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Principal's Message

I hope you had a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday. I am excited for the start of another academic year. It's wonderful to see all the returning students again and I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new students.

I encourage you to take a moment and become acquainted with our staff in this issue of the newsletter.

General Reminders

Uniforms: Please ensure your child is in uniform every day unless otherwise specified by the teacher. The uniform needs to be clean, so please do your best with stain removal. We also recommend that your child's name is on each uniform item to prevent it from becoming lost. Fabric paint works well for this.

Agendas: All classes are using agendas to ensure that there is ample communication between home and the Academy. Please read your child's agenda each night, sign it, and return it the following day.

Meet Our Teachers

Irene Kim: Jr Kindergarten



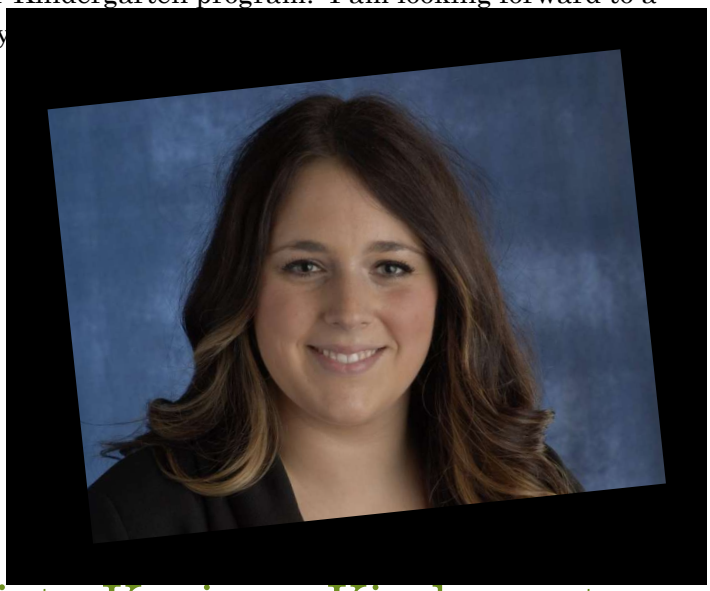
It's school time again! :)

Hello, my name is Irene Kim and I am pleased to introduce myself as a Junior Kindergarten teacher. This is my first year teaching at ASASA academy. I pledge to work towards making this a very successful year for us all and to maintain a positive atmosphere for students' learning.



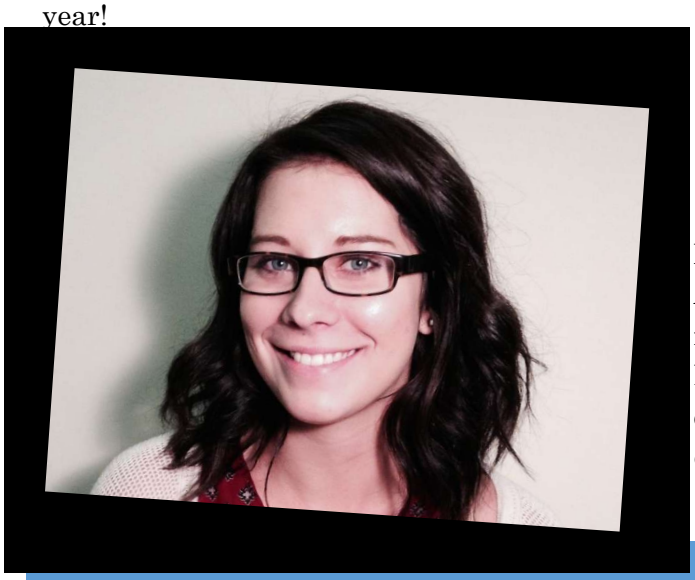
Sarah Palmer: Jr Kindergarten

Hello, my name is Sarah Palmer and I am one of the Junior Kindergarten teachers at Asasa for the 2014-2015 school year. I moved to Calgary last year from Summerside, Prince Edward Island. This is my first year teaching at Asasa and I am very excited to be working with the Junior Kindergarten program. I am looking forward to a great y



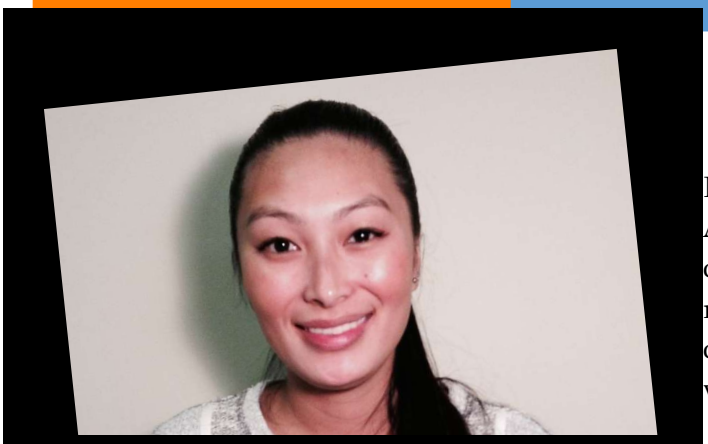
Dana Hurtig: Kindergarten

I'm happy to be back for my second year at Asasa Academy. I'm so excited to be teaching Kindergarten this year with some of the same students from last year and some new students. In addition to teaching, I like to travel, bake, and decorate my home. This is going to be a great year!



Trista Kruiper: Kindergarten

My name is Trista Kruiper and I am brand new to Asasa Academy. I just moved to Calgary about a month ago from the sunny Okanagan Valley in British Columbia. I love going for runs and reading whenever I have the chance. This is my first year teaching and I am very excited to be with the Kindergarteners!



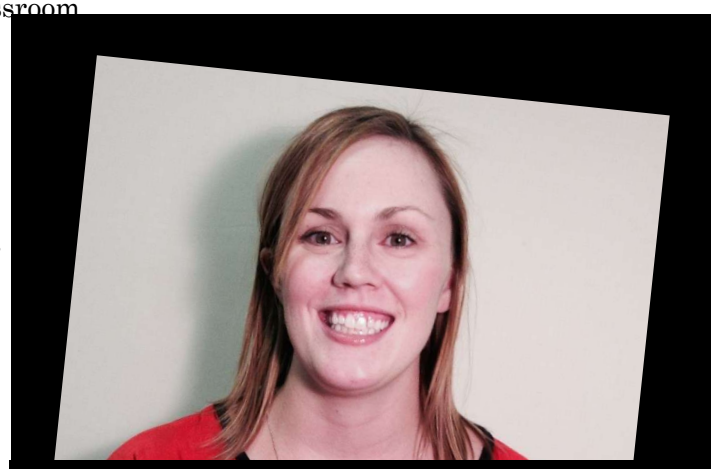


Diana Hoang: Kindergarten

Hello! This is my second year teaching Kindergarten at ASASA Academy. I got married this summer and have changed my name so, I am no longer Ms. Trinh and am now Mrs. Hoang! I have an undergraduate degree in Psychology and I graduated from the University of Calgary with my B.Ed. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

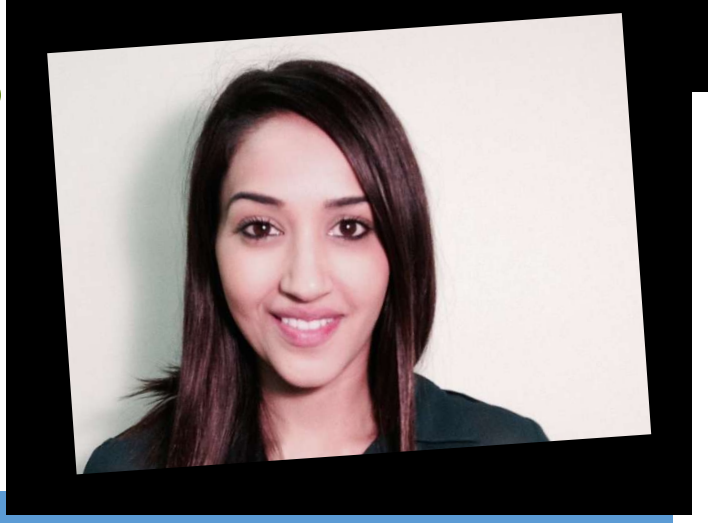
Chelsea Walpole : Grade One

I am Chelsea Walpole and I am thrilled to be taking on my first teaching position here at Asasa Academy. I hold a Masters of Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Medieval and Renaissance studies. Originally from Niagara Falls, Ontario, I moved to Calgary last February to work for an out-of-school care Kindergarten enhancement program. I have a strong appreciation for fine arts and technology and cannot wait to integrate these passions in my classroom.



Kaileen Giolo: Grade One

Some of you may recognize me from when I taught Junior Kindergarten at Asasa Academy last year. This year, I am returning to teach Grade One. I am originally from Lethbridge, Alberta and have resided in Calgary for the past four years. In my spare time I enjoy playing recreational sports, reading and baking. I am very excited for a busy school year with my new class!



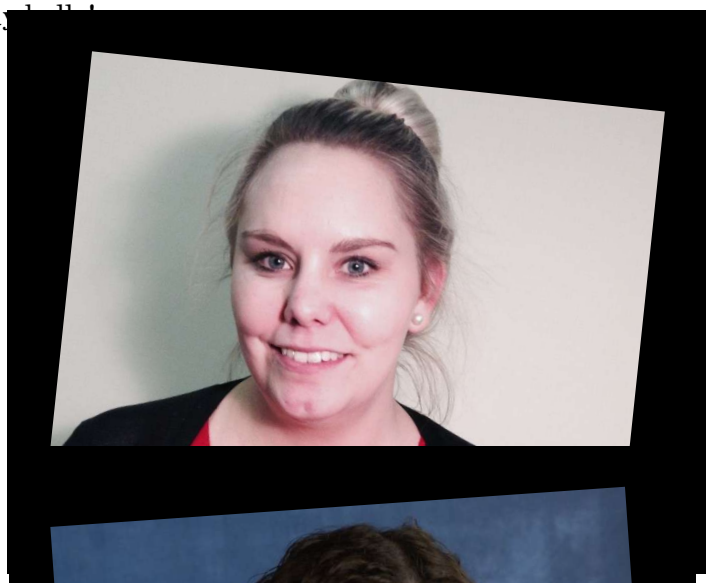
Mandeep Jawanda: Grade Two

My name is Mandeep Jawanda and I'm really excited to be teaching Grade 2 at Asasa Academy this year! I'm originally from Winnipeg and moved to Calgary two years ago. I completed my Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Manitoba. My most recent teaching experiences have been in Grade 5 and Grade 2. During my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, playing tennis and going for hikes.



Jennifer Cloke: Grade Two

Hello! I am very excited to be a part of the Asasa team. I graduated from the University of Victoria in 2008, and then moved to Calgary. I live in Silver Springs and have a wonderful son that is starting grade 10 this school year. For the last five years I have been teaching with Foundations for the Future Charter Academy and Webber Academy. I look forward to the new friendships that will be formed in the upcoming school year. Please feel free to come say hello!



Jessica Pope: Grade Three

I have always wanted to be a teacher. I enjoy helping others and explaining things. I focused on English and Psychology during my first degree from Saint Mary's University. Then I took Elementary Education at UNB and fell in love with teaching. After graduating, I flew across the world to Seoul, South Korea, where I taught for 3 years. I learned a lot about this profession and I'm eager to continue growing and learning as an educator. Welcome to Grade 3 everyone! It's going to be a wonderful year!



Breanne Britt: Grade 4/5

I am so pleased to be back at Asasa teaching Grade 4 and 5! This is my second year teaching and my second year living here in Alberta. I am originally from New Brunswick and that is where I completed my education before making the move west. I have enjoyed meeting a lot of fantastic people in this beautiful, diverse province, especially my students. I have a feeling this year is going to be



Health Matters

At Asasa Academy, we recognize the significant link between student health and learning. We strive to promote healthy eating habits and physical activity for all students. In order to support this, we encourage parents to provide a healthy snack option in student lunches. Also, please remember that student birthdays will be honoured without food.

Community Corner

Calgary Public Libraries have a wealth of resources available at no cost for children under the age of twelve. We encourage you to visit your neighbourhood branch and to take advantage of all they have to offer. In addition to borrowing books, the library hosts interesting presentations. Some of these include: a virtual field trip with a geologist to discover amazing sights in Alberta, tips on eating healthy, and where to find the best hiking spots.

Have a Voice!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved? Do you wish to meet other parents? Do you have a special talent/skill/gift to offer? Are you up for some fun?

The Parent Advisory Council is recruiting additional members. We invite you to come have some input into school policies and events at the Academy. Please email contact@asasa.ca for an application form.

Save the Date!

JK Start Class
Sep 8

The Junior Kindergartners will begin attending on this date.

Book Orders
Sep 16

Scholastic book order forms are due back.

Parent Council
Sep 18

The council will meet at 6:00pm and will select new council members.

Terry Fox Run
Sep 24

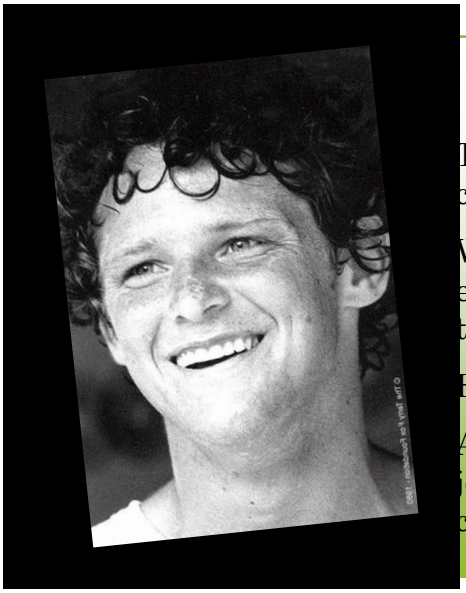
Students will be fundraising and running in support of cancer research.

Culture Day
Sep 26

Students are invited to showcase their culture by dressing in ethnic clothing.

Thanksgiving
Oct 13

The Academy will be closed for Thanksgiving.



Monthly Value: Courage

Terry Fox was 18 years old when he was diagnosed with bone cancer and had his right leg amputated in 1977.

While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

He would call his journey the *Marathon of Hope*.

Although Terry succumbed to cancer before he completed his journey, his courage has left a legacy that we honour today. You can learn more about Terry and his legacy at www.terryfox.org.