

December 2023



Student leaders help to load our angel tree gifts for the Salvation Army.

CG Cares - December Fundraisers

Once again, December was a busy month for our #CGcares initiatives. We once again ran our Angel Tree campaign in support of the Salvation Army gift drive. We had a great response again this year, and filled a cube truck with hundreds of gifts for families in need.

During our Christmas concerts, we also auctioned off VIP parking spaces, which raised \$615 for the SPCA, and we raffled off tickets for the Best Seat in the House which raised \$1000 for the Center of Hope and \$1000 for Waypoints.



Holiday themed art in the hallways during December.



Spotlight on Students

Spotlight On Students is an annual presentation that each school delivers to the Board of Trustees at FMPSD's main office. The purpose was to highlight student programming, leadership and initiatives at our school. This year, James, Olivia, Kennedy and Kinley did an excellent job of explaining our new options classes with a focus on our drama program! They shared a detailed presentation and answered several questions from the Board Members.



Upcoming Dates

Dec 22 - No School Winter break begins
Jan 8 - back to school
Jan 10 - popcorn orders due
Jan 12 - popcorn day
Jan 17 - Grade 6s Vista Ridge
Jan 18 - Grade 5s Vista Ridge
Jan 18 - Habit 3 assembly
Jan 20 - Hut lunch orders close
Jan 22 - family literacy spirit week
Jan 23 - Parent Council Meeting
Jan 24 - Grade 4s Vista Ridge
Jan 24 - Family Literacy Night

Leader In Me Highlight

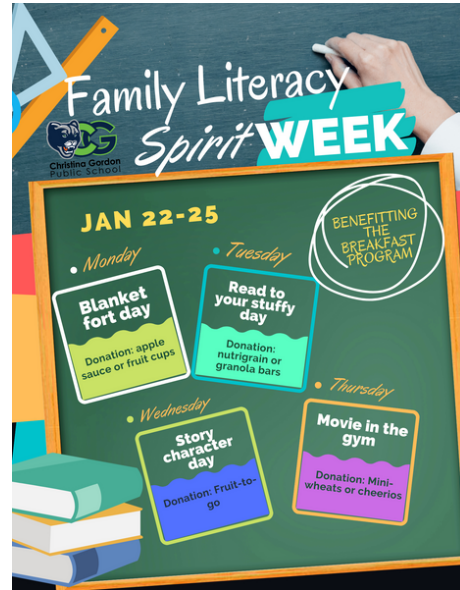
Habit 2 means to Begin With the End in Mind. Through this, we learn the importance of setting goals and planning ahead to achieve them. This habit encourages us to think about both short-term and long-term goals. At CG, we encourage students to set meaningful goals for themselves and their home, community, or school. We understand that everyone has areas where they can improve. It could be focusing on our work in class, remembering to brush our teeth at night, or being kinder to our siblings. Everybody can choose one thing you want to do better. Start taking action towards that goal, and soon you will start to see the results!



Grade 2s made reindeer art in December

Spirit Week

Our second Spirit Week of the year will run from Jan 22-25. We will be collecting donations for our breakfast program during this week.



Musical Theatre

Grades 3-6 were treated to a theatrical production earlier this month, called A Classical Encounter of Five Immigrants. It featured musical stories set in Italy, Germany, Ukraine, India and Canada. The show featured local talents Mrs. Kimerica Parr and Miss Akshaya Lakshmi, along with professional musicians from Edmonton on piano, violin and guitar.



Choir

Our older choir (grades 3-6) was very busy during the holiday time with several shows, including one called the Festival of the Trees in November. This event helps raise money for the Northern Lights Health Foundation. The choir sang 3 songs, and had a delightful time showcasing their talent, while also taking the opportunity to admire the beautiful trees on display.



New Camera

If you tuned in to our Christmas concerts online, you probably noticed a vast difference in the video and audio quality over our previous productions. That is entirely thanks to the Fundraising Association, who sponsored the purchase of a state of the art PTZ camera which features an extra-sharp lens and increased zoom function for low-light auditoriums. This is a first of its kind for FMPD and we are happy to be leading the way and making sure that friends and families from across the world can tune in and see our students shine!



7 Sacred Teachings

The symbol of courage is represented by the majestic Bear. Bears are known for their strength and their ability to overcome challenges. Just like a mother bear who fearlessly faces stronger and larger enemies to protect her cubs, courage means not giving in to fear. It is about bravely and fiercely defending what is important to us.

Fear is a natural emotion and instinct, but it is up to us to understand it, examine what we are truly afraid of, and determine if the fear is beneficial (such as keeping us away from danger) or detrimental (such as causing us to miss out on opportunities).

In addition to fearlessness, the Bear also teaches us the importance of love and acceptance. Bears welcome everyone with open arms, but they are also willing to stand up against any obstacles to protect what matters most.



Bear Art from our Div 1 Hallway

Leadership Spotlight: Door Leaders

If you have dropped your children off at school this fall, you have probably been greeted by one of our Door Leaders. These students hold the very important task of keeping the doors open for students who are running a little bit late so that teachers can get to their classes for attendance. Keeping the doors open until 8:45 ensures that tardy students can go directly to class, rather than having to redirect through the main office. This leadership group is open to all students in grades 1-6 so that the older students can mentor the younger students.



RMWB Visit

Members of the RMWB visited the grade 6 classes in November to host a mini public engagement session. Students were asked for their ideas and feedback about our neighbourhood, and it was an excellent opportunity for them to practice engaged citizenship as part of their social studies curriculum.



New Chromecart

CG continues to grow, and because we have more students now, we also need more technology. Thanks to the hard work and kind donations from our CG Parent Fundraising Association, we have bought an extra cart with 30 new Chromebooks. These devices will help to support students who require assistive technology for speech and writing. As well, they will also provide much-needed spares when we have other devices out for repair.

The Fundraising Association is currently seeking volunteers for a casino fundraiser coming up in January. This is a major contributor to funding. Please check out the sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B44-AEAB2CABFC1-45569984-casino>

Ball Hockey

December marked the conclusion of the volleyball season and the start of a brief season for ball hockey specifically for 5th and 6th-grade students. We formed two teams: a team for boys, who participated in a tournament at St Martha's School winning 5th place overall. There is also an in-house team for girls, which will run until mid-January.

