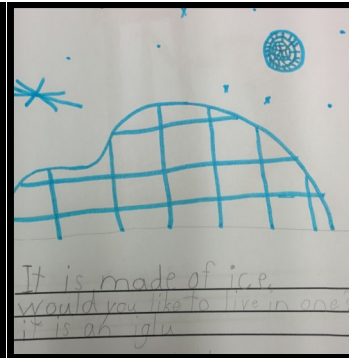
## Writing Contest WINNERS



1st place—\$50  
Haiku by Eli, Gr.2, CHCS



2nd place—\$25  
Haiku by Liam, Gr.2, CHCS



Honorable Mention —\$10  
Haiku by Kate, Gr.2, CHCS



Honorable Mention—\$10  
Haiku by Jade, Gr.2, CHCS

### Make That Wish

Make a wish.  
For anything, everything,  
Make a wish.

Say it loud,  
Say it proud,  
Whisper it,  
Think it,  
Make a wish.

For you,  
For me,  
For them and we,  
Make a wish.

For world hunger,  
For disasters,  
Make a wish.

For him to feel,  
For her to love,  
For them to be,  
Make a wish.

Wish upon the stars,  
Wish under the seas,  
Wish to infinity,  
Close your eyes, and  
Make that wish.  
-Noreen, Grade 10, CAA  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Poetry

### A Helping Hand

Flashing lights and speeding sights,  
Faster, faster, through the night.  
Don't slow down, don't stop to pray,  
God never listens anyway.

He doesn't care,  
That's what you'll hear.  
And if you ever stop,  
The world glares,  
And then it sneers,  
But God comes up on top.

He'll take your hand,  
And lead you through,  
Past the earthly snares.  
His love surrounds,  
It knows no bounds,  
And that should prove he cares.

So when the world comes crashing down,  
And no-one lends a hand,  
Look up to God and send a prayer,  
He'll help you with your stand.  
-Gaétan, Grade 12, CAA  
2<sup>nd</sup> place, Poetry



**Bullying  
Stops  
With Me!**

**Thank you  
CHES, CAA  
& MANS**



**Think in  
Pink  
Everyday!**



**Work together!  
Create together!  
Have fun together!  
TOGETHER!**

# Educating...within and outside our walls!

## Coralwood Adventist Academy: Ski days at Rabbit Hill



Thandie



Ineza



Adasa



Mephew



Joel, Diego



Snowy Friends



## Sylvan Meadows Adventist School



Student pastor, Andrew Orpana...Did you dress like this when you were young? Thank you for sharing your life with us. We learned so much!



Building for Science and Eternity...furniture, towers, and character.





*Crazy  
Hat-  
Hair  
Day*



*Total  
Praise-  
Grade 6  
With  
Mrs. Notice*



### Higher Ground Christian School



#### Cinnamon, Our Miracle Dog

Cinna, our canine friend, was at school and out for a walk. Her 'eagle eyes' spotted a herd of deer and she was off in a flash. We weren't sure what Cinna was planning to do with the deer if she did catch them, but she seemed to be having a ton of fun. Mr. Parker lost sight of her. We prayed that Cinna would return, and soon she was spotted. After a great deal of encouragement we were able to thank God for answering our prayers. 'A little *dog* shall lead them.'

### South Side Christian School



Footsteps of Jesus  
with Pastor Moises



Look at our backbones!

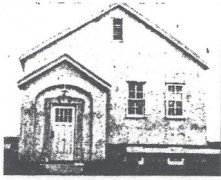


Foil embossing,  
Gr. 5-8 Art.



Creating life-size  
models for body  
systems in Gr. 5-8

## *Coralwood Adventist Academy, Edmonton*



Edmonton Elementary School  
Earliest available photo, 1952

### “Build the School First”

“If you build the church first, you may not get a school for a long time and possibly you may never get a school. But, if you build the school first, you will get a school and a church.” These were the

wise and passionate words of Archie Bruce,

staunch supporter of Seventh-day Adventist

Christian education circa 1956. His advice was heeded by what is now known as Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Coralwood Adventist Academy has also been known as Edmonton Church School and Edmonton Adventist Academy (circa 1965). It appears that the name Coralwood Adventist Academy

(CAA) was adopted shortly thereafter. Classes began in September of 1957 at its present location. (Note additional historical data on side bar.) Services were held in the new church on the first Sabbath in December of that same year. It is believed that a manse near the school was also built during this time.



Today

Early memories that shaped numerous lives include: Bible classes, prayer bands, Missionary Volunteer Meetings, baptism classes, sports, music (Coralwood Singers, Band), Smoking Sam (presentations by the students were made in many public schools and for “Five-Day Stop Smoking Plans” throughout Edmonton), skating.

Let’s explore some current dreams and aspirations. Renovations and portables have been part of the ongoing process. With a vision to make CAA a K-12 academy, an expansion of four classrooms began in 2012. Plans are in progress to add three more classrooms, washrooms, and a chapel by the beginning of 2017. Currently 184 students are enrolled. Staff has increased to 27 (including administration, teacher assistants, custodial and 14 teachers).

Our schools exist to train our youth in Bible truth. Baptism classes continue to be in place to formalize individual commitments to God. Today CAA has a student governing body, a Leadership class, an annual mission trip (alternating overseas with local), a CAA student pastor, and a full-time chaplain. Sports teams, gymnastics teams, and an intramural program are being explored. Some innovative spiritual growth ideas include: Prayer Room experience, Acts Underground Worship, Move58 community service, spiritual retreats (one for staff and one for Senior High students), Agape Feast Vespers, service credit hours for Grade 9 and 12 students, world causes sponsored by Junior and Senior High classes. No doubt by this time, more ideas have emerged.

Academic excellence is also paramount. Intentional effort is directed to provide 21<sup>st</sup> Century education that prepares students for optimum development. None of this can be achieved without prayer, and church and family support. The CAA staff is dedicated to being the best they can be through the power of Holy Spirit.

In a letter to the parents, principal, Teresa Ferreira noted that Coralwood Adventist Academy “will thrive beyond any principal, any School Board, any student, beyond any parent, because God deems it so.” It is impossible to review how God has led in the past and not believe this to be true. Coralwood Adventist Academy remains committed to learning, growing and living to serve.

[www.coralwood.org](http://www.coralwood.org) and Face Book (key in Coralwood Adventist Academy and ‘like’ the page) can provide updated information.



1986



2015



# Higher Ground Christian School, Medicine Hat

## Historical Details (CAA)

\*1912 Property is donated by Ernest Schafer at 9714-85 Avenue. A church school is started in the church basement. Mabel Halberg is the first teacher, serving for two years. The school closed circa 1918.

\*1914 Mr. Ruben Fitzpatrick starts a church school in the Woodbend district (an area which is now part of west Edmonton) in a log building. A student report card on file, dated June 17, 1914 names "Edmonton Church School". Mabel Halberg is the teacher with 25 students in Grades K-5.

\*1932 A third church school is started in the basement of the church located at 109 Avenue and 96 Street.

\*1942-1956 A one room church school is built on the present site of Edmonton Central Church (102 Avenue and 111 Street). Clarence Grosso recalls seeing the school being hauled away on the back of a truck after being sold for \$500.

\*1957 A two room school is built at the current CAA location (135 Street and 122 Avenue). Classes were held for forty-three students in Grades 1-8 in one classroom. Teacher, Mr. Steve Yaceyko, recalls that a skating rink was built that first year...a tradition that was carried through to circa 1990.

\*1966 A gymnasium, one classroom (now a total of five), a principal's office, kitchen, and cloak room were added for \$70,000. "The classroom is being used for the teaching of commercial subjects such as typing and shorthand." (CUM, Jan. 1, 1967, p. 12, 13)

\*1997 A two-storey addition (seven classrooms and washrooms) was completed.

*Several sources and people contributed to the historical details that follow. We have made every effort to be accurate. It was interesting to note that several of the "notations" used the word "first". Thank you to Teresa Ferreira, Clarence Grosso, Steve Yaceyko, Glen Brown, and LeeAnn Koperski. Information was also gleaned from the Canadian Adventist Messenger archives and Edmonton Central Church historical records.*

It may come as a surprise to some that Higher Ground Christian School actually had its beginnings in 1947 (according to archived Canadian Union Messenger records). Elder Blair was instrumental in encouraging the membership to begin the Medicine Hat Church School in the basement of the church. "The church rolled up its sleeves financially speaking and in three weeks' time raised over \$1,000 for putting in shape a very neat and adequate room and also supplying funds necessary for the teacher's salary." We also do not know for how long this school remained active, but there are notes showing that it was still open in March, 1949.

The school re-opened in 1977, once again in the basement of the church with Mrs. Dola Farag and eight students. Resulting from a very generous donation of 13.6 acres of land by businessman and Mayor Harry Veiner, the Medicine Hat church had a place upon which to build a school. It is interesting to note that Mr. Veiner was Jewish and Dr. Wadie Farag (pastor) was Egyptian. Multi-culturalism has been a significant part of HGCS from some of the earliest years.

Classes began in a new debt-free school building in 1978-79 with 12 students. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, the chairman of the Medicine Hat Ministerial Association stated, "Frankly, we are a bit jealous. We want to do the same and cannot, and we wonder how you Adventists, with a small constituency can do it. We congratulate you and wish we could do the same." (Canadian Adventist Messenger, Feb. 7, 1980, p. 10)

Under the leadership of Pastor Dennis Braun and many volunteers, a larger gymnasium, kitchen, and washrooms were added in 1981. After a contest in the 1990s, the name was changed from Veinerville Christian Academy to Higher Ground Christian School. It is a fitting name, as the school sits on a hill quietly overlooking the city from the east.

Enrollment peaked at 45 during the 2005-2006 school year when a number of newcomers to Canada were enrolled with the encouragement of Pastor Victor and Elsa Schulz. Two buses were purchased and classroom renovations were made. (It appears that the school experienced a third re-opening in 2005, but some details and dates are missing from the records.)

Currently, two classrooms are home to ten students and two teachers. Due to the generous support of the Medicine Hat church members, tuition for all students is free.

A library, gymnasium, kitchen, computer lab, office, supply room, and two classrooms provide the setting for Christ-centered education which encourages a life-long friendship with Jesus.

A special thank you to Wayne Smith, Rob Parker, Edith Fitch, Dola Farag, and Dennis Braun for providing pictures and background historical information.





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Sylvan Meadows Adventist School

## ANNUAL FUND-RAISING BANQUET



Sunday, May 3, 2015  
Tickets: \$25 per person

For tickets contact: Kaylee vanWart, Gwen Spangler, or Carol vonGunten (403-597-5877)



*In Touch With You...*

### Following the Directions

For some reason, I've been reading a lot of directions lately. Location directions—following a map, knitting directions, art project directions, medicine directions, recipe directions...and more.

Sometimes the directions are clear, easy to follow, and quite attainable. Sometimes the directions need to be read and reread to get every detail needed to achieve the goal. Other times the directions are challenging and confusing; contradictory at times. Sometimes the vision we have created in our minds, are right on track. The end result is perfect. Other times, the end result is flawed and we need to go back and begin again.

These all got me thinking about directions given to us from God in His Holy Word. I think of

*"Search for the LORD and His strength;  
continually seek Him." 1 Chronicles 16:11 NLT*

*"Study God and His strength;  
seek His presence day and night." MSG.*

*"Seek the kingdom of God above all else,  
and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."  
Matthew 6:33 NKJV*

There is hardly a page to be turned without some kind of admonition, advice, or direction to be followed.

As we begin each day with full intent to follow God's directions, we often lose sight of our goal due to something/ someone else drawing our attention away from God's way. The beauty of each new day is that we can begin again. We need to trust Him enough to know that His pattern—His Word will work out, because He promised that it would!

*Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.  
Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV*

Having a Rough Day?

Place your hand on  
your heart. Feel that?

That's called purpose.

You're Alive for a  
Reason!

Don't Give Up!!!!

-posted on Face Book