

From me to you...Thanksgiving

Erin Gerow (l) celebrates with Brigitte Bouchard (r)



A thank you from Dr. S. Lal Mattu, CEO

The month of September has passed us by. The season is turning. I do enjoy this time of year and its ok that the snow is coming... it's a new beginning.

This weekend, our Third Academy families will be giving thanks for all the good fortune that has been bestowed upon us. In fact, everywhere around the world, people are celebrating.

We celebrated just this week as our very own Brigitte Bouchard was personally honored, and also accepted on behalf of Third Academy Red Deer a school award- at the annual Alberta Distributed Learning Centre Awards Ceremony. Thank you, Brigitte, for your dedication in making this partnership work for our students. The Red Deer team worked so hard that our students achieved the fourth highest level of improvement in the province. Just think about it... they were competing for this distinction with thousands of so called regular learners. This is pretty good stuff.

Our Red Deer team also needs to be commended in establishing Parent Resource Centres across the Central Alberta region. These informational

kiosks are designed to inform families who are trying to access services for their special need child. An initiative funded by Ronald McDonald Childrens' Charities, Third Academy has also partnered with Alberta Health Services and Red Deer Public Library to make this happen. This is a wonderful community building initiative that we can all be proud of.

Let's not forget Calgary! Kathleen Colmant is working hard with parents and community supporters to make the following fundraising activities a success:

- ✓ French Cooking Class
Friday 13 October 2009
Third Academy Calgary South
- ✓ Royal Ascot Garden Gala
Saturday 17 April 2010
Deerfoot Inn & Casino
- ✓ Chapter/Indigo Love of Reading Foundation
11-24 October 2009
Chapters Signal Hill Centre

Email kcolmant@thirdacademy.com .

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Dr. S. Lal Mattu, CEO



HIGHLIGHTS

- Start up nice & steady
- New Parent Resource Centres established in partnership with RMCC, AHS, and R DPL
- Brigitte Bouchard receives award from ADLC
- French Cooking Fundraiser set for Calgary South
- Royal Ascot Garden Gala planned for Calgary
- Alberta Education to visit Calgary South
- AGM & New Board of Directors to be appointed at the end of the month

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Third Academy Calgary North

Mrs. Bharati Singh, Principal, reports that her school has settled down into its routine. We will continue to work on those areas requiring improvement.

Thank you, Debbie Lamabe, for spending part of your morning working with a small group of students in supporting the Literacy Initiative.

Michelle Berggren has also done a good job in putting

together an outline for our Literacy Initiative. With support from Rosanne Muryanka and Kim Little in the Speech Department, we are getting on track.

We also would like to welcome Susan Alexander aboard as an Instructional Assistant. Susan has recently immigrated from India with her husband and 4 year old son. She most recently worked as an IT (programming) professional and previously as a Teacher (Math). She will be working with students, individually and in small groups.

Keep warm and do enjoy your family time this weekend.

Third Academy Red Deer

Dr. Ken Marquart, Principal, reports that this has been a very busy startup. New staff, new students, new families are a joy to welcome. As we get to know each other better, we will better develop our capacity to serve. Thank you, parents, for your belief in us and all your support.

Mrs. Bouchard has done Third Academy proud in winning an award at the recent ADLC Awards Celebration held at the Calgary Zoo. Thank you to Dr. S. Lal Mattu, CEO, and Mr. Palashniuk, Principal Calgary South, for attending and sharing with us this accomplishment.

May God Bless.



Third Academy Calgary South

Joe Palashniuk, Principal, reports:

- ✓ We are off to a good start.
- ✓ Welcome aboard, Ripu Rahman, as a new Teacher in our High School. Mrs. Rahman has most recently teaching with the CBE. She hails from Ontario. She continues to work towards attaining her Masters in Social Work.
- ✓ Best of luck to Patricia Leahy as she moves on to her next posting.
- ✓ Deb Dryden is coordinating our Literacy Initiative... looking good!
- ✓ A special thank you to Patrick Nicholls for his efforts with the elementary music program.
- ✓ Last but not least, thank you Arlene Waldner for ensuring our students get to school safely and for making adjustments to ensure that we improve our on time record.

Parents, we need your help! Please call me (403) 201-6335 to find out how. Don't forget, at Third Academy we believe that 'together we make the difference'.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the line of communication open within our school communities. This will help us in sharing basic information from Third Academy's Central Office, keeping our community abreast of 'things to celebrate', and form a link between me and you.

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