
The Third Academy Beacon

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I would like to start with a special THANK YOU to all those who volunteered at our Casino this past weekend. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, this event was a tremendous success. Together, we indeed make a difference!

To my E4 students and teachers, WOW!! The bake sale was not only a success, but the baked goods were yummy and the slushees were a lovely treat. Thank you to everyone who baked goodies and to those who supported the bake sale.

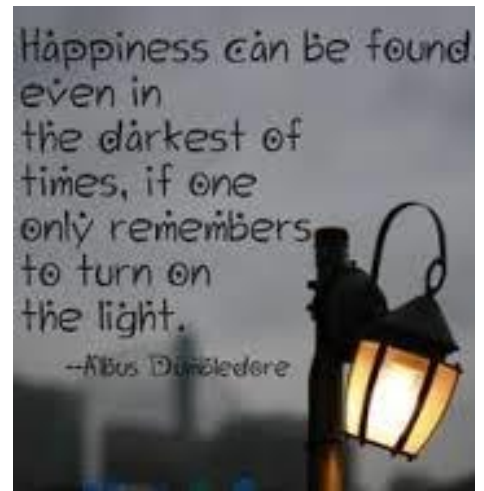
As Ms. Marsh has been away, I would like to also thank Ms. Dingle for stepping into our E1 room to help out. I am pleased to say that students are adjusting very well to her and enjoying her splendid activities.

Tonight, we will be holding our Parent Council Meeting. I invite all of you to attend. It is a great way to support the school and find out about the various initiatives.

Rehana Mattu

Elementary Principal

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



Upcoming Events

October 21 – Parent Council Meeting at 7pm.

October 22 – Terry Fox Run

Important News:

Toonies for Terry Fox

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015. We ask that all students bring in a toonie to support this wonderful cause. It is a full uniform day.



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News from E1

We had a very exciting week in E1. There were lots of changes with new desks and a changed classroom. We have also had Ms. Dingle helping us this week as Ms. Marsh is away. We worked really hard designing our own Super Heros. We also had a great time playing with Mr. G in drama, being pirates and having pretend sword fights. We worked really hard and had a lot of fun this week

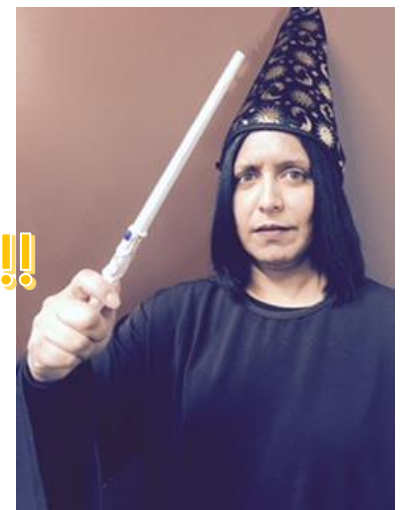


News from E2

On Thursday, we had our first ThirdWarts...and All Assembly! Students were placed into 1 of 4 houses: Raven Wing, Wolf Fang, Cougar Claw, and Eagle Talon. The first order of business was to decorate their House Crest. Students worked together to come up with a design and shared their artistic abilities with the rest of their house mates. One of our favorite parts of our ThirdWarts...and All Assembly was seeing our wonderful principals in wizard costumes!



Welcome to
ThirdWarts...and All!!



This week we worked on building our pirate maps. Students had to cut and paste 4 pictures (pirate ship, treasure chest, pirates and an island) on their map. Using the 4 cardinal points, students had to write directions on how to get their ship to the treasure chest without getting stopped by the pirates!

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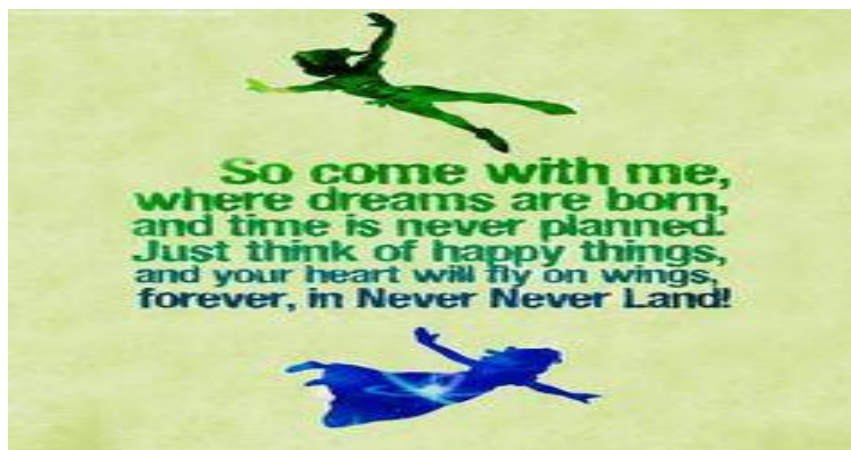
News from E3

This week, our much anticipated literacy and numeracy groups have started. Each child has been carefully and thoughtfully placed in a small group where they are with peers at the same level. These small groups ensure that your child is receiving targeted and precise activities to move them forward towards their academic goals.

In class we continue to explore First Nations legends for Social Studies and the weather and water cycle for Science.

As well, as we move through the month of October a lot of our activities center around the harvest and Halloween.

Remember that our door is open all the time, you're welcome to come visit for a morning or afternoon anytime!



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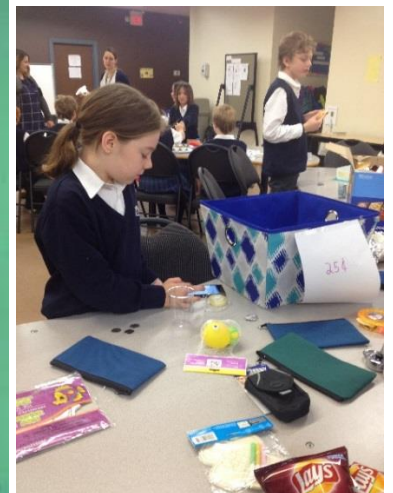
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News from E4

The E4 Classroom would like to thank each and every family for supporting our very successful bake sale. The students worked hard selling their very delicious baked goods, popcorn and drinks. We have some real entrepreneurs in our class. There were stories of hard working bakers and decorators, to the advertisers that went from class to class, and right down to the clean crew after the bake sale was all said and done. The students received many compliments of how they conducted the sale and how they interacted with their customers. Once again, a big thank you to all. The money we raised is going straight into our class bank account as we are saving up for our Reading Reward field trip after reading 50 nights.

Looking ahead to next week, we are eager to begin our Literacy and Numeracy programs



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News from Expressive Arts

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in E1 and E2 are continuing to explore the wonderful world of Long John Silver and life of being a pirate in the classic novel, "Treasure Island." In the E3 and E4, students are being to act out the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up: "Peter Pan." After all students have been taught the skill of Sword Fighting for the stage, with the introduction of full costumes, students will begin to fully explore their individual abilities in creating a fully developed character for the stage.

Did you know?

Calgary YMCAs provides a free membership – with a lot of goodies such as a free babysitting course – for all Grade 6 students.

Check it out at: <http://www.ymcacalgary.org/programs-locations-and-membership/grade6/>

Interesting facts about pumpkins

The name pumpkin comes from the Greek word 'pepon', meaning 'large melon'.

Scientifically speaking, pumpkins are a fruit (they contain seeds) but when it comes to cooking, they are often referred to as vegetables.

Giant pumpkins can be grown for competitions, with some weighing over 1000 pounds! (450 kilograms). In 2010, the world record was 1810 pounds! That's huge!!

Pumpkins are popular decorations during Halloween. A carved pumpkin illuminated by candles is known as a 'jack-o-lantern'. The tradition is believed to have come from [Ireland](#), where they used to carve faces into turnips, beet and other root vegetables as part of the Gaelic festival of Samhain.



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