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# The Third Academy Beacon

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The Swim to Survive program was a huge success! We can all be proud of our children for their very best efforts. Watch for their Certificates. They will be sent home later this week. Remember, this Friday is our Fun Swim Day for the entire school. Students are looking forward to going to the pool just for fun!

The Mustard Seed were so grateful for the clothing donation from Third Academy. Today, the students had their bake sale, which was also a great success! These proceeds will also go to the Mustard Seed. Thank you everyone for helping out with this community project!

Tomorrow we will have our first Talent Show! Find out if your child is participating by contacting Curtis Kennedy at [ckennedy@thirdacademy.ca](mailto:ckennedy@thirdacademy.ca), or pop in between 10:30 and 11:30am to see the talent of some of our students.

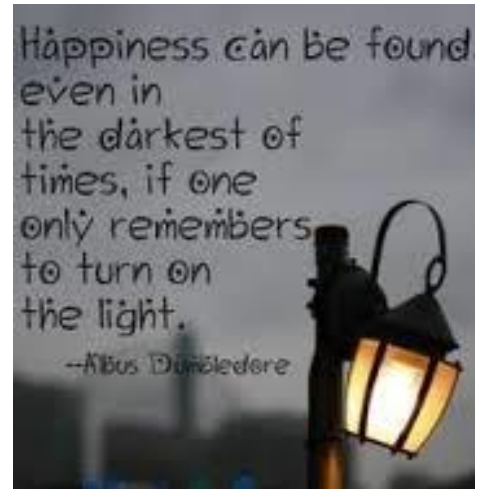
Early Valentine's celebrations will happen this week! Contact your child's teacher for more information.

Next week will be our February Break. We hope everyone can take this opportunity to spend quality time with friends and loved ones. See you back on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>!

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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### Upcoming Events

**February 3**  
**Talent Show**

**February 5**  
**Southland Leisure Centre**  
**Fun Swim**

**February 8 -12**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Staff PD & Conventions**

**February 15**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Family Day**

**February 16**  
**Back to School**

**February 17**  
**PAC Meeting**

**February 18**  
**Subway Lunch**

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### Elementary Motto

*Be Good, Be Safe, Be Helpful*



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

E1 had a great time last week being active. We enjoyed swimming and stretching and playing outside! We also had cakes brought in for our class to decorate and share. Thank you to the families that shared the treats.

This week we are focusing on being a good friend and being kind. Thursday we will take time to celebrate our friendship with a little valentine exchange. You are welcome to send cards and healthier treats to school for the class if you like. A class list will be sent out for those who would like to personalize the cards.

Friday we will be swimming all day. Please write in the agenda if you can come and volunteer with our class. Please pack swim gear, lots of snacks and lunch for your child.

Please enjoy your break next week as there is no school!



## News from E2 Mme. Stein, Mrs. Jogia, Ms. Commet

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the little break coming up, especially with so many feeling under the weather. E2 has been very busy wrapping up units and reviewing concepts. When we return from the break we will begin new units in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Studies. We have finished our travels across Canada and will be getting our passports ready for our next destination... India! We will be learning about the different kinds of food, language, clothing, animals, etc. found in India.

In Gym class we have wrapped up our unit on Soccer-Baseball, and are starting Badminton. Today, we practiced hitting a balloon back and forth with a partner. We have some very talented athletes!

Please don't forget that we are going to the Southland Leisure Centre on Friday. Students are required to bring in a swimsuit, towel and a paper-bag lunch.

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## News from E3 Mrs. Neild & Mr. Rivers

It has been an exciting week in E3! We finished our swim to survive program and all the students did an amazing job and learned lots, we are especially proud of the children who initially were scared, but conquered their fears!! We also finished our clothes drive, and Mrs. Neild's van was full of clothes. The Mustard Seed staff were overwhelmed with all of the clothes and very grateful! Thank you to all who made our clothing drive a huge success!!

We also had our bake sale this Tuesday, and it was also a huge success! Mrs. Neild will drop off all the proceeds of the bake sale to the Mustard Seed this week. I am amazed at the generosity of the Third Academy community and how the children are embracing helping others. Again thank you to all who provided bake goods, hot chocolate, cups and to those who came and supported the bake sale! In class, we are learning about how much waste we produce and what effect our ecological footprint impacts our planet. We took a quiz to see how big our ecological footprint was and are thinking of ways we each can reduce our impact. We also made homemade paper out of recycled paper and learned about stenciling. Remember that Friday is our Valentine's party and swimming at Southland Leisure Centre and then we are off until February 16. We wish everyone a relaxing break and can't wait to see all of the students on the 16th!



Thank you Third Academy!!

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

The E4 classroom would like to introduce you to our new Blog. It can be found on the Third Academy website and we are so excited to be able to post all our weekly information in one consistent place for all of you to access. It is easy to find our Blog:

Go to [www.thirdacademy.ca](http://www.thirdacademy.ca)

Use your cursor to hover over the Resources tab

Use your cursor to hover over Classroom Pages

Choose Elementary 4 Classroom Page

And there you go... you will find a weekly message, spelling words for the week, and our weekly website recommendation. Please check it out and please check back every week.

The E4 classroom reviewed its bank account last week and we discovered that we are poor! We, like the rest of the country, are in a recession. We have two exciting fundraisers lined up for after the February break to help us get back into the black. In the meantime, please encourage your child to remember BOTTLES! BOTTLES! BOTTLES! It takes very little effort on their part to make a big difference in our classroom. The students are all eager to help but I think it's the remembering when they are at home that they need to bring in their bottles. The students are prepared for a scaled-down auction this Thursday in light of our financial situation but auctions are fun not for the 'stuff' they get but for the fun it generates for an hour. Sorry to be yet another bleak story in the news 😞

## News from Expressive Arts Mr. Gillespie

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in E1/2/3/4 will be in the process of catching up with our story of 'the boy who lived'; HARRY POTTER. As all students enjoyed 'Swimming to Survive' last week, all pupils this week, in full costumes and using props that create magical effects, will finish rehearsing and performing part one of J.K. Rowling's novel, HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS.



## News from Music Arts Mr. Kennedy

This last week is a culmination of a unit spanning the past 5 weeks. Our Third Academy Talent Show will take place next Wednesday, February 3 from 10:30-11:30 and will feature singing, dancing and a solo piano piece. Hopefully some parents can make it out.

“Without music, life would be a mistake.” ~ Fredrich Nietzsche

