

# UNDER THE FALCON'S WING

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## Mr. Leighton's Office

### Visitors at My Office This Week

I welcomed Nickalas, Ryan, Travis, and David to my office this past week. They shared some great stories with me dealing with academic achievement and good character. I look forward to seeing many more students this coming week.

### Congratulations to the Senior Boys VB Team on Provincial Title

Foremost students and staff congratulate the Senior Boys Volleyball Team on claiming the 1A Provincial Volleyball Championship in Coronation this past weekend. It was an exciting time for our team and they put it all on the line in the gold medal game to bring the gold medal home. Way to go players and coaches!

### Foremost School Invited to Participate in Pilot Study with The Canadian Test Centre

Foremost School has been invited by the Canadian Test Centre to participate in their Insight Norming Study. Insight is based on the *CHC (Cattell-Horn-Carroll) Theory* of cognitive abilities. It measures the seven broad abilities known to be important in developing reading, writing and mathematics skills. Currently, many of the broad abilities described in *CHC Theory\** can only be determined with individually administered tests such as the *WISC IV* and the *WJ III*. Insight will provide measures of overall cognitive ability, as well as the thinking, reasoning and information processing abilities most related to academic achievement and learning disabilities. It will act as a good measure of intellectual giftedness and screen for students' learning needs. In consultation with our central office administration and school staff we have decided to participate in this program. The benefit to our school and school district is that we will be able to obtain this test bank for our school at a considerable discount when it becomes available and it will provide us with one more tool that we can use to help student learning. We hope to administer these tests prior to the end of December to all students in grades 1-8. The results will only be used by CTC to help them develop the norms for the test for each grade. Foremost students will not be identified by name and their scoring sheets will only have a generic number on them which will not identify them other than by a number. The school name also does not appear anywhere on the form so no information will be recorded for Foremost School. We have also been advised that all data coming from our students will be destroyed once the norming process has been completed. If you have any questions concerning this project please contact the school.

### School Christmas Concert

Book time off to attend this year's school Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 1:00 pm. The gym will be open to the public beginning at 12:30 p.m. I have been told that it will be a concert one does not want to miss! We hope to see all the Foremost School community in attendance.

### Christmas Holidays

School will be closed for vacation from Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, to Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last day of class is December 18<sup>th</sup> and first day back is January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Semester Change Over

The last day for Senior High Classes is January 21<sup>st</sup>. Semester two commences on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, is a PD day for staff and there will be no school for students.

### **School/Grad Rings**

There will be a Jostens representative in the School on December 8th at 9:30 in the morning with a school/grad ring display. Any interested Grade 10-12 students are welcome to drop by and see the rings. Sean will have all of the price information for those interested in ordering rings. There has been some interested expressed about younger students getting their ring before graduation so they can wear it throughout high school.

If your child is one of those students please make sure they drop by the display!

### **Grad Update:**

The grad jackets are here and they look FANTASTIC! A big thanks to all of the grads/parents who promptly got in the rest of their grad jacket deposit. We are now organizing ourselves into committees and will be choosing a date for our informal grad picture. We are also asking that students turn in at least 6 or 7 of the pictures that they wish to have in the grad slideshow by CHRISTMAS so that Karmen can get started on the slideshow. If you have any questions pertaining to graduation please feel free to contact Mrs. Hazell!

### **Sports News**



Congratulations to the Senior Boys Volleyball team for their Amazing performance at Provincials. Thank You very much to Cole Dixson and Matthew Beutler for taking the time to coach our boys to victory. What an unforgettable season!!!

Basketball season has just got underway. The seniors are off to Stirling. Good luck teams.

We are still looking for a JV boys coach if anyone is interested.

“I WISH WE COULD PUT UP SOME OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN JARS AND OPEN A JAR OF IT EVERY MONTH.”

HARLAN MILLER



## Mrs. Hughson's Reminder's...

**Terry Fox Humanitarian Award** recognizes humanitarian volunteer work. There is no set discipline students must study in order to receive the award, but they must continuously demonstrate a strong performance in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. If you are interested in applying for this \$7000.00 scholarship please visit the website. [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org) Deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Great Questions Essay Competition

The Dominion Institute is challenging young Canadians across the country to express their views on some important issues facing Canadians today. Using the book of Great Questions of Canada, students are asked to write an essay on one of six Great Debate topics. The winning entry will receive \$2000.

**Projects Abroad 2 week Summer Specials-** Their goal is to provide students with the opportunity to live and work in developing countries in a way that is both convenient and safe for the students and also positive for the countries. This group sends volunteers, aged 16-19 who are looking to get valuable international experience in a short period of time. Whether you are working with children, learning a new language, observing medical practices or contributing to a community development project, you will be immersed in another culture while gaining practical life skills as well as fostering a sense of global awareness. If you are interested and would like more information please pick up a brochure from my office.

**Green Certificate Test dates-** The next round of testing is scheduled for February 25/26 and May 19/20<sup>th</sup>.

**Scholarships** – Stop by my office and check out [studentscholarships.org](http://studentscholarships.org) This website offers you a way to match what scholarships meet your needs and the programs your applying for. Or browse through my scholarship binder that is in my office.

**University of Alberta** Grade 12 students can apply now for the [Academic Excellence Scholarship](#). The deadline to apply is December 15, 2009. Grade 11 students can start applying for Academic Excellence Scholarship in January 2010 (for admission to the U of A in September 2011). The Early-Bird application deadline is June 30, 2010.

**Dates to Remember** - Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Admission Scholarship U of L

## Around the Village

On Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, criteria for receiving H1N1 vaccine was opened to include all Albertans over six months of age.

Experts predict a third wave of H1N1 will arrive early in the New Year. All parents, students and teachers should ensure they are protected by getting immunized as quickly as possible.

We are asking for the schools assistance in circulating local clinic information to all families and encouraging immunization as the best way to protect against H1N1.

Attached is the most current list of clinic dates and times. Please visit [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca) for more information on eligibility and locations across Alberta.

### Foremost Fire Department Hayride

Thursday, December 10th

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Pick up and drop off at the ATB

*Come in to the ATB for Hot Chocolate and a visit!*

Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m. ESL Parent/Child Mother Goose with Cathy Hennebury  
Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m: Parent/Child Mother Goose with Cathy Hennebury

### Library Hours: December, 2009

Tuesday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Thursday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS: STARTING JANUARY 1st, 2010

Tuesday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Thursday: 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
FRIDAY : 10:30 am - 3:00 pm  
CLOSED: Saturday, Sunday & Monday