



It's Almost Summer!

Before you settle into summer holiday mode, the Foundation wants to get you thinking about community.

Our school community is unique because it's also a faith community — not a church, but a faith community none-the-less. It's also a school community that is part of a much bigger public division. A community within a community, within another community. That's how it works.

The MCS community came together in amazing ways to get us all through the last two, very difficult, years. Communities can be messy, but they can also be patient and kind, not envious or boastful. And not arrogant or rude. (Does this sound a bit familiar?)

The MCS Foundation supports the Christian program at Meadowlark Christian School and works in conjunction with Edmonton Public Schools. It's a great arrangement — your children get the benefit of all the resources of a public school but they are in the Community Christian Education Program (CCEP) that infuses faith into learning. Your children can experience Bible reading and prayer, devotions and worship, and have deep and meaningful conversations about their faith.

You can be part of the Foundation! Parents and guardians of current students are eligible to serve as parent directors. See the nomination information attached. The election occurs on September 13, 2022 at the Family BBQ, but **nominations start NOW**.



Save the Date!

MCS Family BBQ & Meet the Teacher

These are a few things the Foundation initiated, funded, managed or participated in over the last two years:

1 **Summer 2020:** Several phases of the school roof were redone, a new utility "shed" was attached to the back of the building, new sewer pipe laid out to the main, overhang repaired, and myriad of things done to meet COVID-19 protocols and prepare for a school year in a pandemic.

2 **Summer 2021:** Paint, and more paint. Hallways and doors were refreshed. Ventilation was checked and filters upgraded. A new window was installed in the stairway. And we started a long installation process of new cubbies in several classrooms.

3 **Support of all Edmonton Public policies and COVID-19 protocols** to keep our community safe and our school functioning. As the rules changed, we pivoted. (And we no longer like the word "pivot.")

4 **The fee assistance program** allowed families undergoing financial hardship to attend MCS.

5 **Christian professional development for staff.**

6 **Funding of a Success Coach, "Moe," from the Family Centre.**

Coming Summer 2022:

- More reroofing and another new window replacement for the "foggy" window in the stairwell. Repairs and upgrades to the playground and landscape.
- On-going visioning work to ensure the long term viability of the Community Christian Education Program.