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Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed some family time this past week. The students are already into the full swing of things and back to their daily routines.

Before the break, we held our First Annual Talent Show. It was a huge success and great fun! We have some amazing talented students. Thank you Mr. Kennedy for organizing another wonderful event for our children. And thank you, parents, for coming to see our children perform.

Third Academy will be hosting another Scholastic Book Fair from March 14 – 18. Please join us in supporting this wonderful program and encouraging the love of reading within your children. Rewards are given to your school from every purchase.

If you would like to have a say in other areas relating to your child's education, why not attend a monthly Parent Council Meeting! The next PAC meeting is scheduled for tomorrow – Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30pm. This is an especially important meeting as Toni Guffei, Ratio Marketing, will be conducting a parent feedback session. By participating, you will help shape Third Academy for the future. Hope to see you there!

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 16
Back to School

February 17
PAC Meeting

February 18
Subway Lunch

February 24
The Official Pink Shirt Day

March 5
Bingo – Volunteers Needed

March 14-18
Scholastic Book Fair

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

We hope that you enjoyed your time off and that everyone is recharged and ready for new learning. In E1, we are starting a unit in Health that uses the SuperFlex program to learn social skills and flexible learning. We are going to be learning how we can be more like SuperFlex to combat the villains of Rock Brain, Body Snatcher and Space Invader. Please stayed tuned as we learn about the characters and how we become like SuperFlex to beat them!

We are still going outside every day. Please continue to dress your child appropriately for the weather.

Enjoy the warm winter weather!

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

Welcome back! I hope everyone the long break and are re-energized for the next few weeks! It was wonderful to see how excited everyone was to be back at school and ready to catch up with their friends. I think we all enjoyed our last day before the break at the Southland Leisure Center. It was a great follow up to our Swim to Survive program, and we noticed a nice improvement in our students' swimming abilities. And of course, who doesn't like water slides!

We are continuing our Science unit on Magnets. Today, we discussed permanent and temporary magnets, and different magnetic strengths. The students learned how to turn ordinary metal objects into temporary magnets, and how these magnets can lose their charge. It was great to see all the students participating in the experiment and taking charge of their learning!

News from E3 Mrs. Neild & Mr. Rivers

We hope that everyone had an amazing break and feel rejuvenated and are ready to learn lots! We had a great time at Southland Leisure Centre, we were very proud of all the students and how well everyone was behaved. We also had a wonderful Valentine's Day party, where we played games, did some dancing and many great interactions. Thank you to everyone who sent in treats! We also had an amazing talent show, where we had 2 children singing and many of the class did a dance together. The students did a terrific job! In class, we just finished with our Waste in our World unit. The students ended the unit with creating footprints and writing on them what their promise was to reduce their ecological footprints on the planet. Make sure to ask you child what their

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footprint said. We will be starting our Lights and Shadows unit this week. We are continuing to learn about traditions and celebrations in Canada. We wanted to thank all of you who donated their time to paint our school over the break. It was great to come in to a freshly painted school. □



News from E4 Mrs. Barnstead & Mr. Daniels

I hope you enjoyed your February break as much as I did. I spent most of my time visiting with family and friends. I also spent time thinking about the next few weeks of curriculum in our classroom. We will first finish with our Rocks and Minerals Unit by digging for gems. I made 'dig and find' rocks filled with gems that the students can practice their geologist skills on. I home-made them so let's just hope they are not a flop!!!!

We move on to a study of the democratic structure of the Iroquois nation in social studies as we continue to learn more about democracy. I have booked an 'in-class' field trip through 'Teacher's Pet' whereby we will have a consultant come to our class for 2 hours and share with us a prepared unit of learning about the Iroquois. It will kick start our own study of the Iroquois. I am very much looking forward to the afternoon of March 1st. A permission form with all the details will be sent home this week. I am also requesting a donation of a bag of bottles or \$5-10 to cover the cost per student for this 'in-class' field trip.

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The other focus of study for the next six weeks is on good writing! Students will be challenged to write juicy stories. Please ask your child to describe the analogy of using hamburger pictures to remind us what it takes to write good stories. I am really excited about this writing unit because we have accomplished so much as writers already and now I get to challenge the students even more. We will definitely end this unit with a Tim Horton's Writer's Workshop.

Finally, Tuesday, February 16, 2016, we kick off our second Reading Reward Program. Students will need to read and record in their agendas like last time to join us on our reward field trip in May. Details to follow!

Reminder: Please check out the E4 Classroom Page on the Third Academy Website for this week's spelling words and website! <http://thirdacademy.ca/>

News from Expressive Arts Mr. Gillespie

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in Elementary are continuing to explore the magical world of HARRY POTTER. Students will be engaged in activities to further learn how to be wizards to enhance the drama.



News from Music Arts Mr. Kennedy

Welcome back from a restful break! The next few weeks will feature new and exciting songs and games for the elementary division's music classes.

"There's nothing like music to relieve the soul and uplift the spirit" – Mickey Hart

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