

## Spring 2010 Newsletter

### SPRING CLEANING

Dear Friends,

Spring is here, at least according to the calendar. Yes, a new season has just begun. Every season has its own characteristics and many people have their favourite seasons. Canada is one of the countries which has all the four seasons, each showing its particular aspects. Among other things, spring gives us the opportunity to do a thorough cleaning around the house. There are people who will gladly do this, while some others are reluctant. Nevertheless, when you do it, you will see that there are things you do not need to keep, as well as things that you definitely need to get rid of.

The season of Lent which we celebrate has some aspects that remind us of spring. It is a penitential time for Christians. It is a time for people to ponder their lives and, seeking the help of God, do a "spiritual cleaning". Differently from the spring cleaning that we undertake alone, spiritual cleaning requires the grace of God. Yes, it is God who ultimately can clean our hearts and change our lives. God does it in His Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross and conquered death on the day of His Resurrection to make it possible for us to receive the gift of forgiveness and life.

Every person who receives such a gift, receives also power from above to live a new life in Christ Jesus and practise what St. Paul teaches in Romans 6:12-14: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves

to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

Rev. Gilvan Azevedo



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Wednesday, April 6, 2011

- Chapel Service at 8:30am
- Gauss Math - lunch hour
- Boys' Floor Hockey Practice 3:30-5pm

#### Friday, April 8, 2011

- Gr7/8 Burger Night/Art and Bake Sale

#### Tuesday, April 12, 2011

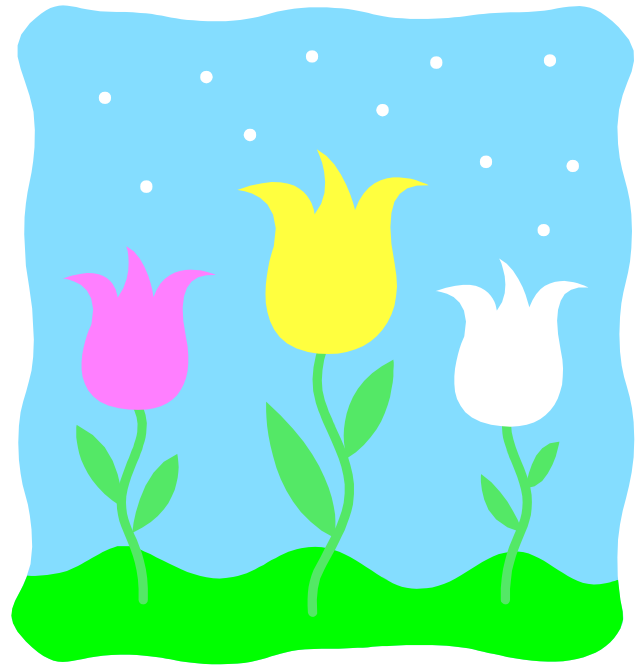
- FLCA Board of Director's Meeting

# Classroom Kaleidoscope

## Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Raiger's Pre, Junior and Senior Kindergarten

Spring is here and our little learners are blooming! We welcomed two new "sprouts" to our garden after Christmas. Alyssa and Emarie (Cohen's little sister) have been wonderful additions to the PK patch. Even though we have three different stages of "budding" students, they have all been working hard, soaking in their letters and numbers, combining letter sounds, and expanding their math knowledge. We have also been learning about the different parts of a plant and we made some really cool "wind art". The most exciting thing, however, has to be learning about what Jesus did for us, not just grown-ups like Mommy and Daddy or Grandma and Grandpa, but us too! Christ loves us so much that He died for all of us. Big or small, He loves us all!

*But Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16*



## Mrs. Khan's Grade One and Grade Two

During this term, we were busy learning about Jesus' birth, His Baptism and His Ministry.

In Social Studies, we thoroughly enjoyed a journey through all the Provinces, the Territories, and the Great Lakes with the help of a Power Point interactive quiz. A few parents and grandparents joined us for this journey. We also did research projects on Canada.

Our class has been nominated and selected as "**AM 800's CLASS OF THE WEEK**". We are looking forward to a visit from staff of the Radio Station to our classroom on April 7th. They will bring breakfast from MacDonald's as well as a backpack as a gift for each student. For the classroom, they will bring a framed Certificate. You can listen to our children on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:20, 7:20, 7:50, 8:20 and 8:50am on AM800 CKLW Radio.



## Mrs. Laszewski's Grade 3

Is spring finally here? The Grade Three's have been looking forward to the new season. We are such an energetic group that loves to get exercise, learn, be creative and have fun. (Sometimes we get messy too! Before our March Break, we travelled to Ancient Egypt, and learned all about the culture, food and customs. Everyone worked hard on their Egyptian projects which were very creative and presented with enthusiasm. Upon our return, we began learning about God's lovely creation of animals and plants and how they interact with each another. Our God is such an awesome God, even to His plan for how everything He created would function together. Maybe God is teaching us how to interact with our friends and family through our studies in Science? I look forward to our final term together but I'm reminded of the fact that I will have to pass them on to their next teacher. Teachers, too, learn valuable lessons over the year and I will also learn to share my students!

Before March Break, the Grade Three's had fun playing "Minute to Win It". Jesse was the winner in the pencil toss while Grace won the bouncing ball game and Kevin was our Cheerio winner. We're looking forward to our next session!



## Miss Procknow's Grade 4

The Grade Four class worked very diligently last term. During our language art classes, we learned how to write speeches and how to find subjects, nouns and verb in a sentence.

In Faith Alive we learned many Bible stories and how they apply to our lives, as well studying some of the miracles of Jesus.

We also learned about insects in Science and how to multiply two and three digit numbers by a single digit in Math.

Our studies may be getting more challenging, but we are still having fun learning!



## Mrs. Morin's Grade 5

Grade Five is travelling through time to visit ancient Europe during Mediaeval Times. Concurrently, we are reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Knights, castles and tournaments are dancing through our heads. I believe most of our class may prefer studying ancient battles to eating the Turkish Delight we attempted to make in class. Some things are just better in books! Soon, each child will design and build his or her own castle as a project. I can't wait to move in..... I mean, see them! Regardless of the subject, these wonderful students of mine have returned from March Break with a renewed vigour and are working hard. I feel blessed.



## Mrs. Gagnier's Grade 6

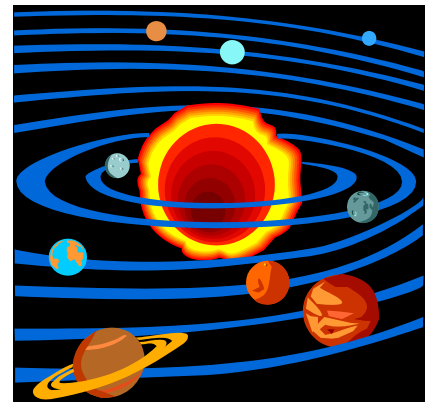
Spring has finally arrived....each day a new opportunity to learn God's word and to study the world in which we live.

With the Lenten season upon us, the Grade 6 class has studied the sacrifice that Jesus made for all mankind....His death and resurrection to set us free from our sins. He has given us the ultimate gift....a new beginning, now and in eternity. Each of us has committed ourselves to giving up "something we enjoy" for Lent. Some have refrained from eating chocolate, putting sugar in our coffee (Mrs. Gagnier), watching television, and even playing computer games. But unfortunately, we just couldn't give up homework for these 40 days!

Recently, we have studied the solar system and the many marvels it holds. Like Galileo before us, we have looked to the heavens, studying the moon's rotation as well as solar and lunar eclipses. Soon we will embark on our class project, "Space Travel"... stay tuned for updates!

From spelling dictations to pronouns and adjectives in grammar, floor hockey tryouts and basketball tournaments, character studies and math equations... the Grade 6 class always gives their best.

We are all looking forward to the remaining weeks and months ahead.  
Pelee Island, anyone?



## Mrs. Keech's Grade 7 and Grade 8

The second term has come and gone! The Grade Seven and Eight students have been very busy preparing for their upcoming Burger Night/Art Sale/Bake Sale. They have been working hard, creating some beautiful pieces of art..... everything from portraits, to abstract, to still life pictures.

The students continue to be diligent in their studies and are anxiously looking forward to warmer weather, Easter, and of course, the Muskoka Woods trip. They are such a delightful group of boys and girls. They make teaching very enjoyable!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 25	Out of Uniform Day - CLWR Japan
April 8	Gr7/8 Burger Night/Art/Bake Sale
April 12	School Board Meeting
April 14	Deadline for Yearbook Ads
April 17	Palm Sunday
April 21	Maundy Thursday - no school
April 22	Good Friday - no school
April 24	Easter Sunday
April 25	Easter Monday - no school
April 28	Floor Hockey Tournament
April 29	Readathon Launch
May 2	Federal Election - Polls in Gym
May 13	Readathon
May 19	FLCA Track and Field Meet
May 20	Gr. 4 goes to Heritage Village
May 23	Victoria Day - no school
May 26	Spring Concert 1pm
May 27	Gr. 1,2,3&5 to Detroit Zoo
June 2	Ascension Day
June 6,7,8	Gr. 7/8 to Muskoka Woods
June 10	Gr. 6 to Pelee Island
June 12	Pentecost
June 16	Graduation
June 24	Last Day of School

## OUR FLCA FAMILIES ARE GROWING!

*Congratulations and best wishes to parents, Bill and Carolyn Lord and new "big sister", Amber Holley (Gr.7), on the birth of*

**Katherine Isabeau Lord**  
on January 24, 2011.

*May the Lord bless your family.  
(Katherine has already been to school for show and tell!)*

While we were apart this March Break, God blessed the Loscher family with a new addition!

**Vienna Michelle Loscher**  
was born on Saturday, March 12.

Congratulations to mom and dad, Kari and Matt, and to big brother Cohen (JK) and big sister Emarie (PK).

# Clubs and Sports

## VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

**Congratulations to our Volleyball team who were this year's CHAMPIONS at the tournament in November!**

**Alessia Mussio  
Elisha Francis  
Caroline Eberhard  
Isaac Seifarth  
Braeden Seifarth  
Donald Rodzik  
Carter Faust  
Matthew Thomson  
Amber Holley  
Jon Grebe**

**Thanks as well to our coach, Mrs. Gagnier.  
Go Eagles!**

## SPELLING BEE RESULTS

On Thursday, December 16, we held our annual Spelling Bee in the Chapel. Our finalists included: Shawn Kim, Marie-Paule Anderson, Anita Sehra, Caroline Eberhard, Taneikah Anderson, Navkiran Deol, Benjamin Cheung, Jon Grebe, Danielle Aikman and Ken Owenya.

### **Junior Division (Gr5 & 6)**

**Winner:** Caroline Eberhard  
**Runner up:** Anita Sehra

### **Senior Division (Gr7 & 8)**

**Winner:** Navkiran Deol  
**Runner up:** Jon Grebe

Navkiran represented FLCA very well at the Windsor Star Regional Final Spelling Bee at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. Thanks to Ms. Raiger for acting as our Spelling "Coach"!

## CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday, March 1, eighteen members of our chess club participated in the Canadian Chess Challenge at the Ciociaro Club. We are pleased to announce that again this year, our students scored extremely well, achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of many schools from across the city and county.

The following students received medals: Dalton Miskus gr.3 – silver; Shawn Sehra gr.3 – gold; Martin Cheung gr.4 – gold; Shawn Kim gr.5 – gold; Marie-Paule Anderson gr.6 – silver; Iris Cheung gr.6 – gold; Braeden Seifarth gr.6 – gold; Navikiran Deol gr.7 – gold; Donald Rodzik gr. 7 – silver; Joel Sands gr.7 – gold; Isaac Seifarth gr.8 – bronze; Benjamin Cheung gr.8 – gold; and Jon Grebe gr.8 – gold!

## IN SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

We held our In-School chess competition on Tuesday, February 1. The silence in the gym was "deafening" as all of the members of our Chess Club studied their boards and pondered their next moves. The following students will receive medals for their achievements in our Chapel Service tomorrow:

**SENIOR DIVISION:** **GOLD** – Jon Grebe  
**SILVER** – Joel Sands  
**BRONZE** – Navkiran Deol

**JUNIOR DIVISION:** **GOLD** – Dalton Miskus  
**SILVER** – Shawn Sehra  
**BRONZE** – Cameron Rodzik

***Many thanks to our coach, Mr. Mark Kopcok, our scorekeeper, Mrs. Ingrid Sands, and our sponsor teachers, Mrs. Nighat Khan and Ms. Betty Raiger.***

## Events

### THE BRIGHTEST STAR

Those of you who were able to join us for our Christmas pageant on December 9, 2010, were thrilled to witness a wonderful production of the Christmas story by our students from PK to Grade 8...we know you enjoyed it because you couldn't stop telling us so! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils for their hard work and joy in sharing the special message of the birth of Jesus so beautifully in words and pictures and songs. Thank you also to Miss Procknow, Mrs. Keech and to all of our staff for their efforts on behalf of the children.



**You were all inspirational!**



### ADVENT APPEAL

The response to our Advent Appeal this year was wonderful! The total received was \$28,315.25. Praise God and thanks to all of you. Your generous donations were dearly needed and certainly appreciated....we are grateful!

### THE GIVING TREE

Again this Christmas season, our students, along with their parents and teachers, reached out in love to members of our community with gifts for children in need. Our Giving Tree was set up in the lobby of the school, covered with ornaments bearing the names and ages of children in our area, whose Christmas might not have included a gift. Every ornament was claimed by a family eager to help, and we were able to supply Christmas gifts for all who asked. Thank you for your kindness, and may God bless you richly!



## ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

On February 16, 150 people gathered at the Ciociaro Club for a delectable pasta dinner to raise funds for FLCA. The food was delicious, the company was fabulous, and \$1200 was raised through ticket sales, table sponsorships, donations and raffles. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event such a wonderful success.



## EFFECTIVE SPEAKING RESULTS

On Friday, February 18, we were treated to some excellent poetry recitals, story-telling and public speaking during our Effective Speaking Competition for Grades 1 through 8. All of our contestants showed poise and enthusiasm for their subjects. Congratulations to our winners:

<b>Primary</b>	Winner:	Kelly Owenya
	Runner-up:	Madison Charbonneau
<b>Junior</b>	Winner:	Jessica Taylor
	Runner-up:	Jesse LaFramboise
<b>Intermediate</b>	Winner:	Saya Albonaimi
	Runner-up:	Lia Thomson
<b>Senior</b>	Winner:	Joel Sands
	Runner-up:	Anna-Maria Kalbfleisch-Mancini

Many thanks to our judges, Mrs. Brenda Binder and Mr. Rich Garton...your task was not easy!

## OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS!

We're thrilled with the response to our Open House on February 23. As a result of the day, and our advertising attempts, we have enrolled 17 new students for September, 2011 with 17 additional prospective students. Continue to pray that God would send more children to us. We'd like to thank all of you who were able to help us in any way in preparation for the Open House. Your aid and support are greatly appreciated as always.



## GENEROUS RESPONSE TO OUT OF UNIFORM DAY FOR JAPAN

On Friday, March 25, students at FLCA came to school "out of uniform", with toonies in hand. Our change in clothing was a visible reminder that we were reaching out to serve our neighbours who are suffering as a result of the earthquake and tsunami disasters that took place recently in Japan. The students' efforts resulted in the raising of \$355.41 which will be forwarded to Canadian Lutheran World Relief to be used to aid in relief efforts in Japan. Thank you for your generosity.



## BASKETBALL RESULTS

**Congratulations to our Basketball teams who represented us well at the tournament in January:**

**Boys:** Isaac Seifarth, Braeden Seifarth, Donald Rodzik, Joel Sands, Navkiran Deol, Matthew Annyschyn, Ethan Mastrodicasa, Matthew Thomson, Emanuel Bennett, Jon Grebe, Carter Faust, Spencer Laszewski

**Girls:** Anita Sehra, Elisha Francis, Julia Geraci, Marie-Paule Anderson, Anna Maria Kalbfleisch-Mancini, Julia Moro, Caroline Eberhard, Lauren Geraci, Alessia Mussio, Nina Mussio

**Thanks as well to our coaches, Mrs. Morin, and Gina Mancini. Go Eagles!**

## YEARBOOK ADVERTISING

Plans are underway for our "first ever" **Academy Yearbook**, due out at the end of the school year. We think this will be an excellent chronicle of the life of our school in 2010/2011, as well as a great way to raise funds for our Academy.

You can play a part, too! Why not consider sponsoring an ad in the yearbook, and encouraging the businesses you deal with to do so as well.

**Advertisements are available in 3 sizes:**

- Small (business card)      \$150
- Medium                              \$500
- Large                                 \$1000

Stop by the Academy Office, or give us a call, if you want additional information about how you can help.

**Deadline for advertising submissions is April 14.**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

During this most holy time of the year, as always, you are welcome to worship with us at First Lutheran Church. First Lutheran is located at the corner of Victoria Ave. and Giles Blvd. W., with parking available in the Firestone parking lot.

**Palm Sunday**    10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday**                      7:00 p.m.  
(with Holy Communion)

**Good Friday**

German Service with Holy Communion    10:00 a.m.  
English Service with Holy Communion    7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

German Service with Holy Communion    8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School                                      9:30 a.m.  
Youth / Adult Bible Classes between services  
English Service                                      10:45 a.m.

## CONFIRMATION

On Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Grade 8 students **Danielle Aikman, Spencer Laszewski and Isaac Seifarth** will be confirmed at First Lutheran Church. In June, Grade 7 student **Matthew Annyschyn** will be confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please pray for these young people as they publicly commit themselves to serve God and His church.



# *Gifts and Donations*

**Thank you so much for all of the generous gifts. We praise and thank Almighty God, who has showered us with blessing upon blessing.**

## Donations to the Advent Appeal

Mrs. L. Abraham, Mr. A. Anderson, Mrs. E. Bergeron, Mrs. E. Binder, Mr. R. Bucholtz, Mr. & Mrs. D. Cheung, Mrs. M. Cowan, Dr. & Mrs. B. Curran, Mr. & Mrs. J. Eberhard, Mr. & Mrs. P. Eberhard, Mr. & Mrs. S. Erdmann, Mrs. T. Farkas, Mrs. A. Fay, Ladies of First Lutheran Church Bazaar, Mr. & Mrs. T. Geraci, anonymous donations from Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Glider Guard, Mr. & Mrs. P. Heil, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hetzel, Horizon Roofing, the late Mrs. A. Hunter Estate, Mr. & Mrs. G. Istl, Mr. & Mrs. B. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. F. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. D. Keech, Mrs. I. Kehl, Mr. & Mrs. J. Khan, Mr. & Mrs. R. Kimball, Mr. & Mrs. R. Knott, Mr. & Mrs. W. Kouvelas, Mrs. I. Kremer, Mr. & Mrs. K. Larsen, Mr. & Mrs. I. Lindsey, Mrs. S. Maich, Ms. A. Mancini & Mr. P. Kalbfleisch, Mr. W. Marshall, Mr. & Mrs. G. Matlock, Mr. D. McLean, Mr. & Mrs. S. McLeod, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mersch, Mr. & Mrs. G. Miskus, Dr. & Mrs. F. Moro, Mr. & Mrs. D. Mueller, Mrs. H. Ofner, Mr. & Mrs. C. Owenya, Parkwood Gospel Temple, Mr. & Mrs. R. Papineau, anonymous donations from Peace Lutheran Church, Mr. & Mrs. R. Pfaff, Mr. & Mrs. J. Pichler, Mr. C. Popkey, Mrs. S. Ellis-Pugsley, Quality Vision, Mr. & Mrs. D. Revait, Mr. & Mrs. M. Rodzik, Mr. & Mrs. W. Sallach, Mr. & Mrs. H. Schumacher, Mr. & Mrs. M. Sehra, Mr. & Mrs. G. Skillings, Mr. & Mrs. R. Swiatoschik, Mr. & Mrs. H. Wall, Mrs. H. Weber, Mrs. C. Wilkinson, Mrs. K. Wolf

## Donations to Operating Expenses

- Carlini Family
- in memory of Susanna Muench: Jack & Kathi Hetzel, Ron & Darlene Pfaff
- in memory of Katherine Zytner: Irma Kehl
- in memory of Lynda Huzcel: Irma Kehl
- in memory of Susanna Muench by Jack & Kathi Hetzel, Ron & Darlene Pfaff
- in memory of Edgar Kremer and Ernest Kuhlmann by Irene Kremer
- in memory of Elizabeth Huzcel by Irmgard Kehl
- in memory of Agnes Hunter by Terry & Johanna Seifarth, Karen & Frank Giorgi, Ann Longworth, Phil & Betty Mersch, Frank & Carole Johnson, Eva Binder, Joe & Katie Pichler, Odette & Serge Bertucci, Franca & Frank Cocca, Blackie & Elenor Wall, Susanna Maich, George & Lore Istl, Jean Liles, Mary Koncovy, Irene Kremer, Gerry & Sandra Skillings, Jack & Kathi Hetzel, Bob & Pam Hall
- in honour of Frank Johnson's birthday by Darlene and Art Anderson, Sue and Paul Eberhard, Katy and Frank Ellenberger, Lore and George Istl, Nighat and Javed Khan, Karin, Meaghan, Jessica and Bill Kouvelas, Irene Kremer, Diane, Abigail and Scott McLeod, Tammy and James Eberhard, Mildred Fortais, Kathi and Jack Hetzel, Cindy and Murray Israel, Carole and Frank Johnson, Barbara and Harold Patzer, Renate and Derek Revait, Elenor and Blackie Wall, Sophia and Cuthbert Owenya, Joe and Katie Pichler, Russ & Cornelia Anderson
- in honour of Anita Sehra's birthday by Sarah & Claire Foote, Sydni Mackie Hart, Grace Johnson, Nighat and Javed Khan, Julia Moro, Kelly Owenya, Lia Thomson
- Donations to Pasta Dinner by Helen & Mike Gagnier, Frank & Carole Johnson, Kevork & Claudia Kalaydjian, Mandeep & Navneet Sehra, Tony & Wendy Geraci, David & Heather Pritchard, Mark & Michelle Vigneaux, Jim & Faith Laframboise

## Donations to the Mortgage Fund

- in memory of Jim Curren by Carl Popkey
- in memory of Waldemar Stiem by Robert & Rose Blair
- in memory of Susanna Muench by Christine Kraehling, Irmgard Kehl, Terry & Johanna Seifarth, Katharina Wolf
- in memory of Waldemar Stiem: Robert & Rose Blair
- in memory of Wayne Stevens by Ann Stevens and in memory of Doris Green by Joyce Brunke

## Other Gifts

- Classroom window blinds for Grades 6, 7, 8 and Library – Mark & Michelle Vigneux
- Uniforms - Nantais family
- Games & Toys - Brian & Lisa Schwab
- Train - table set - Steve & Darlene Taylor
- Toys and Blocks – Kehl family

## For the Staff

- Open House Supper and Interview Night Supper – Kalaydjian Family (Capri Pizzeria)
- Coffee – Albonaimi family
- Cake – Owenya family

# Come to our Grade 7/8 "Burger Night/Bake Sale/Art Sale"

## Friday, April 8

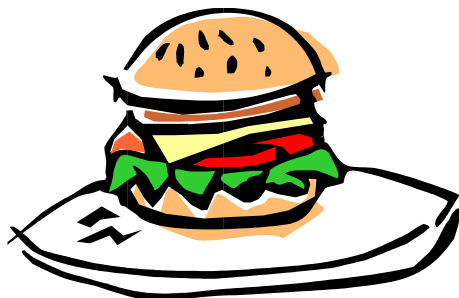
Our Grade 7/8 class is sponsoring an "Academy Burger Night" to help defray the cost of their class trip to Muskoka Woods Sports and Leadership Camp.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy supper together with our FLCA families. The supper will consist of a burger with all the trimmings, chips, salad, dessert and drink. **The cost will be \$10 per person (5 years old & under....\$5).** Dinner will be served continuously between **5:00pm and 7:00pm** and you can pay at the door.

While you are at the school, please visit the Grade 7/8 Art Sale and Bake Sale. The proceeds will also be used to fund our field trip.

**So that we can be sure to prepare the right amount of food, please print this page, fill out the bottom and return it to the Academy by Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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We will be attending the Burger Night on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Number of people attending (number of burgers needed including "seconds") \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send in only ONE form per FAMILY.