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As you will see in the pictures from the different classes, students are enjoying the Swim to Survive program. I am especially proud of our students who came to Third Academy fearful of getting in the pool. I hear even some teachers jumped into the water! Awesome job, everybody!!

I would like to thank the Diana Navarro-Villarreal and Donna Olson for volunteering and the wonderful job and hard work they have put into painting our hallways. I'm especially looking forward to seeing our washrooms spruced up. Our school looks brighter and cleaner... that's something we all can feel proud of. Thank you, again, ladies.

To all who donated to the Elementary Clothing Drive, you are part of another Third Academy success story. Students in E2 & E3 have been eager to help the community around us. They are learning that to be a citizen means 'to make a difference in the community you live in'. Their next community project is a Bake Sale in February.

Please keep your eyes out for a Special Principal's Bulletin about Accountability Pillars coming out this Friday. It is really important for all parents to read and understand this information.

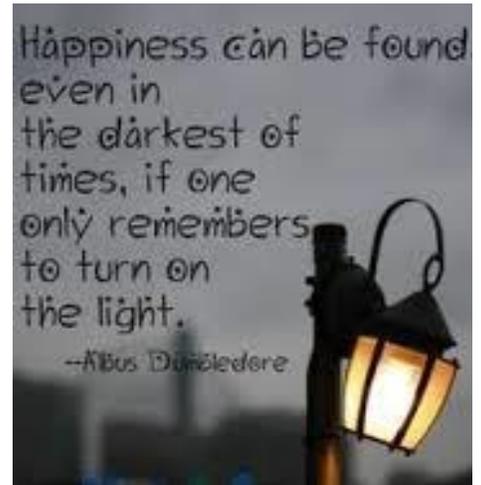
Keep your eyes out for news on this year's Hidden Heroes Gala which will be held Thursday 19 May 2016.

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

January 25,26,28,29

'Swim to Survive' for E1-E4

February 3

Talent Show

February 5

**Southland Leisure Centre
Fun Swim**

February 17

PAC Meeting

Coming Up....



Third Academy Talent Show will take place on **Wednesday, February 3 from 10:30-11:30** and will feature singing, dancing, solo piano and a short dramatic piece.

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

This week we have been very busy having fun and learning. On Tuesday, Harrison's family took us to the Telus Spark Science Center. Thank you! Our class had a lot of fun! We had volunteers and staff of the Science Center comment on how well behaved, inquisitive and amazing our class is. Well Done E1! We are very proud of you!

This week we are swimming at Acadia pool in the afternoon. We are having a great time!! We will post pictures next week.

Next Friday, February 5, we are going swimming again at Southland Leisure center. We need volunteers who will be able to come into the pool with our class. We have a lot of little ones that need adult support. Please email ssproule@thirdacademy.com or write in your child's agenda if you are able to come.



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

E2 is excited for Swim to Survive this week! Our first lesson went great, and the staff at the Acadia Pool were welcoming, kind and very patient with our group. It was great to see all the students eager to get in the water and show off their swimming skills.

Mr. G has been presenting a variety of jaw-dropping magic tricks to our class, while incorporating comedy and the dramatic arts. Students have seen foam balls disappear and multiply, a daring escape from handcuffs, and a case of the disappearing dice.

On behalf of our class, we would like to wish Mrs. Jogia a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



News from E3 Mrs. Neild & Mr. Rivers

E3 has had an exciting week, learning about water through some fun experiments and about what can be recycled, reused, and reduced. They also made an open-ended book in Social Studies, about Alberta. This week, we also have had many practicum students come and be part of our class. If you see them in the hallway, stop and say "Hi". This week we have also started our Swim to Survive program, and the children are having so much fun! Check out the pictures below. Thank you to all who were able to donate clothes to our clothing drive, Mrs. Neild's van is full and ready to drop off the donations at the Mustard Seed. We will also be having a bake sale on February 2 to further support the Mustard Seed. We would appreciate your help to bake up some yummy treats to sell at the bake sale. More info will be coming home soon. We love how the children are coming together as a class and as a school to help those who are less fortunate, way to go E2's and E3's!! We also have new lockers in our class, and the children are very excited to have a place to keep

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their things and to share this space with a friend. We also wanted to say a huge thank you to the parents who are coming and volunteering to spruce up our school with cleaning and painting. What an amazing community we have at Third Academy!!



News from E4 Mrs. Barnstead & Mr. Daniels

I want to begin by thanking all of you for your good wishes for a speedy recovery for my mom. She had her appendix removed and then had to recover from the side effects of surgery. She is home now and feeling much better. I want to thank Mr. Daniels for doing an outstanding job of taking care of everything that needed to get done at school so that I could concentrate on helping my mom. I also want to thank Mrs. Mattu for understanding how much I needed to be with my mom. I felt very supported during a difficult time. Finally, I want to thank the students for all their hugs upon my return today. I had to squeeze a few hugs out of some of them but for the most part I felt missed :) I missed the students greatly.

Our first day of Swim to Survive at the Acadia Pool was a huge success. Some students were very reluctant about the program. They had all kinds of tales to tell about horror experiences with swim lessons. I am happy to say that every child who attended had a positive experience. It was great to see the students take risks as the beginners entered the water with life jackets and were shortly thereafter swimming with no life jackets. I was amazed at the swim talent we have in our class. Perhaps we should coordinate a swim team and enter in the next Summer Olympics! The students had as much fun at swim lessons today as they do when we have a fun day at Southland Leisure Centre (which will be on Friday, February 5th).

We are making the most of our academic mornings. Of course, there were a few students who thought that we would have free time in the morning since we have to swim all afternoon. Nice try! This week we will focus on Mohs Scale of Hardness in Science and painting our Picasso Self Portraits. Our literacy and numeracy groups continue to meet every day Monday through Thursday. These small focus groups are very helpful in teaching students at their academic level.

This week's website: www.kidspell.com

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News from Expressive Arts Mr. Gillespie

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in E1 – E4 are coming close to the mid-point of our story about 'the boy who lived'; HARRY POTTER. In full costumes and using props and devices to produce the magic needed to enhance the story, students continue to explore the popular novel 'HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS' and thus take further steps to develop their self-confidence in performing on the stage and in front of an audience.

News from Music Arts Mr. Kennedy

These last two weeks will see a wrapping up of a fun guitar, piano and singing unit for the Elementary 2, 3 and 4 classes. Our Third Academy Talent Show will take place next Wednesday, February 3 from 10:30-11:30 and will feature singing, dancing, solo piano and a short dramatic piece. Hopefully some parents can make it out.

"A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence." ~Leopold Stokowski

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