

# The Third Academy Beacon

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## Third Academy

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Classrooms are buzzing with many exciting new things to learn and projects to create. This week is a short week with a PD day on Friday.

I am very proud of the E2 and E3 students' initiative to help those who are less fortunate in our community. They have already collected three bags of clothing and I hope you will be able to support the students in this worthy cause. Send you clean, slightly used clothing in to Renee. Please and thank you.

I also want to thank Sandie Smith, our Volunteer Coordinator, for helping us arrange a group of parents/students to come in this Saturday 16 January 2016 to 1. Clean walls 2. Replace ceiling tiles 3. Replace fluorescent bulbs 4. Get ready to Paint. Volunteers, you rock!

This week, the weather has allowed us to spend more time outside on the WIC field and we will resume going to Blackfoot Park next week Friday.

Southland Leisure Centre has rescheduled our fun swim day to February 5. Forms will be coming home shortly. Don't forget 'Swim to Survive' is also an Upcoming Event.

Rehana Mattu  
Elementary Principal

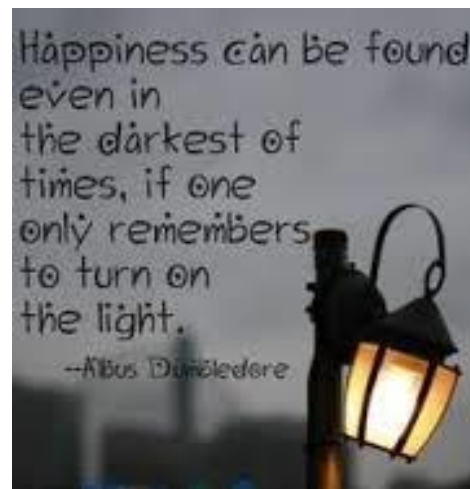
**"Working hard is important. But there is something that matters even more, believing in yourself."** Harry Potter

### This Week – Uniforms For Sale!

A medium and a large youth vest - \$30 each.  
1 Sm/youth gym T-shirt for \$5  
Contact the front office.

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### Upcoming Events

**January 15**  
**Subway Orders Due**

**January 15**  
**PD – No School**

**January 18-22**  
**Clothing Drive E2+E3**

**January 20**  
**PAC Meeting 6:30**

**January 21**  
**Subway Lunch**

**January 25,26,28,29**  
**'Swim to Survive' for E1-E4**

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

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

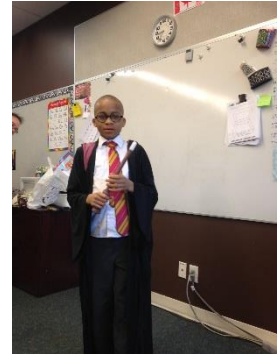
This week we have been working on making a book about ourselves which includes where we live and how many pets we have. We are expanding our learning to include the community, starting with our school community. We will continue learning about other helpers in our neighborhoods and city community.

In Drama, we have been enthralled with Mr. G's Magic tricks! He is quite the magician! We are looking forward to learning more about Harry Potter!

We have been reading The Magic Treehouse books. The class loves listening to the stories about Jack and Annie and how they meet the dinosaurs and the knight! We are making some very good guesses as to what we think will happen next.

Coming up on January 19, we will be having a field trip to the Telus Spark Science Center. Thank you to Harrison's family for supporting this field trip. We will be leaving the school at 9:30 and will return at 2:00. Lunch will be provided. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible for this day. **Please email Ms. Sproule at [ssproule@thirdacademy.com](mailto:ssproule@thirdacademy.com) as soon as possible to let us know you can volunteer. Please return forms no later than January 18, 2016.**

We hope you have a great week!



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

Bonjour from E2!

Our class has added a new item to our calendar: D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything And Read! During a 15 minute period, students are asked to select a book of their choice and find a quiet spot in the classroom to read to themselves, or look at the pictures. The only restriction is to ensure that they are not invading anyone else's personal space by following the arm length rule. We listen to classical music and enjoy our classroom library. Students have been very receptive and many are excited for D.E.A.R time. In just a few days, we have found that students appreciate the few minutes of quiet

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time and are better able to focus on the rest of their programming. We have also seen students quietly partner up so they can read their story to a friend. Good job!

If students are reading a specific book at home, we encourage them to bring it in and read it during D.E.A.R time.



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

This week we have almost finished Harry Potter, The Philosopher's Stone, and the children's journal entries are improving greatly from the beginning of the year. Good job! We have also been having many discussions about whether a problem is a big deal or little deal problem, and how a little deal problem can turn into a big deal and vice versa. We have started to see the children apply this lesson and solving little deal problems appropriately before they become big deal problems. In Social Studies, we are learning about where immigrants come from and how their cultures and traditions influence Canada's celebrations and traditions. In science we are patiently waiting for our crystals to grow and starting to look at how waste affects our world. The children have also been talking about ways to help others in the community, specifically, the homeless in Calgary. They have come up with many projects, the first being a clothing drive. It is so nice to see the children's focus on helping others. We are so proud of them and we hope that you are as well! Great things are happening in E3!

#### Announcement-

The E2 and E3 classes would like to help those that are less fortunate than us by having a clothing drive!! From January 18-22, we will be collecting gently used and new clothing that will be donated to the Mustard Seed to help the homeless on Calgary's streets. We would like to collect items such as, winter coats, boots, gloves, scarves, socks, pants and shirts in all sizes. Please make sure that all clothing items are clean and in good condition. Items like underwear should be new and in the package. Please help us, help the less fortunate!

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

It was a terrific first week back to school. The students all fell right back into the daily routine of our classroom and I think we were all happy to see each other again. We jumped right into our Rocks and Minerals unit learning about the Rock Cycle. We demonstrated the three types of rocks using crayons and starburst. To make Igneous rock we had to burn starburst candy so the pungent smell of burnt sugar was prominent in our classroom. We learned about Pablo Picasso and drew Robots using his Cubism technique. It was freeing for most of the students who consider themselves unable to draw well, to place parts of the robot in unconventional places so that they did not feel everything had to look perfect. I will try to remember to take a picture of the bulletin board and upload the pictures. I apologize now for my lack of photos because I never remember to capture the moments with my camera.

Have a great week. I know we will. Please be reminded that it is a four day week with Friday (January 15th) being a Professional Development Day.

## News from Expressive Arts Mr. Gillespie

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in E1/E2/E3/E4 are beginning to explore the wonderful and magical world of HARRY POTTER. As the theme of our academic year is based on the mythology of Harry Potter and the magical world he lives in, students will explore the themes of friendship, love and the triumph of good over evil. As the entire story of Harry Potter stretches over many novels, I will be focusing on the exciting conclusion in Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows.

## News from Music Arts Mr. Kennedy

A new and exciting music unit will continue over the next few weeks with the Elementary classes. Stay tuned for an announcement of our first Third Academy Talent Show!

"Music can change the world because it can change people" - Bono

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