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# The Third Academy Beacon

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Times flies fast, we are already at the end of November. Students have started to practice for our Christmas concert coming up on December 16. I look forward to seeing the magic created by our Expressive Arts team and the students.

On Dec. 12, we need everyone in our school community to join us for our Santa Run whether it be in the run/walk or as a volunteer. For more information please visit [runsantarun.ca](http://runsantarun.ca)

Staff and students have been challenged to decorate their doors and hallways in a winter/festive way. The winning class will be treated to a pizza party!

**Rehana Mattu**

Elementary Principal

**"Working hard is important. But there is something that matters even more, believing in yourself."** Harry Potter

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## This Week - RUN SANTA RUN! 2015

**It's time for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Run Santa Run Event! 2015**

Register as a participant and spread awareness through your social media connections!

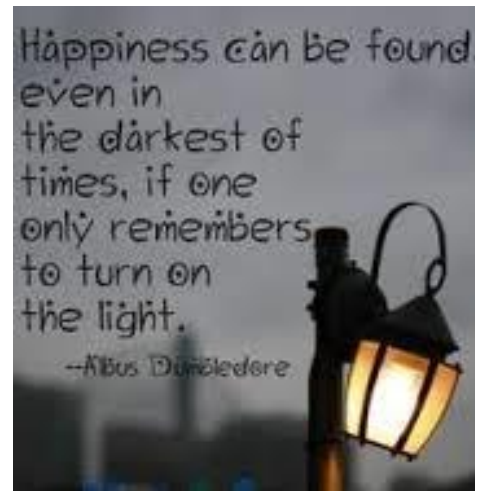
OR Sponsor our very own Blessy Alexander, Zeljko Puric, or Scott Finney as they complete the 5k and 10k challenges! Visit our website or [runsantarun.ca](http://runsantarun.ca) for details.



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**Elementary Motto**

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## Upcoming Events

**December 2**  
**Pizza Orders Due**  
**No After School Today**

**December 3**  
**Pizza Day**

**December 12**  
**Run Santa Run! 2015**  
**Sign up now!**  
[runsantarun.ca](http://runsantarun.ca)

**December 13**  
**BINGO – Please Volunteer**

**December 16**  
**Christmas Concert**

**December 17**  
**Subway Lunch**

**December 18**  
**Swimming Day**  
**Last Day of Classes**

**Back to School – Jan 4**

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## News from E1 Ms. Sproule Ms. McBride Mrs. Mattu

E1 had a very busy and fun week. Everyone loved roller skating. It was great to see how each and every child tried hard and improved throughout the trip. One of our volunteer moms commented on how proud she was in our students. A couple of times, students had tears. Each and every student that passed showed compassion and caring and asked what was wrong and if they can help.

We are very proud of our school for having such caring and compassionate students. We also had a visit from a litter of puppies that Ms. Commet brought in. All the students enjoyed playing with them. Thank you Ms. Commet!

At recess, all the kids love playing floor hockey! We love to see how all the natural talent is coming out and how the students are playing as a team!

13 days of school left until Christmas Holidays! Time is flying! We hope that you take the time to enjoy the holiday season! Have a Great Day!



## News from E2 Ms. Stein Mrs. Jorgia Ms. Commet

The E2 class was very excited to meet Ms. Commet's puppies: Molly, Tinkerbelle, Nacho and Josie. Students had a great time taking turns holding the puppies and playing with them. It was very difficult to say goodbye to them at the end of the day.

We have officially said "Au Revoir" to our classroom Pirate Ship and "Bonjour" to Christmas and the upcoming holidays. We will be starting to decorate our classroom for the holiday season, and first up, is getting our fireplace ready for Santa! Students are working very hard in Drama; they are acting out the famous story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The costumes and props really bring it to life!

Last Thursday, both students and staff had a GREAT time at Lloyd's Recreation Park. It was amazing to see the perseverance of so many students. Despite falling down a number of times, and going home with a few bumps and bruises, NO ONE gave up! A big shout out to all those working at Lloyd's for their patience, kindness and hospitality! We look forward to going back again soon!

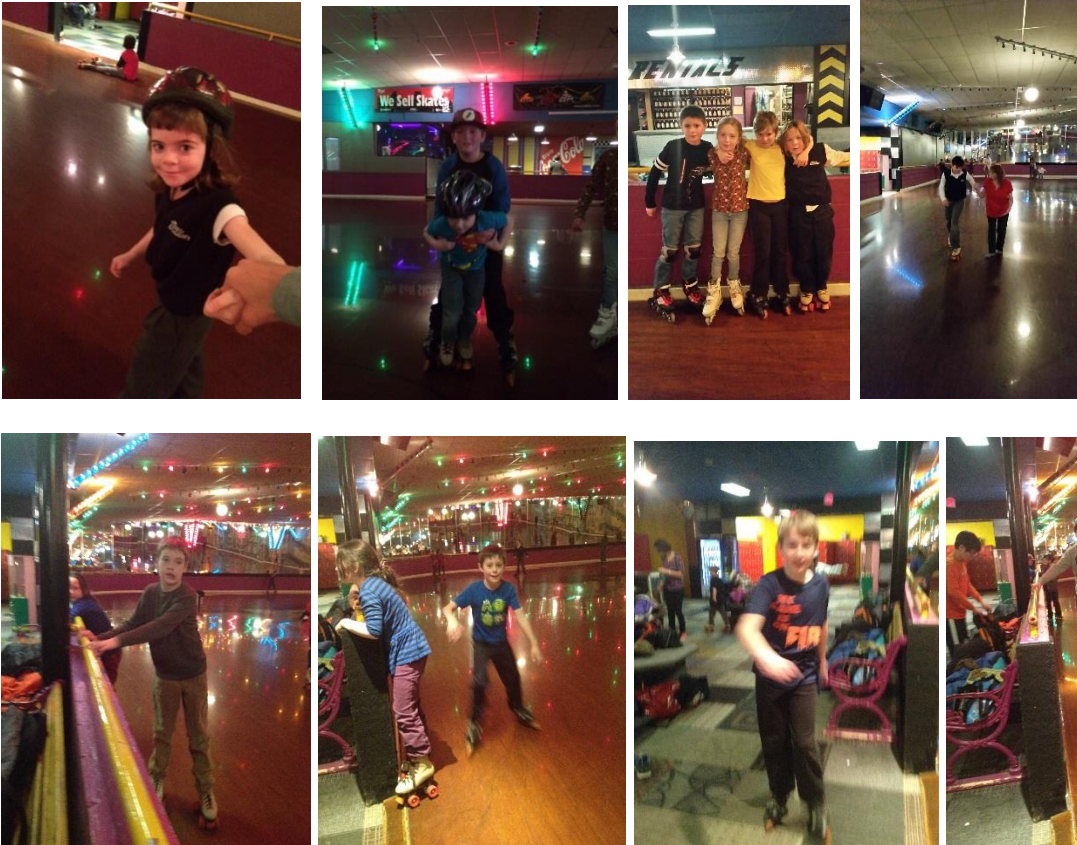
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## Roller skating pictures



## News from E3 Ms. Kerr Mrs. Neild

Last week we went to Lloyds and the kids had so much fun. It's amazing to watch children learn a gross motor skill, their bodies are incredibly adaptive!

The weeks leading up to Christmas break we will continue to introduce more and more demanding games during gym class. We are working extensively on cooperation, participation, good sportsmanship and most importantly frustration tolerance. For a lot of our kiddos frustration can explode in a competitive or high energy environment. It's one thing to practice tolerance in a calm space, like the classroom. It's another skill altogether, to work on it when the stakes are higher!

And last but not least we are talking to the students more and more about Ms. Kerr's departure at the end of the school term. Clearly the children have known from the beginning but it is coming up quickly and we'd like to have a smooth as transition as possible. Feel free to continue the dialogue at home!

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## News from E4 Mrs. Barnstead Mrs. Hasnain Mr. Daniels

It was a pleasure meeting with so many parents for the Parent/Teacher Interviews this past Wednesday. Although we are only three months into the school year, it always surprises us to see how much growth our students show. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a meeting to review your child's report card if you were unable to attend on Wednesday. It was a late night for everyone so we were so grateful for our field trip to Lloyds Roller Rink. We want to give a sincere thank you to Lloyds as they were so kind and helpful and very accommodating. Everyone had a great time and we are all wanting to plan for a return trip in the New Year. The students returned to school after a day of rollerskating and put in another great rehearsal for their upcoming Concert performance - Peter Pan. Mr. Gillespie is quite excited as he really feels the play in coming together. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 16th in the evening to watch this great play.

E4 is excited about our art project this week provided by "Nana" (Naveed's grandmother, Marlene). Nana has organized all the materials necessary for each student to decorate their very own Gingerbread House. We are very excited. Please send in any stiff cardboard you may have as we need 20 cardboard wrapped in tin foil bases for our houses.

There are only nine more sleeps until we reach our Reading Reward date to LaserQuest on Tuesday, December 8th. We are so proud of all the nightly reading and the organization students showed in keeping their reading recorded in their agendas. Congratulations.

Weekly Website: [www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com)

## News from Expressive Arts Mr. Gillespie Mr. Kennedy

In the Expressive Arts in the E1 and E2, students are continuing to rehearse Dr. Seuss's "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" for the Christmas Concert. In the E3 and E4, students are continuing to rehearse the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up, "Peter Pan."

## News from Transportation Mr. Freeman

While our bus drivers are assigned cell phones to keep in contact with you, please recognize that it is impossible for them to answer their phone while driving their bus. If you must contact your child's bus driver while the driver may be in operation – from 6:00 am through to 9:00 am and from 3:00 pm through to 6:00 pm - please do so by one brief text message. Our drivers will respond to you when it is safe and legal for them to do so. Keep in mind that when road conditions are poor, our buses will likely be running late and our drivers cannot estimate a pickup or drop off time. Thank you for your understanding.

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