

# CAVE OF WONDERS



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Abigail Francoeur, playing Aladdin, captures the magic lamp from the Cave of Wonders in a scene from Ecole Central Elementary's musical production of Disney's Aladdin KIDS at the North Peace Cultural Centre on March 8, 2018. **Read more about this school-wide production and see more photos on A13.**

# Aladdin a vibrant display of student collaboration

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Students of Ecole Central Elementary took to the North Peace Cultural Centre stage last week, all 370 of them, to perform Disney's musical Aladdin KIDS.

The production, which had a string of sold-out shows to the public and other schools, was a vibrant and impressive display of collaboration and community building.

"It's community building. We have an amazing staff that want to do a school-wide project involving the arts," principal Broyden Bennett said.

Though there was a main cast to anchor to the show, each class took part in the production, designing their own costumes, learning their own songs and dance routines. Those wanting to help build sets were encouraged to help outside of class.

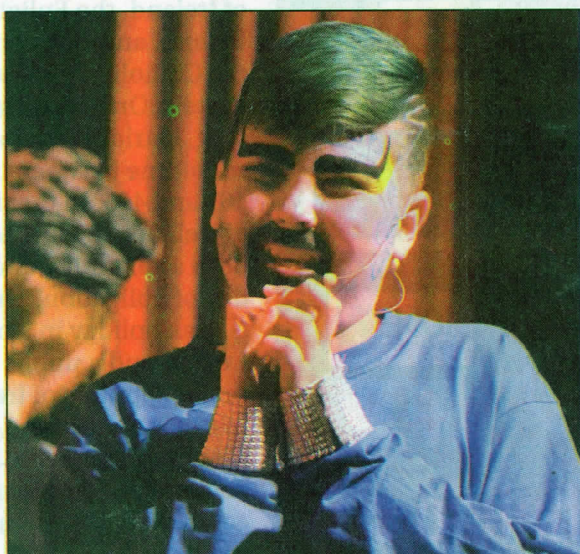
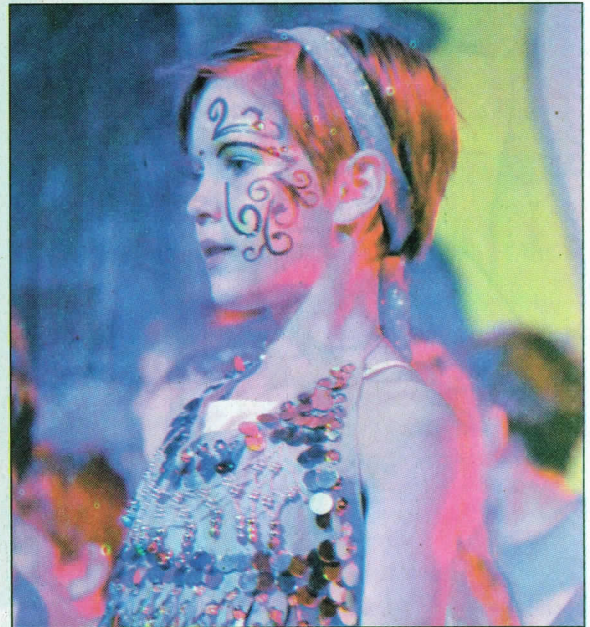
It's the second year Ecole Central has put on a school-wide production after the success of last year's performance of The Lion King.

The classic tale of Aladdin brought audiences to the kingdom of Agrabah, where street rat Aladdin vies for the love of the princess Jasmine. When the evil Jafar sends Aladdin to steal a magic lamp from the Cave of Wonders, Aladdin accidentally releases a genie that grants his wish to become a prince so he can marry Jasmine. But Jafar had other plans for the genie in his quest to rule Agrabah, and Aladdin must escape Jafar's attempts to ambush him and steal back control of the genie.

Ecole Central's motto is ARTS: acceptance, respect, together, and safe, and Bennett said the production ties into those learning values.

"Every class takes on their own roles and use it as part of their learning," he said. "Our staff and students did a fantastic job. It can't happen without a great group of kids and group of staff."

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Scenes from Ecole Central Elementary's production of Aladdin KIDS. To see more, visit [alaskahighwaynews.ca/photos](http://alaskahighwaynews.ca/photos).