



Tallinn Sydalinna School

Our school was opened in 1966. Since 2013, our school is named Tallinna Südalinna Kool (Tallinn Sydalinna School). Since fall of 2015, the school became a Basic School (children are 7-15 years old) with 373 students in 17 class sets. In fall 2016 we have about 400 students and 30 teachers. Learning in our school takes place in Estonian.

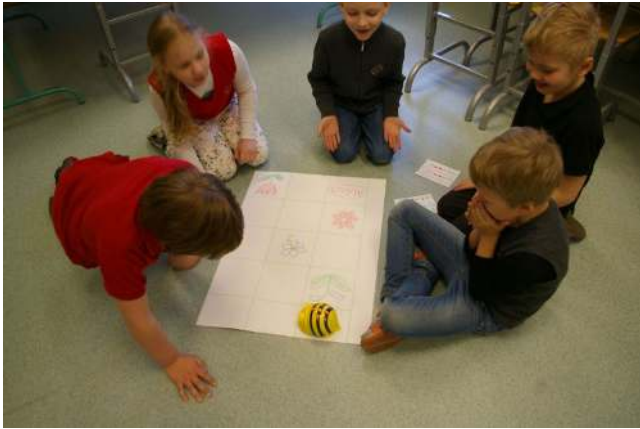
We have a beautiful and renovated building in the center of the city. We have a future classroom (3D printer, TV, Smart-board, I-pads, new and flexible furniture etc) as of 2015. All 1st grade students begin with digital learning and robotics as part of the curriculum. Our children are learning English from 1st grade, Russian and German from 6th grade.



Future classroom - innovative furniture and IT technology for learning



Foreign language week - 8th grade theatre performance in German



1st grade -programming robots in math lesson



Sport day for families in school stadium

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Our school slogan: AB IMO PECTORE! - with all of my heart

We also use the slogan: Homely school at the heart of the city.

Vision: A good learning environment in the school, which supports the development of each child.

Mission: To ensure the best education for each student according to their abilities.

Tallinn Board of Education's acknowledgements:

- Best school website 2013
- Innovational act „Robootikaring“ (Robotics) 2013
- **Safe school 2013**
- Nominee for best good deed of the year 2013
- Best personnel project in educational facility 2014
- **School with a good study environment 2015**
- IT innovation contest nominee „Idea of digital 2015“

Tallinn Board of Education's acknowledgements for our teachers:

- Best classteacher (2015)
- Best basic school teacher (2014, 2016)
- Best youth recreation leader (2014)

More information about Tallinn Sydalinna School:

Our school webpage is www.sydalinna.edu.ee

Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/tallinnasydalinnakool

The local community where the activities will take place

Tallinn is Estonia's capital, covering 159,2 square kilometers. Tallinn received town rights under Lübeck Law on 15 May 1248. Tallinn is divided into 8 administrative districts. Our school is located in the city center. Tallinn has a population of 400 000. Tallinn is Estonia's biggest and richest municipality. In 2014/2015 Tallinn had 61 schools, 45 of them gymnasiums (28 Estonian, 12 Russian and 5 mixed language). There were 130 kindergartens.

Our school is a basic school (grades 1-9; children are 7-15 years old). It is a Estonian language based school. Most of our pupils are Estonian, but we also have other nationalities. Many of our pupils' parents also studied in our school when they were children.

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3rd grade - Folk dancing in christmas party



4th grade - Song, dance and flute playing on christmas concert for parents



Mathable and Scrabble competition in school ceremonial hall

Winter sports like skiing and skating are part of the school day in winter time,

The activities for volunteer are:

- presenting volunteer`s homeland culture (for example music, famous people and places etc);
- practising English/German/Russian/or some other language with pupils (mostly 7-15 years old) or teachers/parents in hobby groups;
- organizing workshops, parties, events for children/teachers/parents etc;
- playing with pupils during outside breaks or active indoor breaks (for example dance break, table tennis, board games, computer games etc) and in after school programme (children are mostly 7-10 years old);
- organising hobby groups according to the volunteer`s talents (for example art; cooking, music or sport etc) (children are 7-15 years old; hobby groups can be also for parents or teachers)
- accompanying pupils on study visits (museums, theatre, cinema etc)
- helping youth activity leader and teachers in other current recreation activities etc. (In our school all events and informal activities/projects are organised in collaboration with youth activity leader, teachers, project manager etc.)

We would offer to volunteer free Estonian language lessons with children who are starters in Estonian at least twice a week. We would like the volunteer to be a part of our staff, so that the volunteer could take part in teachers` trainings and tours around Estonia. With our pupils, the volunteers can visit events and different places around Estonia. By taking part in school events, the volunteer can learn about Estonian traditions and culture.

What will be the background of participants we would like to host?

- We prefer volunteers with good problem solving skills, very good communication skills (who like to work in team) and good event management skills.

- We prefer volunteers, who like team work and who are flexible and open for new ideas.
- We prefer volunteer, who speak English (or German or Russian), because our children and most of the teachers can communicate in these languages.
- When volunteer is talented in music, sport, art or have some other interesting hobby - then this is advantage, because volunteer should most of the time play and organise activities or hobby groups for children, who are 7-15 years old. So volunteer must like children, noise, laugh, active lifestyle, games etc.
- We prefer volunteers who are at least 21 years old (to work in a school you must be in legal age).



Foreign language week - 6th grade dance and song performance in russian

Cooking competition for boys in our school cooking class



8th grade on canoeing trip