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Fall
Welcome Back!

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Principal's Message

What a time to be alive! We are all in the same boat and we all feel a mixture of excitement and nerves. Thank you for trusting us to follow all the AHS policies and maintain safety at school. At this time, we will be providing in-class learning as well as online learning for those that choose it. Please be aware that the scenarios can change at any given time. If you have questions about contracts, fees, or tuition you may contact Rupal at rupal.chauhan@asasa.ca.

If you have questions about education and our programs please contact me 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. We ask that you label all items.

Policies: Please take a look at our school policies and school re-entry plan. They were emailed to you.

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.

Google Classroom: This is where assignments, homework and any important educational items will be posted for your children whether you are attending class in-person or online.

Drop-off and Pick-up: Please only use the side entrance and line up at a distance. Staff will greet you and follow all safety protocols.

Registration Forms/ Acknowledgement: If you have yet to return your 2020/2021 registration forms, or signed the COVID-19 acknowledgement form please do so as soon as possible.

Meet our Teachers



I am Lara Fagbemiro and I will be teaching JK/K class this year. This is my second year at Asasa Academy and I taught Junior Kindergarten last year. I am so excited to be teaching the Kindergarteners as we embark on a fun learning adventure this year. I have an Alberta Teaching Certificate from the University of Calgary and Alberta Child Care Certification (Child Development Supervisor). My passion is to develop life-long learners through creating an engaging and fun learning environment which is safe and supportive to the students. I am a Canadian citizen and originally from Nigeria, West Africa. I love biking with my family and friends during my leisure time. I am happily married to a loving husband and am blessed with three wonderful children. I am excited for the school year!



Hello! My name is Lizhen Huang. Ms. Lara and I will be your child's teacher for JKG and KG this year. This is my 2nd year teaching at Asasa and I am excited for this school year! I can't wait to get to know each and every student. It will be a year full of learning, new adventures, and memories! By providing a safe environment, children will have the opportunity to express themselves freely. I believe that as an educator, I have the opportunity to encourage and motivate all students to achieve academic success. Therefore, I like to incorporate quality instruction, classroom management, and various teaching styles in the classroom. By treating the child as a whole and ensuring the child's behavioral, mental, and basic needs are being met, we will set up a strong foundation for a child to succeed in life.

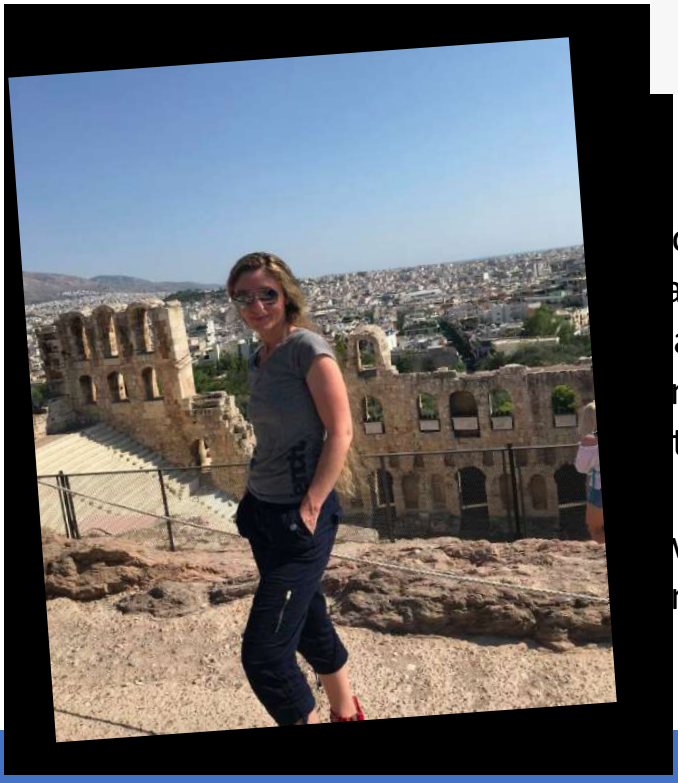


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My name is Shiv Rattu and I am this year's grade one teacher at ASASA Academy. I am in my second year of teaching. I graduated from Mount Royal university in 2019 with a Bachelor of Education degree. I live in a busy home with: my mom, dad, two brothers, uncle, grandparents, and my dog named Mylo. During my free time I enjoy drawing and painting, it's a great way to express myself and relax. I love to sketch and paint; including henna. As an educator it is my goal is to inspire and motivate my students to grow to their fullest potential. I understand the unique situation that this year will bring, to be able to touch the lives of many learners. I'm very excited to work and learn alongside my grade 1 students. I look forward to this school year.



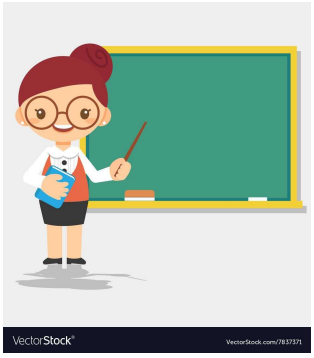


Hello, my name is Ms. Hill. I am really oking forward to teaching Gr. 2 this year. I ave a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a achelor of Arts in Education with a major n secondary English Language Arts, from the University of Calgary. I love meeting new people and traveling all over the world. In my spare time, I enjoy spending me with my family and being somewhere hot by the sea.

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My name is Aaisha Ashraf and I have the privilege of being the grade ¾ teacher this year. I have worked with Almadina Language Charter Academy, Palliser Board and MAC Islamic school. I did my masters in English Literature. I hold bachelor degree in Statistics and another in Education. I have studied advanced level courses to teach ESL learners as well. As we all know, with Covid-19, schools are rapidly changing the basic way they do their work. Here at ASASA Academy, your child is important to us. I look forward to working with you and your child.





Hello! My name Leah Bauer and this is my third year teaching at ASASA Academy. I am the grade 5/6 teacher and I thoroughly enjoy teaching upper elementary. I find working with the older kids delightfully interesting and a challenge that keeps me on my toes. I love to read, watch movies, and I am a huge Harry Potter fan. I am very happy to be back in school and I hope to have a fun, safe year.

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elyn Paynter B.A. (Music), B.Ed.
llo/Bonjour! I am excited to be back at
asa Academy as the Music and French
cher. This will be my second year of
ching and I am looking forward to growing
d learning along with the students. I am a
tified teacher in Alberta where I received
achelor of Arts in Music from the
iversity of Calgary in 2015 and a Bachelor
Education from the University of Alberta in
18. I have 5 years of experience with
nch at the secondary and post-secondary
el and over a decade of experience
rforming and teaching music at schools
and in the community. 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!



Hello, my name is Jessica Pope and I am the
rincipal. I have a Bachelor's of Education from
UNB and a Bachelor of Arts focusing on
sychology and English. I have experience
eaching ESL students after working in South
orea. This year will look slightly different but our
oals remain the same. We are here to support
ur students and help them achieve their goals!
m excited for the new challenges this year will
ring. This will be my seventh year at Asasa and
Let's all stay safe and healthy!

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 !

Labor Day Holiday

No Classes.



Culture Day

September 18th:
Students are encouraged to dress in cultural clothing to celebrate today. We will not be sharing food this year due to safety measures.

Terry Fox Run/Fundraising

We will only be accepting ONLINE donations this year. NO CASH.
Students will be fundraising and running in support of cancer research. It is also the 40th year anniversary! We will not require volunteers this year.
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. This is the 40th anniversary year! Let's make it bigger than ever! Please follow this link to donate directly to our school.
https://secure.terryfox.ca/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=917146



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