



Year 9 Grad 2014

On June 6, 2014, 47 Year 9 students participated in graduation ceremonies at Boyce Theatre. Here are some highlights.



Principal's Address



Good Afternoon Parents, Students, Honoured Guests and Calgary Arts Academy Graduates of Two Thousand Fourteen.

As we live our lives milestones like graduation become important moments that frame our experiences. They become a snapshot in time that captures the memories and our overall feelings of our time and adventures.

Years down the road when you stop and reflect upon your time at Calgary Arts Academy I hope you remember that at CAA you learned anything is possible, because it is.

I am certain that many of you have heard the expression, everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten. Well, in many respects it's true. Kindergarten and the stories shared during this time deal with themes that are exceptionally important to success later on in life. So lets review...



Lesson one comes to us from a character we know and love,
Curious George

I am sure we can all remember this curious little monkey who was always engaged in some sort of crazy antic. An important lesson we can learn from Curious George is quite obvious, be curious! Explore new ideas; be interested in the world around you. Curiosity leads to new thinking, to new ideas and to success.

Those that demonstrate curiosity are certainly more likely to succeed.

Try to be a little more like curious George.

Lesson two is taught by a brave protagonist-Dora the Explorer

Dora's lesson is just as obvious – explore the world around you. Dig into the ideas and themes that you are curious about. Don't be afraid to take risks, to challenge yourself to succeed at things you never imagined possible. You'll need to dig deep it is not enough to just skim the surface. Do not just accept the status quo, seek out possibilities that motivate and excite you. If you never begin to explore you will not have life changing adventures and you will not realize what you are fully capable of.

Those who are willing to explore are more likely to succeed.

Try to be a little more like Dora the Explorer.

I'm sure you'll agree about lesson three, as a doctor does tell what we need to be well – Dr. Seuss that is.



The world is big - we're all small.
Be yourself - you'll stand tall.
Don't be afraid to be unique.
You'll stand out – so to speak!
You is you, you know that's true.
Don't hide that or you'll be blue.
You have great things to share with us.
You'll make a difference this I Trust!
If you are you – not just in the crowd.
You will make us very proud!



Those who are unafraid to be themselves are more likely to succeed.

Try to be a little more like Dr. Seuss.

As you each set off on new adventures please remember – Everything you need to know, you learned in kindergarten. To be a success, be curious, about ideas, new possibilities, and the world around you. Capture that curiosity and explore these things in depth. Almost all success stories begin from curiosity that through deep exploration becomes a passion. Find your passion and dig into it. Finally, be yourself. Each of you have exceptional characteristics and talents – don't be afraid to be yourself even if you stand out from the crowd.

Curious George, Dora the Explorer, and Dr. Seuss, remember their lessons and anything is possible.

Superintendent's Address

It is an honour for me to be part of this wonderful celebration today.

On behalf of the Calgary Arts Academy Society Board, I congratulate each of you for achieving this milestone as you move into your High School Career. It is always difficult to see a CAA family leave. We look forward to receiving approval to provide our students with High School programming in the not to distant future.

In the meantime, please know that you will always be part of our CAA family. We invite you to visit and share your life story as it unfolds. We want to continue to be part of your lives.

On a personal note, thank you graduates and thank you parents for attending and supporting Calgary Arts Academy. Our stellar reputation of academic excellence is the result of each of you being part of our community of learners.

Just a couple words of advice.....Dream big! If you believe, if you are persistent in your pursuit of an achievable goal, it will happen. You will create your destiny. I have great faith in each of you.

Enjoy the day!

