

## A Note From Srimi

**Hello students!** It will soon be the end of another calendar year at ALCC and I thought I would share a few notes on things that I hope will interest all of you. Firstly, I would like to thank all of the students who work hard at their studies and contribute so much to our school. Without you, there would be no ALCC. Secondly, I would encourage all students to look forward to the year 2012 and make good plans for your future. Keep in mind that every term we have a list of activities arranged for you. This is to help you study English in another way and show you many different parts of Canadian culture. **PARTICIPATE!**

For the rest of this term, we have arranged for a volunteer to come in at lunch time for extra conversation classes. This is a new program and I hope that it is useful for you. Remember that I am here to help you get through your

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studies and also support you outside of school too.

The holiday time can also be a quiet or lonely time. Make plans to do things over the holidays. For those going home, please try and keep up with a little bit of your English studies. For those who are staying in Canada; take part in different holiday events. Find things to do and keep busy outside of the home. Look to the notice boards for events and activities that will be available over the holidays in and around Halifax. Finally, thank you for choosing to come to ALCC.

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## School Activities



*ALCC Halloween Social written by Sultan, Fahhad, and Othman (Level 4)*

On October 28th, we had a Halloween party at ALCC. It was a good opportunity for international students to learn more about Halloween. The students and teachers worked together to carve pumpkins. The pumpkins had many funny faces. Some students and teachers dressed up. For example, there was a ghost, Bert from Sesame Street, and two airline stewardesses. Everyone took many pictures, had a lot of fun, and had snacks and drinks. It was a great chance for the ALCC family to celebrate a Halloween party together.

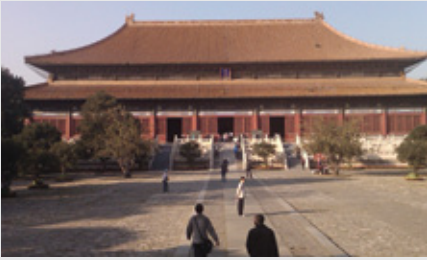


## Bowling on Friday!!

We will be going bowling at Fairlanes **at Halifax Shopping Centre on Friday, December 2nd**. Bring your cameras and enthusiasm as we take part in one of Canada's favourite pastimes!



## Ken's Trip to China



For anyone who may not know, I spent the first half of October in China. Officially, I was sent over to attend the China Education Expo in Beijing, but since that was only a two-day event, I had a lot of time to sightsee. I was able to walk on a section of the Great Wall of China, visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City and take an elevator to the top floor of the tallest building in Shanghai, among other things.

The day I arrived was also the first day of China's Golden Week, an extended national holiday where most workers and students have a full seven days off. As a result, the city of Beijing was more crowded than usual, with tourist attractions being especially popular.

I spent my first week in Beijing, and then took a five-hour high-speed train ride to Shanghai. Over there, I met up with Sandy and got my first taste of hotel living after having stayed with Haiyan's brother Eric while in Beijing. I couldn't find any major differences between the two cities except to say that Shanghai was a lot warmer and had more expensive taxi fares.

After three full days in Shanghai, Sandy and I returned to Beijing in order to attend the Education Expo.

Along with Mina, a representative from ALCC's partner school in Victoria, Stewart College of Languages, we manned a booth at the Expo and spoke to many potential students and their parents. To be fair, Sandy did a lot more speaking than Mina and me, since we aren't capable of speaking Chinese and most of the people attending the Expo didn't know much English.

I flew home the day after the Expo. Having never travelled internationally before, I was grateful for the chance to see another part of the world, and to visit a place where many of ALCC's students come from. I'm not sure that I would want to live in China, especially as a foreigner, but it was a very good experience to visit the country.



## School Activities

### MOOSEHEADS HOCKEY GAME

On Friday, November 4th, a group of teachers, students, and friends went to the Halifax Metro Centre to see the Halifax Mooseheads take on the Moncton Wildcats in a hockey game. The game was fun but so was the chance to hang out and talk to friends outside of school. It was very exciting up until the end when the Mooseheads lost 2-1 in overtime. Go, Mooseheads!

## TOP STUDENTS

### Level 1:

Fahad Al Sowait  
Hamad Al Marri

### Level 2:

Mubark Al Hajri  
Siying Deng

### Level 3:

Sultan Turjman  
Tommy

### Level 4:

Rami Al Beshi  
Mohammed Al Hassan

### Level 5:

Fahad Al HArthi  
Ziyad al Harbi



## University Tour

On Monday, November 14th, a large group of ALCC students (about 24!) took a tour with Alex at Saint Mary's University. Emily took the group of students there to see the campus of SMU and to ask questions about what it was like to go there as an international student. Students found the tour very informative. Next term, we will arrange a tour of Mount Saint Vincent University. Stay tuned for details!