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Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer vacation. My name is Jessica Pope and I will be your principal this year. This is my sixth year working at Asasa Academy.

I'd like to welcome all returning students and new students joining us this year. We will begin the year by participating in the annual Terry Fox run and celebrating culture day.

Please contact me by email at jessica.pope@asasa.ca

I'm excited for a year of learning, growth mindset and positivity!

General Reminders

Uniforms: Please ensure your child dresses in uniform every day unless otherwise specified by the teacher. Students are not to wear jewelry to school. Please send coats, rain boots, hats ect. for the cold weather and black polishable indoor shoes as well. You may also provide gym shoes in addition to black shoes, for physical education

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.

Class Dojo: Your child's teacher will be setting up a classroom dojo account and will send you an invite. This is one of the main ways to communicate with your child's teacher and view classroom notices and photos and to learn about school-wide events. We urge you to check classroom dojo weekly.

Field Trip Volunteers: All volunteers need a NEW criminal record check processed and delivered to Ms. Stephanie each and every school year. If you plan on volunteering for any in-school or outside field trips it is required. Please get this early to ensure that it processes in time.

Registration Forms: If you have yet to return your 2019/2020 registration forms, please do so as soon as possible.

Meet our Teachers



Hello! My name is Ms. Chinonye Ekenyem. This is my second year at Asasa. I have a BA.ED in English Language Arts and Education, a post graduate certificate from the University of Calgary, and a Montessori Diploma from British Columbia. This is my 6th year of teaching ECS and Kindergarten classes in Calgary. I enjoy dancing and cooking during my spare time. I am so excited to welcome our ECS students and their families!

Hello, I'm Ms. Shakeela Akhtar. I am a returning teacher to ASASA Academy with multiple years of experience. I am thrilled to have your child in my Kindergarten class this year, and looking forward to a year of learning, fun, and adventure. I am firmly drawn to respecting students as humans and establishing a professional relationship based on mutual respect, trust and harmony. Moreover, I try to maintain a regular, meaningful, and two-way communication with parents. It assists me making them a partner in their child's academic and behavioral progress (contributes to achieving common goals). I enjoy cooking, reading, and spending time with my family.



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Hello, my name is Violetta Hildahl. I am super excited to teach Gr. 1 this year and meet all the new faces. I have a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Calgary. I am an avid traveler and enjoy visiting different places. I also like to spend time with my family and go visit the Rockies when I get the chance. My favorite pastimes are reading, cooking, and spending time with my family.



It's a pleasure to introduce myself to the Asasa School community once more. My name is Mr. Ali and I will be teaching grade 2/3 this year. I have been raised in Calgary and have called this city home for the past 20 years. I currently hold a BEd in General Elementary and a Masters in Education. Working with children has been a passion of mine for many years. In my free time I enjoy trying new restaurants, hiking and anything to do with water.

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Hi! I'm Ms. Bauer and I will be teaching the grade four, five, and six students this year. It is my second year teaching at ASASA. I love working with kids and find teaching to be a very rewarding career. I don't think I could have found something I love more and being in such a great school is a real treat! I cannot wait for the new year to begin!



Jocelyn Paynter B.A. (Music), B.Ed. Hello/Bonjour! I am excited to be joining the team at Asasa this year as the Music and French teacher. I am a certified teacher in Alberta where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Calgary (2015) and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta (2018). I have 5 years of French language experience at the secondary and post-secondary level and over a decade of experience performing and teaching music at schools and in the community. I currently sing with the Enchor Chamber Choir and enjoy tea, rollercoasters, and gardening in my spare time. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the parents and students at Asasa, thank you for having me and here's to a wonderful year!



ello, my name is Jessica Pope and I am the principal. I ave a Bachelor's of Education from UNB and a achelor of Arts focusing on Psychology and English. I ave experience teaching ESL students after working in outh Korea. This will be my sixth year at Asasa and I'm xcited for another great year!

Parent Council



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?

Asasa Academy will be electing a new parent council! We invite you to come have input into school policies and events at the Academy.

Please email jessica.pope@asasa.ca for an application form.

Save the Date !



First Day

September 3rd- Students may arrive by 8:20am and classes begin at 8:30am. :

Culture Day

September 20th: Students are encouraged to dress in cultural clothing to celebrate today.

Terry Fox Run/Fundraising

Fundraising money and forms are due Friday, Sept. 27th.

Students will be fundraising and running in support of cancer research. Please let your teacher know if you would like to volunteer for this fun event!

September 30th: Terry Fox Run.

Monthly Virtue: 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 honor today.
You can learn more about Terry and his legacy at www.terryfox.org.



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