

January 2023



*Our atrium was overflowing with gifts on Nov 30th as part of the Angel Tree Campaign. Once again the generosity of our school community has been outstanding! Over 500 presents were received for the campaign!*

## Science Family Night

In November we hosted a Science Family Fun Night, with a focus on environmental and biological sciences, with an animal theme. Students and their families worked together to learn more about animals, their needs, their habitats, and their adaptations. Stations had lots of fun things to do, including playing with, pretending to be, and creating animals together at the different stations. We were fortunate to have a volunteer join us from APEGA (the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta), as well as student volunteers from Grades 5-6 who helped to run the stations. Our next family night is on January 25th and it will have a literacy theme!



## #CGCares

In addition to our very successful Angel Tree Campaign, CG ran three other very successful fundraisers in December. For our Christmas concerts, we sold raffle tickets for "The Best Seat In the House," which raised \$2310 for the Center of Hope. We also auctioned off VIP parking, which brought in \$730 for the SPCA. During the concerts and our spirit week we collected items for the YMM Food Bank, gathering hundreds of items totaling over 500 pounds! Thank you to our amazing families for all of your support!

## Ball Hockey

December saw the end of volleyball season and a short season begin for ball hockey for grades 5s and 6s. Two teams were formed: a boys' team which played in a tournament at St Martha's School, and a girls' team which played an afternoon fun tournament in-house.

All students had a lot of fun, and we are looking towards making the teams bigger and better next year!

## Spirit Week

We ran our second spirit week of the year during the last week of December. Students were invited to dress up in festive attire like sweaters, hats and red/green colours. We also had loads of festive art adorning the hallways. Here are some colourful baubles from grade 2.



## Upcomming Dates

January 24 - Land Based Learning Grades 4-6  
January 25 - Family Literacy Night  
January 27 - PLF no school for students  
February 3 - PLF no school for students  
February 8th: popcorn day please have money in by Feb 6  
February 15th and 16th: Student-led Parent-teacher conferences  
February 17th: PLF no school for students  
February 20th: Family Day no school  
February 23rd: Healthy Family Night

## Leader In Me Highlight

Habit 1 means to be proactive. Proactive people choose their own way and take responsibility for the results. Being proactive means remaining calm and thinking about things ahead of time rather than reacting to them once they happen. In school, we embody Habit 1 by using age-appropriate actions to take charge of themselves and situations around them, own their choices do the right thing even when no one is watching! In December we ran a challenge on our facebook page for parents and students to practice being proactive by creating a family calendar for the month of December, in order to organize things in what is usually a very hectic month.



## Fesitval of Lights

Our senior choir (grades 3-6) was busy over the holiday season with several performances, including the Festival of the Trees in November. The festival is a fundraiser for the Northern Lights Health Foundation. The choir sang 3 songs and enjoyed performing, as well as getting the chance to check out all the beautiful trees.



## Inclusion Contest

The Inclusive Classroom Contest was held in November to encourage classes to share all the Inclusive things they were doing in their classrooms. Some learning activities included learning sign language, promoting sensory tools, building calming spaces, and using flexible seating. All classrooms did a great job of learning about inclusive practices.

The winners of the contest were:

Early Years: Kindergarten MacDonald

Div 1: Grade 3 Barrington

Div 2: Grade 4 Drover

Congratulations!

## Leadership Spotlight: Breakfast Leaders

CG is lucky to have a super group of leaders who help to make sure that everyone has access to a snack to get them ready for learning every morning. These leaders place the breakfast carts out each morning and then return them to the office after attendance and announcements. Way to go team!



## 7 Sacred Teachings

Respect is symbolized by the Buffalo. Respect means to treat others kindly by listening, or considering other people's wellbeing.

This teaching encourages us to treat others how we would like to be treated. We should never purposefully disrespect others in an unkind or mean way, nor should we put others down or hurt their feelings.

The Respect teaching is symbolized by the Buffalo because it provided food, shelter, clothing, and medicine for Indigenous people. Indigenous people respected all living things, and especially the buffalo by acknowledging the animal's sacrifice, using every part of its body, and only taking as much as they needed.

To honour and think about all living creatures and our environment, is to show respect.

