

# CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY

June 2013 Newsletter

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## Take part

Be sure to complete CAA's annual parent survey. Details have been sent to all CAA families.

## Reminder

The second payment of 2013-2014 resource and bus fees is due June 28, 2013.

## Arts in the City

See the "News" section of the school's website for fun things to do this summer.

42 excited Year 9 students participated in this year's Year 9 Graduation Ceremonies.

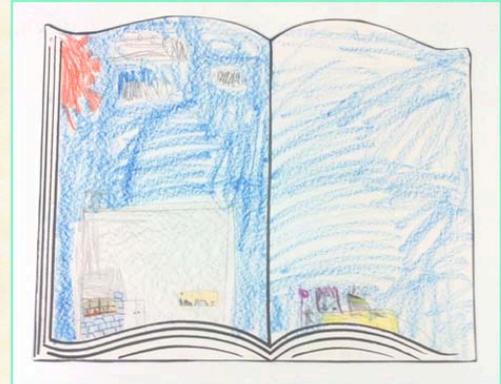
## Today is Your Day



## Your Mountain is Waiting

Calgary Arts Academy Class of 2013  
Graduation Ceremonies - Boyce Theatre  
Stampede Park  
June 7, 2013

## The Story of Kindergarten



Calgary Arts Academy  
Proudly Presents an Original Kindergarten  
Arts Immersion Showcase



May 15, 2013

Students, teachers and artists showcased the Arts Immersion process. Each showcase piece emphasized student learning through one of the five art forms, through which all CAA students have learned. Small groups of students presented their learning in unique and exciting ways.

## From the Principal Our Volunteers Make a Difference

By Mr. J. Van Beers

**“To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it.”**

- Kurt Vonnegut

As each year comes and goes, it is inevitable that there will be some changes that occur. One thing that remains the same is students, staff, community stakeholders and volunteers remain loyally committed to our school's objectives and ideals. We greatly admire and appreciate the work of volunteers in our community.

These people make an immeasurable impact on our school and, more specifically, for the children that we serve. As we move forward to our 11th year, there are some important volunteers that I would like to

recognize for their longstanding and impactful contributions.

Pat Cavill is a long time director on our board as well as being and arts education advocate. For the past few years, she has served as a Co-Chair and has been immensely valuable in her service to our community. We feel fortunate to have had Pat commit to our organization and work to ensure we are successful as a community. Although Pat will not continue in an official capacity, we know that she will continue to support Calgary Arts

Academy and charter schools as a whole. We look forward to her continued presence at school events and performances as a distinguished guest.

Patti Wardlaw is stepping down from her role as School Council Chair. Patti worked tirelessly in this role and had an enormously positive impact on our organization. Under her guidance, Patti has carefully documented procedures and processes so that Council can continue to thrive, despite her absence. Patti treated her role as

council chair as a full-time position and the students and staff are the clear beneficiaries of her enormous efforts. We have been extremely fortunate to have Patti work in this capacity for the past number of years. We are certainly pleased that Patti will continue to support the school and will remain active as a parent and volunteer in our community.

Neil de Ridder has been a steadfast and trustworthy volunteer over the past years. He has volunteered to coach volleyball at our school for the past 6 or 7 years. In this role, he has done an incredible job helping students to develop athletic skills and core values associated to fair play, teamwork and sportsmanship. His expertise and calm demeanor will certainly be missed.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have chosen to make a positive difference for our school. Your contributions and commitment are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Pat, Patti, and Neil for there longstanding commitment and dedication.

## kindergarten news

By Ms. D. Rose

Wow! We can hardly believe June is here already! It's true what they say, "time flies when you're having fun!" We were so pleased with the success of the Kindergarten Showcase, *The Story of Kindergarten!* Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support such hard working students. We have many exciting things planned to end a very successful Kindergarten year!

All Kindergarten classes will be working to create 3D communities using the community structures students made in our last Learning Contract. Watch for these unique communities to be on display soon in the hallways!

In Math, we will be continuing our focus on numbers to 20, as well as sorting objects. We will continue to focus on learning individual letters, letter sounds, and sight words through the five fine arts.

As the weather is warmer, students and teachers will be spending more time outside. Please ensure your child has appropriate shoes at school every day for running and being active outdoors. Although flip flops are weather appropriate, they are not so good for running and kicking a ball. Also, with the appearance of mosquitoes and of the sun, parents are reminded to apply sunscreen and mosquito

repellent at home before school, if they choose. Please remember to send water bottles every day.

We would like to encourage everyone to continue reading everyday. Reading and being read to everyday will foster a love of reading. It also allows students to make connections to the text and reinforces what they have learned in school, especially over the summer months. Like everything else, reading takes practice. Enjoy your time together!

Please continue to check your child's class agenda for more exciting news and events that are happening in June!

Have a wonderful summer!

## division one news

By Mrs. J. McCloy

Spring has sprung in Division One! There are ducklings hatching, painted lady caterpillars turning into butterflies and the praying mantises will hatch soon too! We will celebrate all these life cycles by going to the Butterfield Acres on June 24th!

Students are busy with creative writing and creating their own characters and unique settings. In Math, we are busy measuring things that are growing and researching various landmarks and their sizes. Students showcased their magnet projects on June 7 at their "Magnet Fair" where there was also cooking, singing and acting that explored what life was like in the past on the Prairies.

## division two news

By Ms. N. Williams

Division Two welcomes back Mr. Riley! He will be teaching time through drama.

Mr. Carl White did some amazing work with fractions and visual art. Check out the self portraits on the bulletin board in the main hall.

For Provincial Achievement Tests, please ensure your child is here on time, and is well fed and rested.

Year 4 students will be attending Kamp Kawanis on June 12 to 14. Permission forms have been sent home.

**"There is no must in art because art is free."**

- Wassily Kandinsky

**"To be an artist is to believe in life."**

- Henry Moore

## division three news

By Mrs. L. Twa

Year 5 and 6 students awed and amazed their teachers by creating meaningful art pieces based upon a poem of their choice. Students created dioramas, mixed media paintings and drawings; each was unique and a true testament to their talent!

In our last month of school we will be busy completing our Arts Immersion projects and celebrating our successes from this 2012-2013 school year. Division Three teachers would like to celebrate our students with an afternoon of fun art activities on Friday June 21st.

Year 6 students are ready to write the last 4 provincial achievement tests beginning on Monday, June 17th. Students will write on June 17, 18, 19 and 20th and all tests begin at 9:00am sharp. Subjects being tested are reading comprehension, math, science and social studies. We are confident our students will do great!

## division four news

By Ms. M. Billington, Mr. D. Catley and Mr. S. Rasporich

In Ms. Billington's class, Year 7 students are going on a science walk from the Knob Hill campus to Edworthy Park to reinforce the concepts they learned in their Interactions and Ecosystems unit. It will also be a time to explore their new unit Structures and Forces. Students will study and sketch natural and manmade structures found in and around the park. Year 7 parents are welcome to volunteer and a space to do so was provided on the permission form that was sent home.

Year 8 students are working on Light and Optics in Science, and a Japan unit in Social Studies. Working with Mr. Jeff, they are creating images of the Edo period using light graffiti while exploring the properties of light. The images will be placed in an iMovie to show the isolation period of the Edo period and how it transitioned into the Meiji period. The final video will be shared at the year-end sharing assembly on the last day of school.

In Mr. Catley's class, Year 7 students are hard at work on a very exciting contract combining storytelling with algebra equations by creating their own 3D video games.

Year 8 students are currently practicing their fraction operations by either designing a board game

or making a song with "Boomwhackers." Soon, they will be designing their own video game based on algebra.

Year 9 students are wrapping up the year by learning about probability and proper surveying techniques, and will be getting prepped for their PAT exam at the end of the month.

In Mr. Rasporich's class, Year 8 students are exploring ghost stories in Language Arts and are planning to tell them around a real campfire!

In Year 9 Social Studies, students are completing their Turtle Den contracts in which they are creating innovative products to pitch to the Turtles.

Year 7 students have designed games to learn Canadian history and will be playing them until the end of the year.

### Statistics + Probability = Stats Newscast!

Mr. Jenkins' class worked with guest artist and musical theatre choreographer Morgan Drury to produce a comedy about statistics and probability. *Stats Newscast* took the dull, everyday news and communicated it through graphs and charts to make predictions on future events. Don't forget hilarious commercial breaks about toys whose main sell is guessing and estimation!

Performances from Mr. Jenkins' Year 4 students took place on June 5th and June 7th. Year 3 performances took place on June 11th.

They proved that Math can be interesting...and even... hilarious!

"Painting is a means of self-enlightenment."

- John Olsen

"Colour is my day-long obsession, joy and torment."

- Claude Monet

## school council news

CAA School Council would like to thank Stacey McRae-Arbuthnott, a Substance Abuse Prevention Counsellor from Alberta Health Services, for presenting our Parent Education Workshop "Kids and Drugs: A Parent's Guide to Prevention."

In addition, we extend a thank you to everyone who participated in the "What's for Dinner" spring fundraiser. It was a great success. A special thank you goes to Angela Anderson-Blunt for organizing it.

CAA School Council hosted three well-attended student workshops in May:

- GirlPower Workshops for girls in Years 1-2
- Home Alone Safety Course
- Red Cross Babysitting Training

### Important Dates in June

- June 5 – School Council Meeting and School Council Society Meeting
- June 25 – Staff Appreciation Lunch
- June 26 – Last Day of School

### Art Calendars 2013/2014

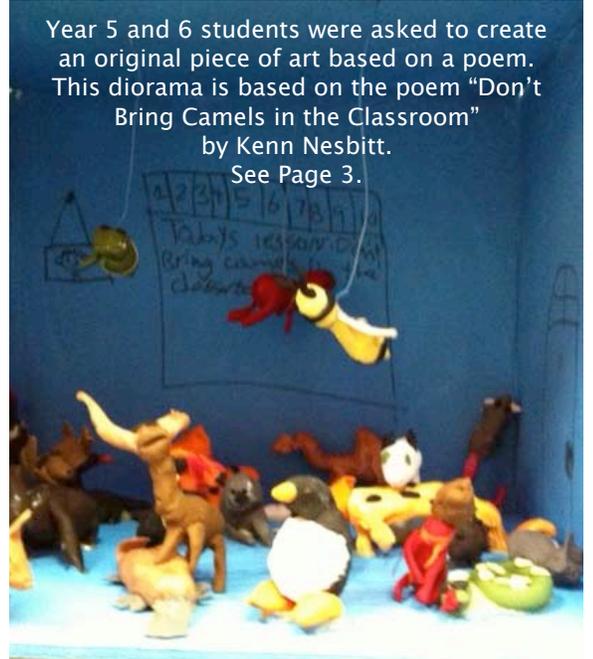
Once again, School Council will be creating a Student Art Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

Students are welcome to submit their art work to appear on the calendar. Student art work will be featured either as the monthly image, a smaller thumbnail image, or on the front cover of the calendar.

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**"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."**

**- Henry David Thoreau**



Year 5 and 6 students were asked to create an original piece of art based on a poem. This diorama is based on the poem "Don't Bring Camels in the Classroom" by Kenn Nesbitt. See Page 3.

### 2013-2014 Student Art Calendar

Students are invited to submit their artwork for the 2013-2014 Student Arts Calendar.

See the "Students & Parents / Useful Documents" section of the school's website to see the poster with entry guidelines.

The deadline for entries is June 20, 2013.



**It's time for Calgary Arts Academy's annual Student Art Calendar!**

**Art Harvest 2013**

Artists and CAA Students are invited to submit applications to be a part of the Artisan Market at the 2nd Annual Calgary Arts Academy Art Harvest.

An appreciation for the beauty of items made by hand and the desire to support artisans creating unique and high quality products lies at the heart of the Calgary Arts Academy Artisan Market.

Applications are accepted in hard copy at each school campus OR by emailing [angie@eyewonder.ca](mailto:angie@eyewonder.ca). Please include "CAA Harvest" in the subject line. The deadline is June 14, 2013.

**Special Lunches**

June 5 - Edo Japan  
 June 19 - Subway

**Mabels Labels**

Tired of losing your child's clothing, containers and water bottles? Now you can shop for waterproof, dishwasher safe, microwave safe, customized labels while supporting the school!

All you need to do is visit [www.calgaryarts.mabelslabels.com](http://www.calgaryarts.mabelslabels.com) and shop! A portion of the proceeds of each sale will come back to School Council Society to support school initiatives.

Make sure to use our unique web address when shopping at the site and encourage family and friends to do so also.

**mark your calendars**

- June 26 - Last day of classes
- June 26 - Report card day
- June 28 - 100% resource and 50% bus fees due
- August 19 - New student orientation day
- August 20 - First day of classes / busing resumes

See the June 2013 calendar on Page 7 for more.

**"To create one's own world takes courage."**

- Georgia O'Keeffe

**"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."**

- Pablo Picasso



# Kids' Health

## Refresher course on booster seats...

Here's a "refresher course" on child restraints for school-aged children (ages 4-9).

### Did you know...

- Booster seats are the safest choice for children who have outgrown their front-facing toddler seats.
- An adult seatbelt alone does not properly fit a child's body and can cause serious internal injuries to a child in a crash.
- A child is 3-½ times more likely to be hurt in a crash when using an adult seatbelt alone than when buckled in a booster seat.

### Your child needs a booster if...

- They are between 18 and 36 kilograms and shorter than 145 centimetres.
- They are nine years old or less.

### Your child is ready to move to a seatbelt when...

- They can sit with their whole back touching the back of the vehicle seat with their knees bend comfort-



*Your child will need a booster seat if they weight between 18-36 kg, are shorter than 145cm in height and are nine years of age or less.*

able at the edge of the seat.

- The lap portion of the belt is riding low across the hips, touching the tops of your child's legs.
- The shoulder portion of the belt is crossing between your child's neck and arm.

- For more information, visit [www.boosterseats.ca](http://www.boosterseats.ca)

## Let healthy food take centre stage at your children's next party

Hosting events for groups of kids (such as birthday parties, school events and sleepovers) in a healthy way can be a challenge. Food can take centre stage, so offer healthy options in a way that is both fun and tasty! Build healthy food in as part of the event activities:

- **Pizza Party:** Let kids make their own mini pizza creation. Give each child a single-sized whole grain pizza crust, whole wheat English muffin or pita bread topped with tomato sauce. Offer a mix of toppings, such as chopped veggies, pineapple, cooked chicken or ground beef and top it off with low fat grated cheese. Bake until the cheese is melted and enjoy!
- **Smoothies:** Let children make up their own smoothies with different yogurt flavours, fresh, frozen or canned fruit and milk. Blend and serve!
- **Sparkling Punch:** Swap pop for your own, healthy drink – mix club soda with 100-percent fruit juice. Add slices or chunks of fresh, frozen or canned fruit.
- **Sweet Salad:** Have each child bring a piece of fruit and make a fruit salad.

Ask parents whether their child has any food allergies and how to best manage them.

Don't forget about food safety, especially if your event is outdoors! Make sure to keep cold foods in the fridge or a cooler with freezer packs.

- For more information about food safety for kids, visit [www.healthyalberta.com](http://www.healthyalberta.com)

## Summertime activities for your to-do list

With summer time almost upon us, there soon will be plenty of time for family activities.

Here's a list of weekend activities to consider:

- **Make and fly a kite.** All you need is some branches or plastic, a few pieces of tape or glue,

paper or a garbage bag and some string. Fly it in a nearby field or park.

### • Tennis court challenge.

If you have racquets try a game of tennis, or bring a beach ball or a pair of rolled up socks and create your own game.

### • Gardening and cleaning the yard.

Plant flowers or pick weeds in your yard or a neighbour's yard. Be sure to wear sunscreen and a hat!

### • Try something new.

How about bowling, biking, hiking, inline skating or swimming.

For more information about the above, or any other health-related topic, please visit [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)

[kidshealthnewsletter@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:kidshealthnewsletter@albertahealthservices.ca)

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2	3 <i>Day 1</i>	4 <i>Day 2</i> - Inter-school track meet - CAA Foundation Meeting	5 <i>Day 3</i> - Special lunch (Edo Japan) - CAA School Council Meeting	6 <i>Day 4</i>	7 <i>Day 5</i> - Year 9 Graduation	8
9	10 <i>Day 6</i>	11 <i>Day 1</i>	12 <i>Day 2</i> - Year 7 field trip to Edworthy Park - Year 4 trip to Kamp Kiwanis - KH Band Concert	13 <i>Day 3</i> - Year 4 trip to Kamp Kiwanis	14 <i>Day 4</i> - Year 4 trip to Kamp Kiwanis	15
16	17 <i>Day 5</i>	18 <i>Day 6</i>	19 <i>Day 1</i> - Special lunch (Subway)	20 <i>Day 2</i>	21 <i>Day 3</i> - KH Student Council BBQ - Shave for the Brave at KH	22
23	24 <i>Day 4</i> - Division One trip to Butterfield Acres	25 <i>Day 5</i> - Staff appreciation potluck lunch	26 <i>Day 6</i> Last day of classes Report card day	27 Appeals Day – no classes	28 Organizational Day – no classes	29
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