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Holy Family Matters

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Central Office News & Events February 2010

Let me be loved, let me be happy, let me be peaceful. Let my friends be happy, loved, and peaceful. Let my perceived enemies be happy, loved, and peaceful. Let all beings be happy, loved, and peaceful. Let the whole world experience these things.
Deepak



AISI
Dana Laliberte

As we continue to hear from the schools about 21st century learning in classrooms, the School Board and Central Office staff had the opportunity to hear from Miss Page-Scott's Grade 6 class from Good Shepherd School.



Nathan explaining Gr. 6 Service projects

They put a "Tree for Life" in the annual Women's Shelter Festival of Trees. It sold for \$190.00 and won "Best Children's Tree" and "People's Choice Award". They organized and held a family dance to raise money for the victims of the disaster in the Philippines. They presented over \$850.00 to Helen Diaz who will see it gets to needy people from her home country. They began fundraising for the earthquake victims in Haiti and, since presenting, have risen over \$2500.00 that will be matched by the Federal government. It is impressive to see these students develop these social justice skills at such a young age. The Board Members were awed with their service work to date.



Miss Page-Scott and students

In January, eight students presented. Four actively involved parents attended, too – Mr. & Mrs. Woolridge, Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Menssa. They talked about each subject and what they are learning.



Grade 6 presenters answering audience questions.

As well, they treated us to pictures and stories about the service projects they have been doing. They have participated in the Earth 350 project, encouraging world leaders to come to strong environmental agreements in Copenhagen.



Board Member Dianne Lavoie appreciates new technology

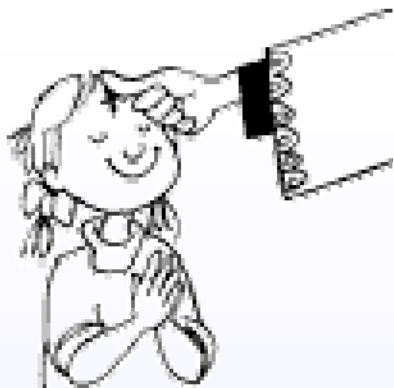
Next regular Board meeting of HFCD #37 will be at Central Office in Peace River, Tues. February 16 at 10:00 a.m. Board meetings are open to the public.



Curriculum Corner

Dana Laliberte

Watch for Family Math Nights in all our elementary schools. It is an opportunity for you to come to a better understanding of some of the new concepts and processes being used in Math classrooms. Bring the whole family for an evening of math thinking and challenges!



Ash Wednesday: The First Day of Lent

On February 17, 2010 we will all be observing **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the Lent season. Ash Wednesday is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives if we are to be fully Christian. We are marked on our foreheads with the sign of a cross in ashes on this day as a sign of humility before God and for realization of the consequences of sin.



There are traditionally forty days in **Lent** which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities and by other acts of penance. Lent is a time for doing penance by praying, studying the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, refraining from sin, and give time or money to charities. Many give up something pleasurable during Lent such as television, dining out, etc. What are you considering to give up?



Reflection....

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1198>



Happy Valentines Day