

A New School Year

Welcome Back

Welcome to another school year at Almadina Language Charter Academy, Middle School

Back to School!



Campus. It is hard to believe that another school year has begun! We have some new staff members we would like to welcome this year: Melissa

Marjerrison (Grades 7 & 8 English Language Arts), Tina Grus (Phys Ed, Health and French), Lucinda Kulawik (Library Technician) and Shirina Qureshi (middle school E.A.).

The success of our students in our school is due in no small part to the commitment of our parents. We thank you for your continuous help and involvement with your child's education. Moreover, our staff works collaboratively to ensure our students receive the best educational practices and opportunities for success. Together with our parents' commitment to the school and our staff's professionalism and skills, we create a

safe and engaged learning environment for our students.

Ms. Raja,
Principal

Upcoming Events

The Almadina Language Charter Academy and Transitions: Wellness Empowerment Program will be holding a Family Fun Day at the Mountain View Campus on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 11am - 1pm. All parents and students are invited to attend. There will be food, sports,

games, a resource fair, parent sessions and door prizes! If you have any questions, please contact either 403-543-5070 or 403-543-5074.

Terry Fox Celebration
Students are encouraged to donate a toonie for the Terry Fox Foundation. We will be holding an assembly on Wednesday,

September 28, 2011 during periods 5 & 6 where we will be learning more about Terry Fox's life and his legacy.

Special points of interest:

- > Events
- > What's new in the school
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- > An Award short list for Grade 3 and 6 from the Fraser Institute

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Homework

Agendas!



Your child's agenda has all the school's important information such as schedules, calendars, virtues and policies and procedures. It is also a great means of communication between teachers and parents. Parents can know what their child is responsible for and when, and can communicate with teachers so that our students remain on task.

Please check your child's agenda to ensure homework is completed.

“There is an uncompromising commitment to achieve the best for every individual”

OFSTED Report 2011

An Award from the Fraser Institute

Almadina Language Charter Academy is one of thirty schools in Alberta short-listed for an Award for Excellence in Education for Grade 3 and Grade 6. The award is given to the school that has shown

improvement in academics, improvement in Academics (recognizes the school's overall rating for the fastest and most consistent improvement over the last five years); excellence in Language Arts (recognizes the school's success in acquisition of reading

and writing skills); and excellence in Science (recognizes the school's success in acquisition of skills and knowledge). We are proud of our students' accomplishments and our teachers' commitment and dedication towards ongoing success! Please read attached letter on page 5

Phys Ed Update



Volleyball regular season began on September 20, 2011. The first volleyball tournament was held at our school last Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17, 2011. It was a huge success! Everyone played well and showed good sportsmanship. The boys came in third place winning the bronze medal. The girls played at

Ecole De LaRose Sauvage and came in fourth. Excellent work teams and you did a great job representing our school! We are proud of you!

October 6, 2011— will begin the Cross country run. Get ready!

Elections

Elections for a new Board of Directors for the Almadina School Society will be held on Sunday, November 27, 2011 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Almadina Language Charter Academy Franklin Campus gymnasium (225 - 28th Street S. E.). Seven Directors will be elected to serve a three-year term.

The following notice sets forth the nomination and election procedures. We hope many of

you will put your name forward to run for a position on the Board, and that all parents will take advantage of their opportunity to vote.

All Active Members have a right to vote. An Active Member shall be a voting member and shall mean parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of registered students.

For more information, please check the website at www.esl-almadina.com

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Important Dates

Saturday, September 24, 2011
- Family Fun Day

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 - Terry Fox Run and Celebration Assembly

September 29 & 30 2011 - Testing Days, No School - Students will come in by appointment to be tested for reading.

October 7, 2011 - Picture Day



Don't forget picture day—
October 7, 2011

Parents Can Use the School Website

Parents, did you know that the school website has a section dedicated for parents only called "Parents"? In this section, you will find important information such as the Almadina Parent Handbook, bus information, and curriculum resources, such as Curriculum Handbooks and Curriculum Summaries. There is also a Curriculum Express document for ECS to Grade 3 students available written specifically for parents whose first language is not English. Teacher long range plans and educational websites can also be found here.

Students have a secured section of the website where they can log in to access teacher recommended websites for Math, Reading, Spelling and Science support. Teacher classroom website links can also be found here for a quick reference. Please ask your child for the username and password to access this part of the website.

Lastly, why wait for the next newsletter to arrive? Find out what is happening at the different campuses by visiting the "Campuses" section. While on the website, don't forget to check the "What's New?" page for all the latest events at Almadina. Under "Contacts", you can quickly look up the school bus number when needed.

Thanks for visiting the website!