

## FAITH ACADEMY NEWS



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#### **Upcoming Dates**

Mar 14: In-Service Day (No School)
Mar 31 to Apr 4: Spring Break (No School)

Apr 16-17: Parent Teacher Conferences

Apr 17: Admin Day (No School)

Apr 18: Good Friday (No School)

Apr 21: Easter Monday (No School)

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#### **Boiler Update**

After spending several months waiting for our new elementary boiler to arrive, installation began on Tuesday, February 18th. There are a few more steps that need to take place before it will be ready to use, but we are very grateful that things have progressed smoothly to date.

I want to thank our elementary students and staff for working with the temporary boiler system that has been in place all winter. While we hope to never have to use a temporary heating system again, it has been great to see the flexibility, resilience, and ingenuity displayed by students and teachers alike.

As has been previously mentioned, the cost to replace the boiler was unexpected and quite significant. We are still accepting financial donations towards this project. Please feel free to share our request for donations with people you know who might be in a position to bless a charity with a financial gift to help address a major expense, and

please continue to pray that things would go smoothly with the final stages of the installation. Thank you!



James Harnett - Superintendent

#### **Application Season**

The early deadline for applications was set a few weeks earlier this year - February 28, 2025. This allows us to have more time to determine how many spots we have available for new students as there is always interest from new families looking to enroll at Faith Academy. If you have not submitted your application for the 2025/2026 school year yet, please do so as soon as possible. We are looking forward to having all of our current Faith Academy students back for the upcoming school year! If you know of family or friends who might be interested in Faith Academy, please feel free to direct them to our website (faithacademy.ca) and encourage them to apply.

#### Travelling to Panama

If I were to sum up our trip to Panama in two words, it would be 'transformative' and 'record-breaking.' Partnering with Casa de Luz was a blessing, and our 10 day trip was nothing short of fulfilling. We arrived in Panama on Monday evening, greeted by Pastor Edwin and his family, Pastor Alexis, as well as Miguel and James, our translators. That same night, the team was introduced to the main church volunteers who worked along-side us throughout the week.

We spent our first morning going around the community and inviting others to pray and inviting the youth to join our kids program. This prayer walk opened many of our eyes to see the reality of other's lives; we were made aware of the struggles they faced and how it was not easy to live there. We also saw a house that our 2015 Missions Team had helped built, which was definitely a "full-circle" moment for Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Kroeker.

On the I2th, we were able to visit David, a neighbouring city, to do programs in a male youth prison and nursing home. This day was a very touching yet heartbreaking experience for the team. We were able to be relational with each other, despite not having been in the same circumstances as one other—a beautiful example of agape love.

Through February 13-15, the team was privileged to take part in a 3 day kids camp, where we played games, made crafts, performed skits and songs, and showed the love of Christ to the kids. Each day was special and new, with many last minute schedule changes and the exciting challenge of working with a record-breaking 100 children. The team was able to grow and connect with these children, building special memories for all. On the final day of the program, Samaritan's Purse boxes were given out and it felt like Christmas morning! During these 3 days we were able to see God working. He had shown that He was in control; lost luggage being found, clear skies in forecasted rain, and to put it simply, everything was going smoothly despite multiple changes.

The people of Casa de Luz were undoubtedly the highlight of our trip. It was evident that their faith had given them the courage to push through hardships. It was truly a blessing to be able to work with such loving and God-fearing people who were eager to serve the Lord. We are so thankful to have been invited to the amazing place they call home. Thank you to our families, leaders, teachers, and everybody else who have prayed and supported us to make this trip possible.



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### **Popping Into A Good Book**

The Elementary "**popped into a good book**" as we celebrated our love of reading throughout the month of February. In addition to celebrating 100 days of school and Valentine's Day, students participated in book trivia and guessing contests, weekly D.E.A.R. (drop everything and read) time, and read (a lot) in order to earn tickets for a chance to win a weekly "grand" prize.

The students had a blast, but definite highlights were the Faith Academy "movie theatre" where students were treated to theatre style snacks and a short video in the lobby, and Constable Hees (our special guest reader) who read Officer Buckle and Gloria AND The Little Boy From Jamaica to a an Elementary filled Chapel!

What a great month filled with activities and the love of reading. We are looking forward to what March has to bring to the Elementary!



### Science Fun in Grade 6

What an exciting time in science for sixth graders over the last couple of months, getting to go to the Aviation Museum and taking part in a science fair. The aviation museum, to me, was an amazing field trip because I love learning about planes and their history. We learned about the first ever airplane and what it was used for, the first



passenger flight and how the planes used to look back then. I was very fascinated about how they had one of the first airplanes ever made and how Canada was ahead of the whole world with flight. I loved the aviation museum but I wish that we stayed there the whole day.

The science fair was a lot of fun! It was so much fun to work on different electricity projects. I



was amazed when I saw what other people came up with. The project tied with one of my favorite units, the electricity unit! I was so proud of my classmates for working so hard!

Yohann Danao 6B

## Ski Trip is Back!

For the first time in 2 years, we were able to go on our MS ski trip. Last year we had to cancel twice because of weather and bussing issues. The day was a great time on Holiday Mountain as many students learned to ski or snowboard for the first time. Everything went on time, no injuries and compliments from the bus driver and staff at Holiday mountain about how great our students are! Way to go MS skiers!

