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Intentionally strengthening your school community is a way to show love to your people. Several schools have some creative ways of doing that. Have a look and maybe you'll come up with something that you can try. If you have additional ideas, let us know and we can pass them on:

- **[Mr. Roper's Daily Challenge](#)**: Jon is the assistant principal at Trinity and he provides his community with a creative and diverse challenge each day.
- **Weekly Assembly**: many of your communities do this, but we want to highlight Westpark School where principal Lydia does a great job connecting to our Tft Family Resource. Search for Westpark School Portage LaPrairie on Facebook for some samples.
- **Theme/Spirit Days**: The student council at Central Alberta Christian High has a week of theme days planned. It is great to have your student council continue to play a leadership role! The most unique: Protective Gear Day (facemasks, gloves, hazmat suits).

You have been hearing and seeing the news about flooding in Fort McMurray. Fort McMurray Christian School is located on a hill and as such is not in danger. The people of the city, however, are dealing with this additional challenge and if you would like to support the community, consider [donating to the local food bank](#).

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It was great connecting with some of you last Thursday. We posted the presentation slides and the Zoom recording in the #general channel of our Slack workspace. Using a feedback tool ([mentimeter.com](#)) we asked our participant to describe their view of teaching right now. Although there were positive aspects reflected in some responses (creative, exciting, small joys, collaborative, etc.), a majority of the responses reflected the difficulty of this time (overwhelming, frustrating, intense, less satisfying, lonely, removed, etc.).

I'm sure many of you are feeling similarly mixed emotions. We encourage you to attend to your mental health during this time. The Government of Canada website provides some [helpful tips](#) in maintaining mental health when working from home (e.g., set a schedule, stay connected, make time for self care). As well there are many counsellors that have gone digital (i.e. [Fresh Hope](#)) to help

those in need. Be sure to let someone know if you are struggling... there is no shame in it and others want to help.

We will continue to provide opportunities for you to “stay connected” with others in the PCCE community **this Thursday at 2:30 pm**. As we continue to grapple with ensuring that the “Christian” part in Christian education is part of the “essential” aspects of our lessons, we will focus on the practice of “**Storyline**”. Here is [the link](#) to our Zoom connect.

LEADING

Many schools will be holding virtual Annual General meetings in the next few weeks. To help with you planning, we have created a [GUIDE](#) that includes things we learned as we held our AGM a couple of weeks ago. We also included a sample letter you can personalize for your community. The documents are also included in our Slack community.

For those of you who were unable to join our meeting last week with Jim McKenzie, we [recorded the ZOOM](#) and also have a [link to the resources](#) Jim highlighted. This would be great viewing for principals (you have a central role to play in his model), school boards & development directors/society staff. These resources will continue to be accessible through Slack (#general channel)

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