

Dr. Frank Moody

The staff at Eastside are second to none, beginning with our principal Dr. Frank Moody who has recently joined us from the mission field. Dr. Moody has been teaching since 1979 but has spent the last 4 years as the Deputy Principal at the Yantai Yew Wah International Education School in China. His heart is to see children raised up as disciples of Jesus, to be a blessing to the earth and to bring glory to God.

Dr. Moody has the following degrees: B.Ed. U of C, Social Studies, B.A. U of C, Religious Studies & Photography, M.A., U of C, Education Policy Analysis, Ph.D. U of Toronto Comparative Education.

His heart is to lead young men in a deeper walk with the Lord that would help them to be identified as Christ's disciples through their love for each other and a passion to win souls no matter the cost.

Mr. Mark Cole

Our new music program is under the direction of Mark Cole (chief musician at Eastside City Church). Mark is a professional musician, worship leader, arranger, songwriter, teacher and record producer. His 30 year music career includes working with well known worship leaders and evangelists like Darlene Zschech from Hillsong, Brian Doerksen and Paul Baloche, Billy Graham, Promisekeepers, and Dr. Yongi Cho. Mark loves Jesus and is using his gifts and talents to see God's kingdom grow.

Mr. Mark Cole has the following degrees: B Music with a minor in English, RCM Grade 8 piano - honors, RCM Grade 5 - harmony.

His heart is to help people develop their musical abilities so they can worship God skillfully.

Mrs. Holly Pedersen

Our new Athletic Director, Holly Pedersen, was a member of the National Women's Basketball team and has been involved in other elite athletics. She has 13 years experience teaching and coaching Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, and Cross Country.

Her heart is to disciple others that they may love God. She has the ability to draw the best out of her students and watch them succeed.

Mrs. Stacey Ariel

Mrs. Stacey Ariel has been at Eastside for the past 3 years and is an exceptional teacher who brings an element of excellence to her classroom. Her amazing lesson plans and humble spirit allow her to minister to the students while bringing the Christian perspective to the Program of Studies.

“I have no hesitation in saying that you are probably one of the best teachers I have observed in my career.” Dr. S. Lal Mattu, Chief Executive Office, AISCA.

Mrs. Ariel has the following degrees: B Ed, B Arts, and RCM.
Her heart is to serve God and her students in an atmosphere of safety and respect.

Mr. Wilner Pagaling

Mr. Wilner Pagaling is the supervisor and facilitator of the Senior High Alberta Distance Learning Program. He has been with Eastside for 8 years and he brings the love of the Father’s heart to the students he ministers to.

Mr. Pagaling has the following degrees: B Sc in Mechanical Engineering, B Sc in Theology, Masters of Theology and in a few short months he will also receive a Masters of Divinity to add to his already impressive resume.

His heart is to see young men and women succeed in life, that they will be raised up as leaders for the next generation.

Mrs. Rita Skeith

Mrs. Skeith has been with Eastside since Day 1. Students under her care learn important foundational concepts in reading and math which give them a firm foundation to build the rest of their academics on.

Each classroom also has a paraprofessional that helps to guide the students and ensure that procedures are followed for a successful learning experience. We all support the belief that Christian Education is not an alternative, or just a good idea - it is the law of God.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says “ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them (the Law) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

Mrs. Kathryn Lapp

Mrs. Kathryn Lapp, a certified Suzuki teacher, has taught violin (both Suzuki and Royal Conservatory methods) since 1971. Since 1994, she has been a Branch teacher with Mount Royal College. In 2005, Kathryn earned her ARCT diploma in Singing Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto under the tutelage of Blaine Chapmen, so she also offers singing instruction.

Mrs. Lapp played second violin in the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra for eighteen years until 2001. She now teaches a full schedule of violin and singing students in addition to several violin group classes at Eastside Christian Academy.

Kathryn grew up in a musical family with twelve children, and studied violin with Sigmund Effron, Concertmaster of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in Cincinnati, Ohio from 1959 to 1975. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as a violin major with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (magna cum laude with honors).

Kathryn has taught at Eastside Christian Academy since the year 2000. Her heart is to point children to Christ as the purpose for living and the solution to all their problems, and to develop children to be worshippers of God through the study of music.



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