



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

Dear parents,

Helping children do better at school starts with the parents; thus, we urge you to support your children and encourage them to do their homework, for homework benefits your child in many ways.

1. Homework strengthens the learning.
2. Homework helps your children learn to budget their time.
3. Homework teaches good study and work habits and helps students develop self-reliance.
4. Homework serves as a catch-up procedure for students who have fallen behind.
5. Homework helps teachers identify weak-

nesses that can then be addressed in class-room activities.

6. Homework strengthens the ties between home and school, informing parents about what their children are studying and allowing parents to help.

In order to encourage your child to do his or her homework on a daily basis, you need to agree on a set time for homework. This routine will help create security and will reinforce the idea that homework is more important than other activities.

You need to provide an appropriate place to do

homework. This should be a comfortable workspace that is free of distraction.

Provide encouragement and assistance to your child, but be careful not to do the assignment yourself.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school. Please remember to take your child to the library to get help with homework.

Principal Jamal El Rafih



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## We Scare Hunger

Staff and students at Almadina are in the process of scaring something away, it's hunger. Throughout the month of October, We Club has organized the "WE Scare Hunger" campaign. Both

campuses are doing their part by bringing in non-perishable food items for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank. This is the fifth year that Almadina has been participating in this campaign and we are happy to help such a won-

derful organization. We will be collecting non-perishable food items until November 2nd.

Thank you, Almadina for showing your generosity.

By Ms. Forster

### Important Dates:

- November 13 – No School
- Parent/Teacher Interviews – November 23rd, 24th.
- November 24th – No School

## Boys' Volleyball



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**“Book fairs play a great role in encouraging the reading habits among people of all age groups.”**

The Calgary Athletic Alternative Association league games have started quickly with both Cross Country and Volleyball seasons starting in September. During our final Cross Country run, we displayed great sportsmanship and managed to place in several runs. Abdulhameed Daoud placed 3rd, Hamzah and Elbara Bondok placed 4th, Wasiq Khan placed 5th, and Esha Raja placed 10th.

Our boys and girls' volleyball season have began in full swing and our teams have shown a lot of growth since their first game. The girls team has been able to really display their skills with a lot of wins and close games. The boys team has shown a lot of improvement and have had a chance to make some noise in the playoffs. The season will end on November 8th.

Basketball and Wrestling seasons begin in mid January.

By Mr. Elladen

## Book Fair

Books are our best friends. Moreover, book fairs play a great role in encouraging the reading habits among people of all age groups. Book fairs give children motivation to read by offering them a wide selection of books to choose from that they can look at before they decide to buy. Almadina is going to be hosting a book fair from November

20th to November 24, 2017 at the Ogden Campus in the library. This is where publications of those authors will be displayed who keep themselves abreast of the importance of constantly changing times and their modifying influence on readers, especially children and youngsters.

We encourage you to stop

by and check out the Book Fair!

## School Uniforms

We would like to remind you about the importance of following the Uniform Policy. The purpose of the uniform is to provide appropriate dress for students throughout the school. All students are expected to feel pride in being members of ALCA and adhering to our uniform requirements is of utmost importance. All

students are required to be in uniform for each day of the school year (unless otherwise communicated to you in writing).

Furthermore, hoodies, jackets and sweat pants are not permitted and should not be worn to class.

We would like to remind you that pants must be

black, not black jeans and the white shirt should be collared.

Let's work together to show our pride and respect in our school!

## Students Copy Citizen Votes

On October 13, 2017, all the students in Almadina were given a chance to vote in the civic election. The vote did not count in the real election but it gave the experience of how to vote.

Students voted for their Mayor, the Councilors in ward 8 & 9, and the grade 6s voted also for a Public School Trustee.

Students watched videos of the candidates. The students looked at their

appearance, how confident they seemed, what was important and how it benefited their ward. Some students were surprised when they found out that some candidates did not appear to be as professional as they thought but were very forward thinking about their plans.

In one of the researched videos, a new Canadian who had an unusual background, shared amazing ideas as he

wanted to be elected. The grade 6 students looked for candidates that knew how to deal with challenges, knew what was currently needed, and could see the potential future. They also looked for someone with the same experience as themselves.

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most students voted much like the real election. The grade 6 students voted for a different School Trustee and Councilor, but all students in a majority vote agreed who should be Mayor, Naheed Nenshi. It is a good idea to learn how to vote because voting is a Canadian right and privilege. It is part of our democratic right.

"We are trying to show our students that they can be an active citizen and have a voice," said Ms. Grant-Suttie the Social 6 teacher.

If students don't learn how to vote, the person who is elected in the future will effect students' (and Calgary's) future too.

With all the research done, some students felt relieved when they cast their ballot. This reporter is looking forward to the next election because now it will be much easier to decide and then vote.

By Badr Deeab

## Hate Hurts

On October 25, 2017 Elizabeth Lee, from the Calgary Police Service came and gave a presentation to the grade nine students on a program called Hate Hurts. It was an eye opening session regarding diverse individuals and groups and how we could refrain from showing intolerance and lack of respect and ac-

ceptance simply by acknowledge each individual's diverse needs and backgrounds and learning to respect them. The overall message: Don't discriminate people based on their differences!

By The Newsletter Committee



## Uniform- Does Anyone Else Do It?

As a teacher I look forward to seeing bright faces in tidy, clean, uniforms ready to work. I understand that all young people want to express their individuality, but there is a time and place for that. Just as I wouldn't wear my hipster ripped pants to a wedding, I would bow to the conventions expected and wear my best outfit. One past teacher told me that when she was a student, if she showed up in a uniform with a dirty white shirt she was sent home immediately, no questions, no second chance, out.

So who else wears a uniform or adheres to a dress code and what happens if they break the rules? A couple of years ago, one of my students was rising in the soccer world. He told me that if he did not show up in a clean full uniform, even if he was the top scoring player, he would not be allowed to play. He had to sit on the sidelines. The whole team suffered.

I heard a story about hockey players having to wear a suit and tie to every game. Apparently, it is written into their contract. It reads, "Players are required to

wear jackets, ties and dress pants to all Club games and while traveling to and from such games unless otherwise specified by the Head Coach or General Manager." I spoke to an eye witness at one of their practices who said one player did not wear a suit and tie to a game and that player had to do 100 push ups and then leave and return in his suit and tie, having then missed half the practice and the team was pretty growly.

Even adults have to make sure they dress respectfully. Lawyers have been asked to leave the courtroom due to poor clothing choices, and subsequently delayed their case and then placed their clients in sticky situations.

Ms. Grant-Suttie, who once worked for Alberta Legal Archives, assisted a judge by reciting an old law for the judge's benefit which prohibited lawyers from entering the courtroom in any clothing which the judge deemed unfitting of the profession. The lawyer was wearing a day glow vacation shirt. The judge felt disrespected, and he was kicked out of court for 24 hours.

Ms. Grant-Suttie witnessed

a student being kicked out of a university exam, once, because he wore a brightly coloured Hawaiian shirt. The professor said it was distracting and gave the fellow five minutes to change or forfeit his opportunity to finish the course. Yikes!

If we have the opportunity to show solidarity, respect, and display a professional image regarding our school, it is all the more advantageous. When you put on those clean black dress pants, you begin to feel a little more elevated in spirit compared to the regular sweat pants (or your faded grey pants) you might normally wear on weekends. When that crisp white shirt is snapped into place, you feel like you are a professional, and you are, you are a professional student. Take pride in your Almadina uniform, keep it clean, keep the shirt white and the pants black, and the vest in good condition. Show us all you want to be part of our team!

By Ms. Grant-Suttie

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