

Bethel Christian Academy

Newsletter September 2009

News on Staff

- Special thanks to Mrs. Betts for all she does to lead the school so that Bethel's Pastor/Administrator can focus on growing the overall program.
- Emma Damos; Janet's mom could not be a finer addition to the staff of a Christian school – She will be working the ECS/Level 1 age level. Her involvement is a real major contribution from even their whole household.
- Mrs. Damos, Mrs. Demacles and Mrs. Jones attended the Accelerated Christian Education refresher training held for a week in late summer here in Calgary. They reported a wonderful training time.

Welcome Mr. Denney

A very experienced licensed school teacher of especially high school math and sciences, that is also a noted builder of Christian school programs, has come on staff at BCA. Mr. Denney is also very experienced at working with Alberta Ed in general, and in working with Alberta Ed Distance Learning. (This distance learning has been adjusted – under provincial approval – by the Christian school organization we work with.) We welcome Mr. Denney and are very confident that his Alberta Distance Learning leadership for the older students and traditional classroom teaching with Math and Sciences for them, and enrichment classes in class settings for the younger will be a great addition. He will also be a blessing with music/guitar and Phys Ed. Please be sure to read his profile note that Pastor Poitras asked him to provide – and make him feel real welcome at Bethel.



Besides to Dave H., Larry S., Caleb and the whole Heron household, Brooks, Trevin, Romel and James for the work that was done on the playground set and cutting the coat closets down - Special thanks is due to...

Tess – James, Aaron and Joseph's mother
Mildred – Michaela's mother
Joyce – Jill Ann's mother
and Jennifer from Bethel church for all the extensive cleaning work, etc. done for the opening.
Trevin and Joleen; Pastor Poitras' children helped their father a great deal with all the work. Everybody's help is appreciated.

Bethel Christian Academy is opening for its 14th year –

providing ECS to high School Graduation. Lots of work and upgrades have been done over the last few weeks to get ready for opening.

- New flooring for the lunch room, the back entry and hallway to there and to the washrooms is a real improvement. The color was chosen because it would be good against black dress shoe scuff marks.
- A high quality outdoor playground set including tree house, 3 swings and a slide has been added. Thanks to the guys from Bethel church that put this together. Also, these guys have taken on the task of cutting the coat closets down to a good size – and putting dividers and bottom shelves in them.
- Desks in the Levels 2 to 9 learning center are being replaced. The new model has its own lighting, is easy to clean and folds away so the classroom space can be more multi-purpose. We have gone ahead – almost by faith – to get 25 of these desks built at \$290 each - installed. The gentleman is charging the same as he charged his own church/school. These 25 should be in place by the end of September. These desks can also be installed at the child age group height needed. Any donations toward this project would be very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

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Important Dates:

Sept. 4/09 – High School goes to *World Skills* in the afternoon.

Sept. 7/09 – Labour Day, no classes

Sept. 12/09- Parent/Teacher Orientation Day @ BCA

Sept. 21-22/09- *Fall Educators Convention*, no classes

Sept. 27/09 – Bottle Drive – Meet @ BCA

For Details on the Calender for 2009-10, refer to the website www.encountergod.org, and go to

Brief Profile of T. Denney

Hi, my name is Terry Denney. I am the new Senior High Teacher at Bethel Christian Academy. My main task is to deliver the Senior High Program, and focus on Math/Sciences. However, I will be helping the other students as well.

I have been an educator for twenty years. I have taught grades k-12, and even some adult education is in my past. I have taught in three provinces/territories: Nfld, Nunavut, and Alberta.

I have worked in both private and public schools, and in urban and rural settings. I believe this gives me a unique perspective on teaching and learning that many teachers simply do not possess. I prefer teaching in a Christian environment. Thus, I am here!

I went to a Pentecostal school in Nfld growing up, and I understand the value of an Evangelical perspective on Christian Education.

I have three university degrees, including an M. Ed. I am Alberta certified as well.

I truly believe I can help the students here, and give them the tools to be successful.

It is both my desire and prayer that I can work with all parents and students to really improve our high school program.

I look forward to working with everyone here.

God Bless



Mr. Denney



What is World Skills Anyway?

From Sept. 1-6/09, in Calgary @ Stampede Park, youth from all over the World are invited to compete, showcase, and investigate within the Trades professions. On Friday afternoon, I would like to take High School students to see this once in a lifetime exhibition of talent and skill. Possibly, some will consider a career in the Trades. A note/permission slip will be going home.

THE H1N1 Response.

Soon, BCA will have a formal policy/procedure to deal with the H1N1 threat. Stay tuned to future correspondence on this.

