# The Third Academy Beacon

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It is starting to look very festive in the school. In anticipation of next week's Winter Concert, students are busy practicing songs and rehearing the various plays.

Thank you to all the parents that came out to help with the Santa Bags this morning. It was nice to see so many parents show support for our school community by volunteering to make Run Santa Run! 2015 a success.

Students are also excited about Run Santa Run! 2015. Some even dressed up to promote the event! High School students did a presentation on Run Santa Run! 2015 and are leading a fundraising campaign. They say that 'charity begins at home'. I think our students are beginning to understand that.

Thank you all!

Rehana Mattu

Elementary Principal

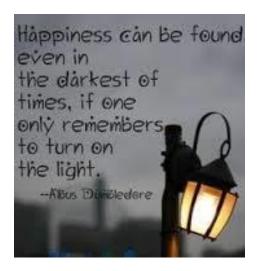
"Working hard is important. But there is something that matters even more, believing in yourself." Harry Potter

## This Week - JOIN US SATURDAY FOR RUN SANTA RUN!

#### It's time for our 6th annual Run Santa Run Event!

Register as a participant and spread awareness through your social media connections! OR

Sponsor our very own Blessy Alexander, Zeljko
Puric, or Scott Finney as they complete the 5k and 10k challenges!
Visit our website or <u>runsantarun.ca</u> for details.



#### **Upcoming Events**

December 1 – 16 Food Drive

December 12 Run Santa Run Sign up now! runsantarun.ca

December 13

BINGO – Please

Volunteer 10:30 -4:00

December 16 Christmas Concert – 6:30pm No After School

December 17 Subway Lunch

December 18 Swimming Day Last Day of Classes

Back to School – Jan 4

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

This week in E1, we have been getting ready for Christmas. 8 school days left until holidays. The tree is trimmed, the class is decorated, and the children are working very hard on Christmas crafts and activities. We are also working very hard to prepare for our Christmas Concert on December 16. We are looking for volunteers for swimming on December 18. Please let us know if you are able to join us in the pool. Please remember to return your forms and fees.







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

The door decorating competition is underway and E2 is VERY excited! We hope our Gingerbread house will earn us a FREE PIZZA LUNCH! Our classroom is becoming more festive each day and we now have some tricky elves hanging from the ceiling! This week we will be working on our stockings to hang over our fireplace and putting some pictures up on the mantle.

Just a friendly reminder that on Thursday, Dec. 17, we will be having our classroom party and a Secret Santa Gift Exchange. Everyone is very excited to pick a secret gift under our Christmas tree!

This week in gym class we have been playing some holiday games. Today, we played Grinch vs. Santa Claus. Boys and girls had to run away from the Grinch who was trying to bring them back to his secret cave. Only Santa Claus could go and save them and bring them back to the North Pole! Everyone had a great time!





#### News from E3 Ms. Kerr Mrs. Neild

The E3 class is getting excited about Christmas and are eagerly preparing for the Christmas concert on December 16. We look forward to having the parents come and see all that they have accomplished on this day. The children have started to learn about crystals in science and are growing their own crystals using different methods and types of solids. Hopefully, our class will have different crystals on display soon! We are finishing our Social studies unit soon. The children have created wonderful murals to show what they have learnt and were able to work together cooperatively. We were also invited to the E1 class, and Ms. Sproule shared with us some First Nations legends, drumming, and other traditions. It was a great time to bond with the younger students and learn more about First Nations, thanks Ms. Sproule for sharing! Ms. Kerr will be leaving us soon to have her new baby, so please make sure that you are also emailing Mrs. Neild, jneild@thirdacademy.com, with any important items in case Ms. Kerr leaves us sooner than expected.







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

The E4 class would like to thank Marlene Wright (Nana) for organizing, supplying and helping us make Gingerbread Houses last week. The students carefully designed their own Gingerbread Houses paying close attention to how much snow they wanted to add, what ornaments would work on their house, there were even warm, blazing fire pits created. All the students had a great time. Nana made sure to supply us with "spillage candy" so we could enjoy treats while we created.

Our drama production of "Peter Pan" is coming together nicely and will be ready for our debut at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 16th, 2015. Please commit to getting your child to

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the concert as each student has an important part in our drama and music production. Our stage hand, Oden, has been working very hard.

We hope that the weather will continue to cooperate so that the Third Academy Run Santa Run! 2015 event can be enjoyed in mild weather. We look forward to seeing you all at the Run Santa Run! 2015 event this Saturday, December 12th. It is a fun time for the whole family.

The upcoming week is bitter-sweet for the E4 classroom. We are so excited and happy to have gone to LaserQuest after months of reading!

The bitter part of this week is that we say Good-bye to Mrs. Hasnain as Friday, December 11th is her last day of teaching before she leaves for maternity leave. The E4 class will miss her dearly!

<u>This Week's Website:</u> <a href="http://www.typing.com">http://www.typing.com</a> Beginner Level - we are having a timing test on home row by the end of next week.



## News from Expressive Arts Mr. Gillespie

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in the E1 and E2 are in the midst of rehearsing the Dr. Seuss book "How The Grinch Stole Christmas." The students in E3 and E4 are in the midst of rehearsing the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up "Peter Pan." Both small plays are to be performed at our annual Christmas Concert on December 16th.

## News from Music Arts Mr. Kennedy

This week the Elementary music classes are wrapping up the final touches for the Christmas concert which promises to be a fun event of the season and a celebration of their hard work over the past few months. The concert will take place on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30pm.

