

April 2023



Students cheer on participants at the Dene Hand Games Tournament

Dene Hand Games Tournament

Dene Hand games is a traditional sport played by Dene people where a stone or small object is hidden in one of their hands. Each player gets a rock and hides it in their hands under a blanket. The opposing team's captain will call out which hand each player has their rock in. A correct guess will earn a stick. This continues until one team has all the sticks.

This year, FMPSD launched Dene Hand Games clubs, and in April, CG traveled to the first-ever tournament. Our student Cougars represented us with 2 teams made up of 19 students. They won 2 of their 6 games, but all of the scores were pretty tight! A total of 10 schools competed in this inaugural event, and our students did very well considering they competed with high school students! We are very much looking forward to continuing with this club next year!



Christina Gordon
Public School
presents

★ SPRING ★ MUSICAL

"Everyone is Welcome"

MAY
9-10

Join us for a Musical tribute that promotes accepting those who are different. Each scene touches on a different theme of acceptance and is accompanied by a piece of music. Each grade level represents a different theme.

Tickets are free, however, due to limited space, we request: Only 2 tickets per student. Please note that tickets are first come, first served. You will be contacted when tickets are confirmed.

May 9th - Matinee at 1:30pm
May 10th - Evening performance at 6pm
Location CG Gym

To book tickets, please scan this code.



Written and performed by CG students
This event will also be available via Facebook live stream

Fort McMurray
Public Schools

Spring Musical

"Everyone is Welcome! (a Musical Tribute)," will consist of 23 actors, and Grade 1-6 classes will be singing a song live, while Early Years will be featured in a recorded song. See above poster for ticket information.

Upcomming Dates

- April 24-28th: DancePI3y Residency
- April 26th: School Council Meeting (7:30 pm)
- April 28th: Popcorn Day
- April 28th: Spirit Day (Dress to Impress Day)
- April 29th: Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
- May 1st: Multicultural Family Night
- May 2nd: Picture Day
- May 9-10: School Musical
- May 12th: Popcorn Day



Grade 3 students Sharpen the Saw by enjoying a day of tubing at Vista Ridge on March 17th.

Leader In Me Highlight

Habit 4 is to Think Win-Win. We don't always agree on everything, but thinking Win Win can help us problem solve with other people to fix our issues and find a solution. We do this by thinking about what others want, not just about what we want. Thinking win-win also means being kind to others and working to find ways for others to be happy. At CG, we practice thinking Win-Win when collaborating on projects, solving conflicts with peers and deciding what games to play with our friends at recess.

WB Regional Science Fair



Congratulations to all the CG Cougars from grades 4-6 who competed at the Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair on March 24th. They all did a wonderful job of representing our school with their creative projects.

A special shout-out to Mika in grade 4 and James in grade 5 who won bronze medals in their division, and Henisha, who won a silver in the grade 6 category. Great job Cougars!



Music Teacher Mrs Power accepts the Vincella Thompson Award for Diversity and Inclusion during a recent PLF day. Mrs Power is a champion of all things inclusiveness and works tirelessly on projects such as CG's new Inclusive playground (grand opening May 31st), Inclusion Fair and other sensory-friendly initiatives around our school.

A shot of some happy students enjoying the St Patrick's Day Dance hosted by our Parent Fundraising Association. The night included glow sticks, photo booth, lots of snacks and great music. Other upcoming events are a movie night and bake sale in June . More info to come soon, so watch your emails!



Leadership Spotlight: Lunchtime Leaders

Lunch Leaders are grade 4-6 students who help out in Div 1 classes during lunchtime. They do tasks like helping to open packages, serving as a helper for the teacher supervisors, and just having fun with younger students. All Lunch Leaders volunteer to be part of this initiative and work in pairs in an assigned classroom.

Grade 6 students attend a recent presentation from representatives from Ecole McTavish on their options for high school. The school has an open house for prospective students on May 2 at 5pm.



The CG Sign Language Club performed Oh Canada at the CUPE Alberta Convention on March 22nd. It was a great opportunity to showcase the diversity and inclusivity that our school has to offer!



7 Sacred Teachings

In the 7 Sacred Teachings the Beaver stands for Wisdom. The Wisdom Teaching tells us that each person has a unique set of gifts. The Wisdom teaching is symbolized by the Beaver because it uses what it knows to help its family and others.

Our life experiences build wisdom (or knowledge) around our gifts, and we must show our wisdom by sharing our gifts with others. For example if you are good at a subject in school, you could use your gift and knowledge to help classmates who need help. When we use our gifts wisely like the Beaver, it contributes to a happier community and world.

2023-2024 Registration

If you are planning to return next year, please complete the form today!
<https://www.fmpsdschools.ca/registration>

Fundraising Council

Popcorn days have raised over \$3000 this year for events and resources for our school. Volunteers are needed for upcoming days. Please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b44aeab2cabfc1-popcorn2#/>



Multicultural Family Night

Multicultural Family Night is coming up on Monday, May 1st, featuring a potluck meal. Bring a dish or snack that is special to your family, and try out some from others! With each food item, please bring a sheet that **lists the ingredients**. Also, please bring your own serving spoon.

If anyone in your family would like to perform something (dance, songs, readings, playing instruments etc), please email karla.power@fmps.ab.ca to let us know. Families can wear cultural clothing as well!

We will also have a few centres where you can read, play, craft, and learn about cultures and countries. If you have a game, activity, lesson or story you could share, please let us know!

It will be a great evening and we hope to see you there!

Basketball season has wrapped up for the year. We had a boys and a girls team this year of grades 5 and 6 students. The boys team played in the competitive tournament March 17/18, and finished 3rd on the consolation side! Let's give them a round of applause!



Multicultural Night
Monday, May 1 5:30-7pm



Please help us celebrate CG's uniqueness and diversity by joining us for performances, art, and a potluck from around the world.

Please contact karla.power@fmps.ab.ca if your child or family would like to schedule a performance
Please note that potluck items must be accompanied with serving utensils and an ingredient list



Student Contributors

This month we are excited to welcome several students to our CG News family. In this leadership group, these junior reporters will help decide what topics to include, as well as collect stories and pictures for publishing.

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