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Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to hear the students' sharing their holiday stories, reconnecting with their friends and getting back into their daily school routines. We will also have a few new students join us. Welcome to Third Academy!!

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Stan Rivers to our instructional team. He has joined Mrs. Neild in the E3 classroom. He comes with much experience and I have already seen him mesmerize the students with some very creative teaching.

As most of you are aware, our field trip to Southland Leisure Centre was postponed. We are rescheduling the trip and look forward to taking the kids swimming as soon as possible.

At the end of this month, the Elementary students will also be participating in a program offered by the Acadia Pool: Swim to Survive. This program is designed to teach students water survival skills and increase their confidence around water.

I would like to remind you to ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather: snow boots, snow pants, a warm jacket, mittens and a touque. Teachers will continue to take the students to the WIC field for recesses.

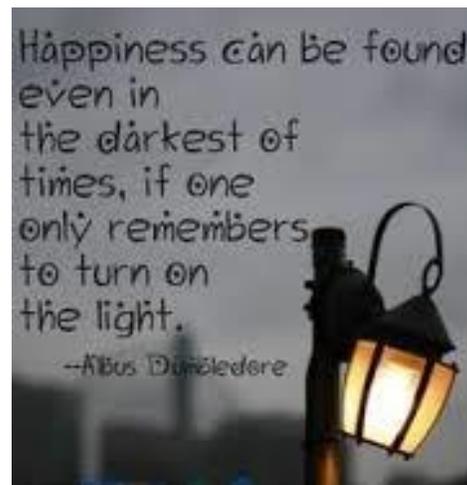
Rehana Mattu
Elementary Principal

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

This Week – Welcome 2016!

Elementary Motto

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Upcoming Events

January 4
First Day of School

January 15
PD – No School

January 21
Subway Lunch

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

Southland Leisure Centre
TBD

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

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a safe, restful and happy Christmas holiday. Thank you to the families that brought treats for our class party, they were very delicious! We won the door decorating competition, we will keep you updated as to when we get our pizza party prize.

In school this week we are starting our unit on community. We are starting with exploring ourselves, then our family, school and our city. We are also having a greater focus on social skills, team work and how to be a better friend and helper.

Please send your children with proper outdoor clothing. Coat, snow-pants, winter boots, mitts and toque. We are going outside every day, even when it is chilly.

We hope that your New Year is full of health, happiness and great adventures!



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

Happy New Year! Bonne Année! We hope everyone had a fun, safe and restful holiday, and is ready for all the fun and exciting adventures 2016 will bring!

This week, focus is on re-establishing classroom routines and transitions, and easing back into our programs. Monday morning was an exciting time for the students; they were happy to see their teachers and peers, and more excited to share what they did over the break. We played a "Guess Who" game where students had write down one thing they did over the holidays (someone they saw, somewhere they went, or something they did) and their peers had to guess who did each activity. It was great to see the students put on their "poker" faces, and become little detectives!

This month, we will be starting a new Science unit on Magnetism, expanding our travels from North America and heading over to Europe and Africa, completing a short unit on Safety, and begin working with our Mathletics account. Username and passwords will be sent home so students can practice on their own time.

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So far, winter hasn't been TOO bad, and we look for any opportunity to go outside and get some fresh air! Please make sure your child has **appropriate clothing to wear outside** (hat, neck warmer, gloves, boots, etc).

News from E3 Mrs. Neild & Mr. Rivers

I hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing break and was able to spend quality time with their families. The children were very excited to return to school! I am very excited to welcome Stan Rivers to our class. Mr. Rivers is a teacher and former principal, who brings lots of knowledge and skills to our class. I am looking forward to having him as a partner teacher for the rest of the year! This week we will be making sugar rock crystals, as part of our classroom chemistry unit. They will also be learning how to fill out a modified lap report. In Social Studies, the children will learn about celebrations and traditions, and how these affect and reflects Canada's image. We have reviewed the expectations of the class and the school, and ask that you support us with the "no toys" rule at school. We had an amazing last day of school and I was so proud of the children and their ability to cope with the change in the plan. We had many fun activities and the children were free to visit all of them, including a photo booth. We will be rescheduling the field trip to Southland Leisure Centre, so stay tuned!



News from E4 Mrs. Barnstead & Mr. Daniels

I visited Mrs. Hasnain and baby Mikhail and they are both doing great. Mikhail is precious and Mrs. Hasnain fits motherhood like a glove. We will miss Mrs. Hasnain very much. Mr. Daniels and I will steer the ship for the remainder of the school year. Yes, I am happy to report that Mr. Daniels (Mr. D) is back!!! He tells me that his girlfriend Caitlyn is recovering and doing well. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

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E4 has begun some exciting new units. "House of Robots" by James Patterson is our novel study. It is a hilarious book and offers students a chance to study an informal writing style, rich language, and identify many literary devices that make up good writing. In science, we began a hands-on Rocks and Minerals Unit. Each student will choose many rocks and minerals to examine over the next few weeks. I (the non-art teacher) will also attempt to teach about Pablo Picasso's Art Movement known as Cubism. I always count on the students to pull through for me and make my ideas come to life in art projects, just because they are so good. Wish us luck!

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

Happy New Year to all. 2016 is going to be an amazing year! A new and exciting music unit has been planned for all of the Elementary classes which will span over the next 5 weeks (up to our February break). Also, stay tuned for an announcement of our first Third Academy Talent Show (date TBD).

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

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