

## Flourishing Learners, Delighting in God, Inspired to Serve

1. We are looking forward to having two presenters come to Covenant next week. On Monday February 4th, we will host Dr. Eva Olssen. Eva is a 94 year old holocaust survivor who now speaks on anti bullying, discrimination, and racism. Based on the material she will be speaking about (her time at Auschwitz), this presentation is ONLY for our Junior High classes. Parents are more than welcome, although there is limited seating available at the back of the auditorium. The next day, Tuesday February 5th, Jacob Moon will be coming to play for and speak to our entire student body. Jacob brings his one-man-band artistry to the stage, while speaking powerfully about how his faith in God is the underlying source of his hope and the foundation of strength for his life. Moving stories of hearing the still, small voice of God in times of great need will inspire students to dig deeper in their own faith journey. Students will be challenged to move out of their comfort zones with improvisational music play, where they learn to 'listen with their heart' as they create new songs with Jacob, live on stage!
2. The Grade 8 class will once again be performing a school drama and we are pleased to announce "The Lion King Jr." This year we will have four performances, 2 matinees and 2 evenings taking place on March 20-21. With our growing population, we need to change how this performance will be done. This year, we will have two choirs participating. The Grade 4's from Gr. 3/4H will be teaming up with the Grade 5's to perform on March 20th. The Grade 4L's along with the Grade 6's will be performing on March 21st. As we continue to grow, we will continue to adapt how the performances will be carried out. This means it may look a little different next year as our Jr High expands.
3. At our last meeting, I mentioned I was looking into security cameras for the school. Thanks to the generosity of BGRD, LSCE, and using some of our hot lunch funds we were able to have Cameras installed in the school. We currently have six interior cameras and two exterior cameras. These do not currently monitor the portables, although it is my hope we will install some once we have occupancy.
4. Portable update. Let me show you! Occupancy may occur as soon as sometime next week.
5. The annual School Trustee visit occurred on January 10th. Six of the trustees plus Dr. Yanitski toured around the school and played a "Storyline" bingo as they entered classrooms. It was a great time for them to get to know our building, and see TfT in action. As per usual, there was a playful debate as to why Rebecca Eilander gets to have us as a school (Calmar area) rather than some of the Leduc area trustees. They left happy with what was going on and excited for the future of CCS within BGRD.
6. On April 29 - May 3 I will be travelling to Whitehorse, Yukon. The speakers will be focusing on "a variety of topics, including everything from educational leadership and democracy education, to the First Nations ways of knowing with direct application to on-the-land programming, as well as "decolonizing the classrooms" as a way to engage all learners."

7. Reminder that Shaye Anderson will be meeting with us at our next School Council Meeting.