

Koinonia

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Who We are...

Koinonia Christian Schools is a system of 9 independent schools in Alberta:

- Airdrie Koinonia Christian School**
Airdrie, AB
- Cherry Coulee Christian Academy**
Bow Island, AB
- Cornerstone Christian School**
Medicine Hat, AB
- High Level Christian Academy**
High Level, AB
- Living Truth Christian School**
Sedgewick, AB
- Newell Christian School**
Brooks, AB
- Red Deer Koinonia Christian School**
Red Deer, AB
- Slave Lake Koinonia Christian School**
Slave Lake, AB
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CCCA ALL SMILES AFTER SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISER

by April Barton

Cherry Coulee Christian Academy at Bow Island is pleased to report “a good year” thus far. “Praise God,” said Principal Kim Dolan, “everything is working well.”

This year, CCCA reports enrollment at 34 K-9 students (with no grade 5’s) and has 204 homeschoolers registered.

A new school sign crafted by a former student and assembled with the help of school family members now welcomes visitors to the property. And to date, things have been quite busy in this southern Alberta school.



Cherry Coulee’s annual Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser was held November 18th with about 200 people in attendance. “It was the most successful fundraiser ever!” reports Principal Dolan.

The evening raised about \$16,200 and folks enjoyed great fellowship. Hearty thanks are extended to all the parents and school families who helped with the supper and offered items for the silent auction.

CCCA’s Christmas Concert was held earlier this



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month with all students participating. Students had prepared an extensive play for the evening's celebration of the season.



This fall the ten students in the Junior High Leadership Class have visited at the local seniors' lodge. Another visit to the Pleasant View Lodge for seniors is on the students' 'to-do' list before Christmas break. (editor's note: visit recently took place!) Singing and skits are on the agenda of fun for this community outreach. A highly-anticipated event, Principal Dolan praises the school youth for their enthusiasm and consideration with the seniors. Another community outreach for CCCA has involved the lawn raking of the local neighborhood – also greatly appreciated by the recipients!



Students visiting at Pleasant View Lodge

December 16th is PJ Day at Cherry Coulee. Watch out for all the wild 'n crazy fashion statements that day!

Cherry Coulee set out the welcome mat for new teacher Lauren Dahmer from Dryden, Ontario. She is teaching K-3 and is a recent graduate of Concordia University, Edmonton.

CCCA reminds families of their Parent Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2012 at 7 pm.



Christmas Concert

*Merry Christmas
from CCCA to everyone!*



Merry Christmas Koinonia family!!

It's astounding

Emmanuel, God with us !!!



GYM — NO! BUT SNOW HILLS — YES!!

by April Barton

Living Truth Christian School at Killam set up school in a new location this fall having moved into the upper floor of the Recreation Centre in the town of Sedgewick. "We are right next door to a playschool," reports Secretary Pat Anderson. "We have one classroom and access to an open area for reception. There are ball diamonds nearby and a big open room for PE." But while the school may not have an actual gymnasium, piling the parking lot's snow accumulations into one big hill, however, seems to be more than enough fun for the students, she laughs.

Living Truth reports enrollment this year at ten students (with none in Grade 2 or Kindergarten) in their K-8 school. Teacher's-Aide Lorie Abbott has been "awesome" as the substitute teacher while they await the arrival in January of teacher Ms. Fiona Collins from Nova Scotia.

Ms. Collins



LTCS participated in the community Christmas service earlier this month. The 'Prelude to Christmas' celebration included three unique songs done by the LTCS students: one sung, one song

done with bells and the third done in sign language. About 150 community residents attended the special evening.

Members of the Killam Auxiliary Hospital will host the Living Truth students December 20th. Students will be presenting music and skits to the residents. The day previous, students will be stepping next door to the preschool to present music to the toddlers.

The offering from the weekly Chapels has continued to support the school's eight-year-old Bolivia sponsor-child through Compassion Canada. "Students enjoy writing to him, and especially appreciate when he writes back," reports Mrs. Anderson.

One day's fund-raising efforts netted \$900 recently when the school offered a "Designated Driver" service to area residents hosting weddings or special get-togethers. "We offer to go and help clean up after the event, or offer a designated driver service if it is needed," says Mrs. Anderson. "The donations have been awesome!" Future fund-raisers will include bottle drives and the annual highway clean-up event in the spring.

A special prayer request from LTCS is in regards to their planning for the school's future and for additional enrollment, says Mrs. Anderson. "We so appreciate prayer."

December 20th will be the last day of school for 2011, and students are expected to return January 4, 2012 at LTCS.

*Blessings of joy and peace are
extended to all !*



TO BE EDUCATED

Written by Carolyn Caines, retired Teacher and Writer. You can visit her website and order her books at www.carolyncaines.com.

If I learn my ABCs, can read 600 words per minute, and can write with perfect penmanship, but have not been taught how to communicate with the Designer of all language,

I have not been educated.

If I can deliver an eloquent speech and persuade with my stunning logic, but have not been instructed in God's wisdom,

I have not been educated.

If I have read Shakespeare and John Locke and can discuss their writings with keen insight, but have not read the greatest of books—the Bible—and have no knowledge of its personal importance,

I have not been educated.

If I have memorized addition facts, multiplication tables, and chemical formulas, but have never been disciplined to hide God's Word in my heart,

I have not been educated.

If I can explain the law of gravity and Einstein's Theory of Relativity, but have never been instructed in the unchangeable laws of the One who orders our universe,

I have not been educated.

If I can classify animals by their family, genus and species, and can write a lengthy scientific paper that wins an award, but have not been introduced to the Maker's purpose for all creation,

I have not been educated.

If I can recite the Gettysburg Address and the Preamble to the Constitution, but have not learned about the hand of God in the history of our country,

I have not been educated.

If I can play the piano, the violin, six other instruments, and can write music that moves listeners to tears, but have not been taught to listen to the Director of the universe and worship Him,

I have not been educated.

If I can run cross-country races, star in basketball, and do 100 push-ups without stopping, but have never been shown how to bend my spirit to do God's will,

I have not been educated.

If I can identify a Picasso, describe the style of daVinci, and even paint a portrait that gains acclaim, but have not learned that all harmony and beauty comes from a relationship with God,

I have not been educated.

If I graduate with perfect grades and am accepted at the finest university with a full scholarship, but have not been guided into a career of God's choosing for me,

I have not been educated.

If I become a good citizen, voting at each election and fighting for what is moral and right, but have not been told of humanity's sinfulness and hopelessness without Christ,

I have not been educated.

However, if one day I see the world as God sees it, and come to know Him, Whom to know is life eternal, and glorify God by fulfilling His purpose for me,

then, I have been educated!

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