

Board Newsletter

September

2013

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Teach me and I will remember.
Involve me and I will learn.



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Message from the Chair

I want to welcome everyone and hope you had a great summer!

Now that the children are back in school our focus changes and our routine goes back to normal.

As a Board we will have a very busy year. On September 21st, we begin our strategic planning session. We anticipate our school evaluation will begin in October. We will be reviewing results and the three year education plan in November. Our annual financial audit will take place this fall.

We will be working in collaboration with the School Council on various joint initiatives. We expect some remarkable results from these joint efforts. I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended our AGM in May.

We have had extremely good news recently. The C.D. Howe Institute did an independent review of Alberta schools. They scrutinized three years of data and included social and economic factors that influenced school performance. This report named the top twelve performing schools in Alberta. **Almadina made the top twelve list!** Please review the report and the Calgary Herald article on our web site.

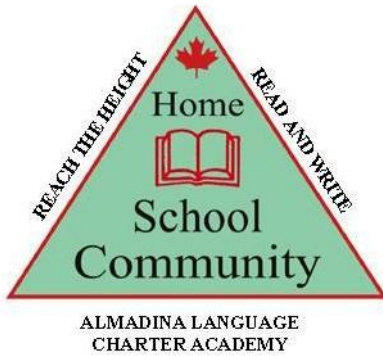
These result happened because we are united for the children of Almadina. Each and every one of us are very fortunate to be a part of Almadina Language Charter Academy. We should show our appreciation, I want to take a moment to express appreciation on behalf of the Board. First, I want to thank our outstanding board office staff made up of Yvonne DePeel, Superintendent; Suzanne Bedard, Secretary Treasurer and Wanda Hayes, Executive Secretary. Thank you to our school site administrators; Jamal Elrafih, Principal, Ogden campus; and Rumana Haque, Principal, Mountain View Campus and welcome and thank you to our new Vice Principal, Lina Elchamaa. It is because of strong leadership we are achieving great things at Almadina. I would also like to congratulate our outstanding teachers, it is because of you, our children want to go to school every day and are achieving to the best of their ability. Welcome to all new teachers and support staff joining us for the 2013/2014 school year. A huge thank you to our dedicated team of support staff. As a team, we have a lot to accomplish, but will be able to, with ease, if we work together.

We are very proud to work for the Almadina community and will endeavor to do our very best as a governance board.

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Haytham Ghouriri

Board Chair



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We are thankful.....

- Thank you to Sajjad Hussain, Director, who arranged a very large donation of paper to our Ogden Campus! Well Done!
- Thank you to the Technology team for their recommendations to upgrade the technology at both campuses. The technology upgrades will benefit our students and staff this year.

Board Sponsored BBQ

Date: Sept. 28, 2013
Location: Ogden School Campus
1919 76th Ave SE
COME OUT AND MEET THE STAFF,
OTHER PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Almadina Gives Back

A strong group of committed volunteers from Almadina, delivered food donations to the less fortunate affected by the flood. At Almadina, we give back.

Welcome

Welcome to all new staff beginning the 2013/2014 school year at Almadina

Almadina Pride

C.D.Howe Institute

names Almadina one of the top twelve schools in Alberta.

Check out the following links

http://www.cdhowe.org/pdf/e-brief_164.pdf

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Social+economic+factors+guide+latest+school+rankings/8817794/story.html>

Quote

Cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there.

Virginia Burden