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Our Class Newsletter

Welcome to 7-3's first edition of our class newsletter! In this newsletter you can read about many of the special events and activities that are happening in our school community. Students select their topics after we brainstorm as a class what has happened in the

school, or exciting events that are coming up in the school. Each student contributes an article, as part of their ELA curriculum mark. The Maskus Star will be distributed to parents of students in 7-3, an issue will be printed for the other

grade 7 classes, as well as a copy for the office.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the exciting things happening in 7-3 and all the things happening at Acadia!

- Ms. Maskus
(November Editor)

Student Spotlight: Temilo O!

The student of the month for the month of October is TEMILO.O . she was born January 6 2007, she loves reading a lot she reads mostly graphic novels.

Student Spotlight: Temi O!

A brief interview with the student of the Month:

Me: How does it feel to be the student of the Month?

TEMI: It feels great to be student of the month.

ME: When are you at your best?

TEMI: I am at my best everytime.



7-3's Morning Routine by Evelyn T

In 7-3 there is a Morning Meeting every first period of the day that we have Ms. Maskus. We do these meetings to better understand each other's thoughts and opinions.

These morning meetings are run by our teacher Ms. Maskus. In these meetings we start by moving all of the desks to the side of the room, after that we form a circle with the chairs and

take a seat.

When we are all quiet we greet the people next to us, or we get up and greet the people with the same pet, favourite colour, colour of clothing, month of birth, or anything really! When we are done greeting we either choose a topic to talk about or we talk about an interesting article that Ms. Maskus may post on Edmodo.

We each take turns talking by passing around a talking stick of items that we brought from home. As soon as we are done sharing we move on to an activity/game to play. These games are like: four corners, Mafia, and a big wind blows, when the Period is almost over we set the room back up and start our next class.

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Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Maskus - By Pragya S.

Our teacher for the 2019-2020 school year at Acadia Junior High is Ms. Maskus. She has been teaching for seven years, two of which she thought

in China. The reasons Ms. Maskus became a teacher are because she always found herself doing things like coaching and it really felt like a good fit. Things she enjoys doing in her free

time include playing and coaching sports, volleyball, curling, baseball, golf, gym, swimming, reading, painting, playing with her nieces, drawing, and traveling the world.

Terry Fox Run at Acadia by Ms. Maskus

Every year, schools all over the world raise money as part of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope.

As a former ex-pat, I have had the privilege of organizing Terry Fox Runs in the other countries where I have lived. This includes as part of a military operation in the United Arab Emirates, and in Beijing China at Tsinghua International School.

Organizing these events taught me the importance of Terry Fox's dream, and also in the idea that one person can inspire others to do great things.

Each year, I challenge my class to raise money for Terry Fox. They select incentives that will help motivate their fundraising, and I attach a dollar value to each incentive.

This year 7-3 raised over \$150.00, the second highest class in the school! We will celebrate our fundraising with a free period in the computer lab, an outdoor activity period, and a holiday pizza party before winter break!

Terry Fox 7-3 Donations - By Eashaar



One day, a young 18 year old was diagnosed with Cancer. This young boy was named Terry Fox. His life turned into a

tragedy. After a week, this boy was wondering if he will ever be able to run again? He also thought that "I can't believe that I am actually diagnosed with Cancer?" After a week he thought how he could help other children survive without any money. Later in April 1980 he started his Marathon of Hope. His goal was every Canadian to donate 1 dollar to charity, but like every human his Journey ended in 1981.

Terry Fox is a hero, so Acadia Junior high wanted to raise money for cancer. 7-3 heard this news and replied with we want to take action so 7-3 raised 188 dollars after a while Mr. Mathewson and his class wanted to also take part of the action. 7-3 and Mr. Mathewson were head to head to raise the most money for cancer research, but unfortunately Mr. Mathewson's class won.

"Terry was a hero, so Acadia Junior High wanted to raise money for Cancer"

Global Read A-Loud:

7-3, along with classes all over the globe, will be reading the heart wrenching book *The Bridge Home* from October to the beginning of December.

GRA (Global Read Aloud) happens every fall in countries all over the world. The purpose is to connect our students globally with the shared experience



The Bridge Home

of reading the same book. This year's book follows Viji, a young Indian girl and her sister Rukku. The girls escape from an abusive household to live on the streets of Chennai India.

The girls struggle to stay alive, have dreams and thrive in a world where every odd is

stacked against them. It is a reminder of how lucky we all are, and that our obligation to help is not limited by our distance, but increased because we are all human.

If you are looking for a great story, with many life lessons and global issues that will have you starting up conversations with others, than this is a book for you!

Electronics - By Jeff L

Mr. Nardella teaches electronics. Electronics happens every day 4 for the first 3 periods. You need to know how

to fix things. If you break down in the middle of nowhere, you gotta know how to fix your problem yourself.

It's important to sit there and listen to your teacher so that you know what you're doing, so you can get a good job like an electrician or mechanic.

Choir - Himiksha G.

Choir basically means singing and Mr. Thomas runs this program in room 104 on Day2, Day4, and Day6 at 12 pm. He teaches how to stand and which part you must sing and where you must stand. Choir is also known as music, but as we all know listening to music can help us cope with the stress of life.

But singing is also beneficial to our stress levels. Choir is scientifically proven to have the same positive effects on your well-being as yoga. And choir is fun because you can meet new people from all different cultures. Choir is also known as singing in team and performing together as a group. When in

choir you need to wear black, white, blue, red, and purple colors but if you are like in Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra the music teacher will give you the T-Shirt but you have to pay but then you get to keep it. Also, you can visit new places. While you're in choir. have the right to be heard!

Debate Club - Arya G.

Debate Club is a club where you argue about formal topics that are given to you by teachers. It teaches young

students how to build and support topics that you disagree on but can still support it and argue about it. The De-

bate Club is run by Mrs. King and Mr. Thorlakson. You also get to compete with other schools and debate about topics given to you.

Reading Buddies

7-3 will be participating in reading buddies with Dalhousie School. Reading buddies is a chance for our students to demonstrate leadership, and develop community with one of the schools that reads into Acadia.

In addition to being ambassadors of Acadia, the grade 7's

will be modelling good reading habits and strategies to their grade 4 buddies.

We will also be writing and illustrating original stories for our buddies as part of our end of year assessment.

Our first trip to Dalhousie was on Nov 4th. We met our part-

ners and played a game of big Wind Blows, as a way to get to know each other.

It was a very fun afternoon, and we look forward to our next visit in early December.

- Ms. Maskus

Movie Study - By Ms. Maskus

7-3 will begin our first Movie Study starting in December (Once our work with The Bridge Home is completed)

The movie we will be reviewing is Disney's Inside Out. Many Students have already seen this heart warming perspective of the emotions inside all of us, and how complicated life can get, and the difficulties with man-

aging these emotions, and growing up.

We will be discussing emotions, appropriate responses and strategies, and consequences of reacting to situations too quickly. We will also be continuing our learning about plot, characters, theme and story elements through this movie. It is sure to be a hit with the stu-

dents,, for it's valuable themes, and easy to understand message.



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Sewing Club —Amara S.T

Sewing club is on Day's 1,3 and 6 in room 204. Right now, we are making hand warmers. They are made with felt and filled with rice. They are being sewn

on a sewing machine. It's like a bean bag but smaller and when it's put in a microwave for 1 minute, it holds in the heat. You put it in your pockets and it

warms your hands. There will be many projects in sewing club. Talk to Ms. Pawlyk for more information.

Robotics Club - Elijah B

Who: Mr. Thorlackson
What: Robotics and Coding Club
Where: Lab A with Mr. Thorlackson
When: Monday's at 11:40 am - 12:40 pm, and Tuesday's at 3:30 pm-4:30 pm
Why: To learn how to

code, build robots and to have fun! More Information: Students have ordered their robots and already begun to build them.

This year will be the 25th year of the robotics club at Acadia. Last year we won a first place trophy at the 24th Annual Robotics Games in the Mini Autonomous category. It was the second time in 10 years that the club has won a trophy. This year we hope to take home another trophy with our robots.

Funds for Rose —By Danieka M

Acadia ambassadors are trying to raise money for a kenyan student. It's called the 'Rose Project'. Rose is a young girl who achieved high grades in school. Rose's parents could not afford for rose to go to school. Since her parents

could not afford it, her father was going to marry her off like her two older sisters. This year Acadia is doing a series of fundraisers. Now on Tuesday November 14, 2019 they will be selling booster juice for \$5.00 a smoothie. The reason

why Acadia is raising money for Rose is to get her a scholarship for her to go to school. So Acadia is in partnership with PA-MOJA, a North American Charitable Organization that helps kenyan students go to school. This is why Acadia is doing fundraisers

"A marsh is very similar to a swamp"

Oak Hammock Marsh Trip —By Sina K.

The Acadia Oak hammock marsh is a field trip for the grade 7's. This event took place on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. What is a marsh? You may ask, a marsh is very similar to a swamp. At the marsh the grade 7's got to see plant and

water samples they also learned about invertebrates and vertebrates as well as some indigenous activities such as, tug of war, and trying to kick a ball that's hanging from a stick. They also learned how to find out what footprint goes with what

animal, such as a fox's footprint is the size of a tiny circle on your palm, a coyote's is the size of your palm and a wolf's is the size of your hand. They also learned about different types of bugs and what they do. The last thing they did at the marsh was go on a marsh walk.

Indoor Track—By Omar S.

Hi, my name is Omar Usman Siddique and I'm going to tell you about track. Track is in January February and March. It is at the Max Bell Centre at the U of M. We go with the grade 8's, 9's and some teachers like, Mrs.Scantlebury. In my opinion I would say we do it to see which school is most athletic in Pembina Trails School Division also to get people into exercising and the biggest thing is to have fun with friends and family. . If you do go you get to do some activities like shot put, shuttle relay, high jump, long jump, etc. An important fact is that anyone and everyone can come to watch you run. So, invite your friends, family, grandparents, old teachers, etc. So, if you go call everyone to cheer you on and watch you win.

Grade 7 Girls Volleyball—By Tori C.

On Saturday October 19th at Sargent Park School the grade 7 girls volleyball Diggers team from Acadia played in a tournament there. The girls have 13 girls on the team and an amazing coach

Mr. Tat. The first game started their first game at 9:00 am and the very last game went to 7:00pm. Acadia played 7 different grade 7 teams from 7 different schools. In the tournament there was 2 sides, an A side, and a B side. Each game had 2 or 3 sets in one game. Acadia went all the way to the finals but lost the very last game against a school named Holy Ghosts. The girls got second place in the whole tournament. The first set they lost 25-14, then the

second set Acadia won 26-24, but lost in a 3rd set 16-14, but that is the lowest score they could have lost by. In conclusion, the girls had so much fun and we are so proud of them.



The Grade 7 Girls Diggers team takes 2nd place at the Sargent Park Tournament



Grade 7 Boys Volleyball - by Brett D

The boys Volleyball team is split into two teams. One is called the A team. The A team is a team that knows how to play the game. The B team is just starting

to know the game and play it. The A team plays with the grade 8s from other schools, so they can get better, so they can play competitive in grade 8.

Cross Country—By Sienna B

In September and October Acadia took part in four cross country meets. The meets took place at La Barriere Park and were 2.5 km long. Girls and boys from grades 7, 8, and 9 all took part as well as Ms. Scantlebury. Ilsa and

Omar were the only grade 7s that took part in the meets. Ilsa placed 2nd in all of them, and Omar placed 15th. Cross country is a good source of exercise and keeps you fit, it also gives you lots of fresh air.



Fun fact: Cross Country became a sport in the early 1800's.

School Musical—Dani R

The schools production this year is... Beauty and The Beast! The teachers running the show are Mrs. Scobie and Ms. Richie.

The auditions were from the 7-16th of October in room 205 after school. For the auditions you needed to memorize the lines of your character, sing

a song, and perform a dance. Auditions then continued the 22nd of October for a group dance audition that everyone who tried out had to go to. We rehearsed a dance and then performed for the teachers. After that they preceded to announce call backs for the best fitting roles. The call backs are a

little different. This time you don't pick a song, they arrange one for you based on the role. Call backs are on the 6th of November. 7-3 has two students that auditioned for the play. Break a leg, Dani and Victoria!

We are so excited for the play!



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Band Mentorship/Afterschool-April P.

The teacher's who are running mentorship are Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Thomas. The students that are involved are the grade 7 students in band and the FRC students help with mentorship. What mentorship is band after school from 3:45pm to 4:15pm.

The location the grade 7 meet for mentorship is in the band room.

Mentorship is 10% of your grade and it helps you learn more notes/music. Mentorship happens twice a month.

Orange Shirt Day— Darius S.



Orange shirt day was held on September 30th this

year. It is a day to honour the survivors of residential schools. Orange shirts are worn because it

was the colour of the shirt a child was given to wear on their first day at a residential school in Williams Lake BC.

School Canteen—Taiwo O



The canteen can be im-

Chicken Caesar Salad is part of the canteen menu. portant in different ways like supporting students in development and learning. Did you know that the supervisor of the canteen is Ms. Sampson? And all the money from the canteen goes into the athletic banquet and Sports

Council? Did you know the canteen first started in 1994 so that means it started 25 years ago, isn't that fascinating? If you want to volunteer I advise you to listen to the announcements to know when next you can participate.

“ All the money from canteen goes towards the Athletic Banquet and the Sports Council”

Remembrance Day —Jacob W

Remembrance Day is a day where we remember the people that have fought in the war, and we wear poppies to thank the soldiers that fought in the war.

Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day but after the Second World War, the British and Australian government changed it to Remem-

brance Day.

Remembrance Day takes place on Monday, November 11th, but Acadia will have the ceremony on October 8th this year.

Thanksgiving-Harrison P.

Thanksgiving is a day where we celebrate the harvest and give thanks to the people who made the food. It was created on November 6th 1879. I did a survey on how many people celebrated it and 21 out of 33 people did celebrate

it. The typical meal people have on Thanksgiving consists of pumpkin pie, turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy. On the other hand, in the United States Thanksgiving is on November 28th this year. The thing

that is special about American Thanksgiving is that after it there is a holiday called Black Friday where tons of stores have huge sales!



Happy Thanksgiving 7-3!



Pumpkin Pie is a tasty Fall treat

Dressing up, Bags of Boo and Activity Night are all part of Halloween celebrations at Acadia!

Recipe of the Month-Kara C.

This month's recipe is Pumpkin pie. Pumpkin pie is mostly eaten in the fall because pumpkin is a commonly used spice at this time. It goes with the holiday of Halloween and thanksgiving. Pumpkin pie

is an easy recipe if you know where to get all the ingredients. Pumpkin pie is a delicious treat for everyone.

FUN FACT: Did you know that 18 out of out of 25 students in 7-3 love pumpkin pie!

15 Ounces Canned Pumpkin
1 Cup Heavy Cream
1/2 cup whole milk
2 large eggs
3/4 cup of light brown sugar packed
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground ginger
1 pinch of ground clove
1/4 tsp of salt

Halloween at Acadia —Emma Y

It's finally October, and you know what that means. The spookiest night of the year, Halloween, is coming! On October 31st, Acadia Junior High, the community, and people all around the globe are celebrating this special event. Right here in Acadia we're doing activity night on October 24th, (see page 9) and Bags of Boo. You may also dress up in fun costumes if you want.

Bags of Boo is where you can do something nice and buy a bag of candy for friends, teachers, or even a random student. There are three different you can buy. The \$0.50 bag, the \$1 bag, and the \$1.50 bag. The \$1 bag is guaranteed to be gluten free. All you have to do is put the person's names and homeroom on the form. The forms are in the gym in Ms. Sampson's office. The bags will be delivered on October 31st, and the orders

are due on October 25th. The events around the community include trick or treating, handing out candy, and dressing up in costumes. Did you know that jack o lanterns were once made of beets, potatoes, and turnips? And Halloween is also known as All Hallow's Eve, Witches Night, Lanswool, Snap-Apple Night, And Summer's End. So have a wonderful Halloween and have fun, whether you celebrate it or not.

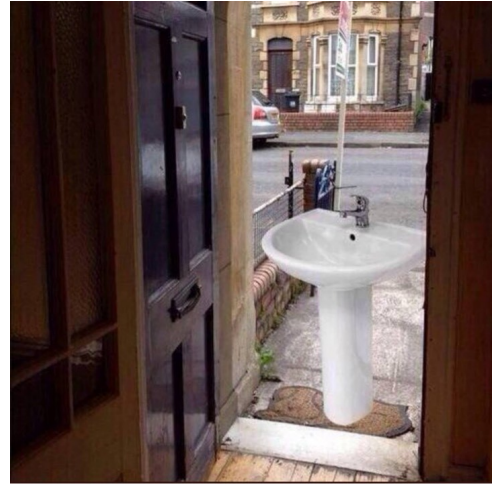
NBA Season Predictions —George K.

George here and these are the NBA season predictions. This year NBA season prediction for the playoffs and the teams that might play in the NBA finals. So, far since the NBA has started the Los Angeles Lakers have been winning most of their games and the best duo Anthony Davis and LeBron James have been dominating the game of basketball. Los Angeles Lakers have a better look of going to the finals. The team of Los Angeles Clippers because they have a very descent defensive overall and a dominant offensive end. The last but not team that I think will make the NBA finals is the Brooklyn Nets because Kyrie Irving and DeAndre Jordan have a quick give and go, and DeAndre Jordan is flashy with his Alley-oops. The lesson learned is that Kyrie will be the future of the sport of Basketball

Activity Night —Shivaali P.

Acadia Ambassadors hosted a Halloween themed Activity Night on Thursday October 24th. It happened throughout the school. The admission price was \$5. The canteen was open they served pizza, pop, chips and other sugary sweets. The money raised throughout the night will go to our Kenyan student Rose.

The included fun activities like dance dance revolution (DDR), videogames, photo booth, board games and there was a DJ in the gym. And a costume contest because it was Halloween themed. There were spooky decorations on the lockers. It sadly had to end at 9:30.



When you step on a lego and it doesn't hurt

Diversions (Memes by Harrison P.)

Typhoon Hagibis Shahyaan J

There was a typhoon that hit Japan. It destroyed a lot. The worst storm in 60 years. It dropped 25 inches of rain. The government compared it to other natural disasters that took place in Japan. It may take up to years to clean up the disposal.



Global Climate Strike by Tis W

The Global Climate Strike that was organized by Ms. Hagman was a great opportunity to raise global awareness of what is happening to our dear Mother Earth. The Global Climate Strike happened on Friday September 27th 2019. A very special thanks goes to Ms. Hagman for making this strike happen at AJH.

Some of the students of Acadia also made posters for people that were passing by to see. Most of the students at Acadia also agree and think good of the Global Climate Strike because they also want people to know of what happened to the Amazon Rainforest.