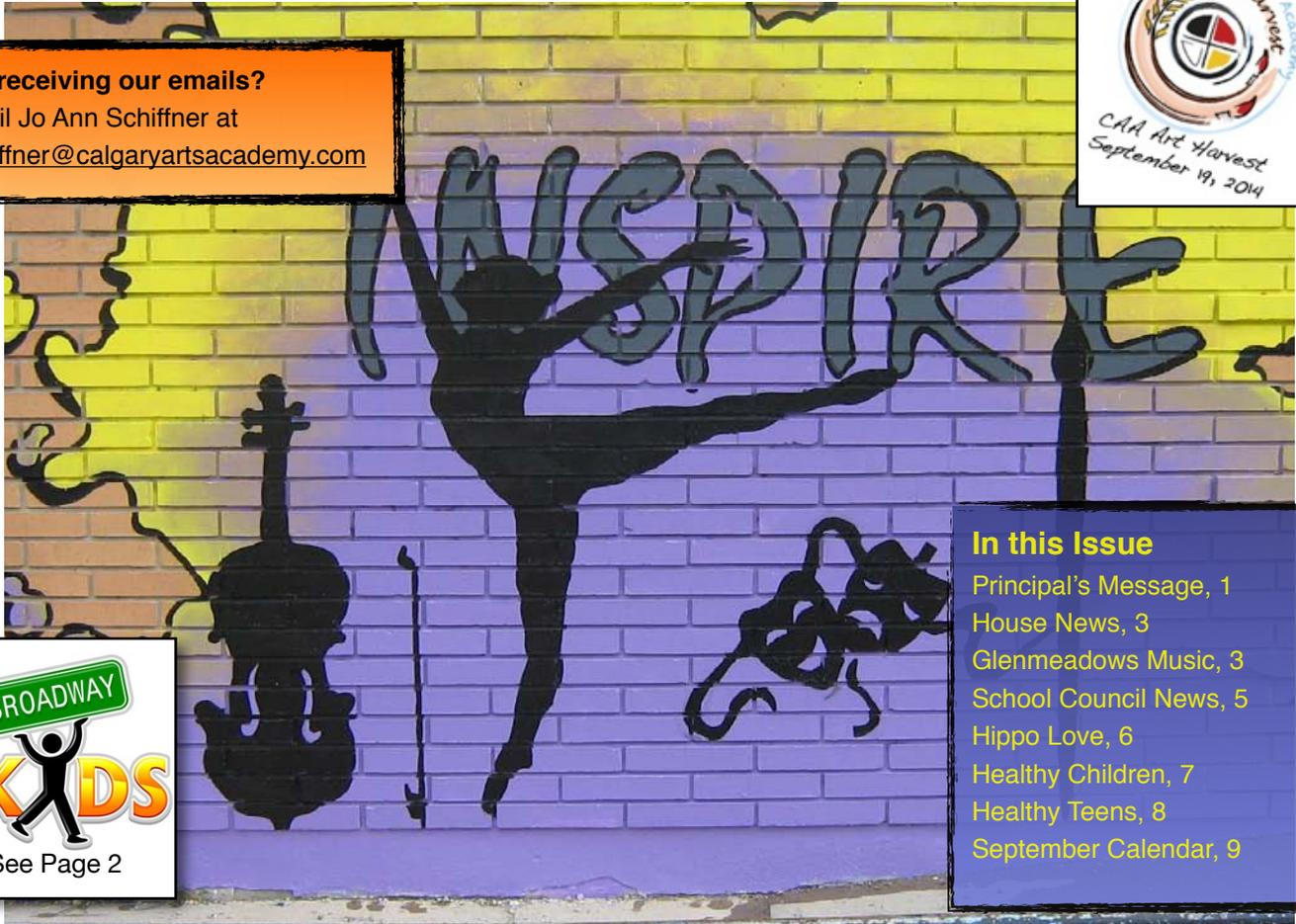


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From the Principal

As the Calendar pages continue to turn, we find ourselves back in a familiar place – the start of another school year. As we enter our twelfth year of teaching through Arts Immersion, one realizes throughout the years there has been a steady evolution of our programming. I can confidently say we are on the cutting edge of education globally and are providing a rich and engaging experience for all students. This year we continue to have a focus on Design Thinking as a mode of learning. Subsequently, there will be an increased focus on cross-curricular explorations as we strive to develop a

Year 6/7 students created this mural, reminiscent of our old logo, celebrating this year's school theme of "Aspire to Inspire." You can see this oral on the south wall of the Knob Hill Campus.

comprehensive real-world understanding of how all disciplines are inter-related.

To help facilitate this work we have chosen to alter our staffing structure slightly. This year, artists are assigned directly to education teams. This choice will facilitate advanced long-range planning and collaboration amongst our teams. Please ensure that you take the time to introduce yourself to artists assigned to your child(ren) as they will be instrumental in their education.

Communication is vitally important between school staff and parents as the year progresses. We know that the more we are able to communicate and work together, the better off students will be. To increase and improve communication, we have altered our approach to parent conferencing this year. Please plan to participate in our mid-term conferences coming up on the first week in October. These conferences provide parents with an opportunity to get a sense of their child's progress prior to report cards going home in November.

Another great place to connect with the community will be at the 3rd annual Art Harvest

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event scheduled for September 19th. This event is a great cultural experience organized and facilitated by our active and enthusiastic School Council. This volunteer group of parents meets once a month to fulfill their mission of supporting Calgary Arts Academy by raising community awareness and spirit. If you are interested in becoming involved in council, please feel free to attend the next meeting on September 9th at 7:00pm at our Glenmeadows Campus.

Our Winter Celebration at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium will be a pivotal cultural event for our school community. This performance will showcase student learning through the theme of Canadian Music. The event will be held on Thursday, November 27th at 7:00pm. Make sure to mark this event in your calendar now. It will be here before you know it.

Thanks for being a part of this community. It's going to be a great year!

From Mrs. O



The Knob Hill Origami Club will be meeting every Monday at lunch from 12:30pm to 12:45pm, beginning September 8, 2014. Materials will be provided - just bring yourselves! The location will be provided at a later date.

The Knob Hill Math Resource program is running again this year. Please contact Mrs. Oppenheim (roppenheim@calgaryartsacademy.com) if you have any questions.



Broadway Kids

Registration is now open!

Artistic Director, Steve McMullen is excited to announce this brand new musical theatre training program for children aged 4 to 18. All classes are held on Sundays, late afternoon / early evening at the Chestermere Recreation Centre. For more information, please email boradwaykids@shaw.ca or register online at www.chestermerecra.com. Deadline for registrations is September 30, 2014.

Mr. J. Van Beers

Fitzgerald House News

This month, Ms. WB, Ms. Dickson and Mr. Steve are excited to be working together with the Kindergarten students on what makes each of our students unique. We will be looking at expressing different emotions through drama and drawing and we will be creating colourful self-portraits with an emphasis on unique hairstyles.

Kindergarten students have been focusing on what it means to be a good friend, and what the Circle of Courage is all about. Our students have been bringing in small items to create a collaged ABC line for each of our classes and we are looking forward to sorting and gluing these items soon.



- Ms. Dickson, Ms WB and Mr. Steve

Spielberg House News

Thanks to everyone who came out to Meet the Teacher. It was nice to connect with you. We have had an exciting first two weeks of school as we built and decorated our classrooms, discussed the Circle of Courage and spent time doing multi-aged activities with other classes. We are starting the year with a novel study and are excited to already be underway. Ms. Allen's and Ms. Billington's classes are exploring *Charlotte's Web*, while Mr. Jenkins' and Mr. Matt's classes are diving into *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. We are also starting our Science and Social Studies units which both tie into our stories as we will be looking at life on the prairies, as well as Animal Life Cycles and Small Crawling and Flying creatures. Look for our first learning contract to be coming the second week of September.

Mr. E. is becoming our Mindfulness leader for Year 2/3 and is sharing knowledge and activities with the students in order to explore the idea and develop our focus and attention. He has also been spending a lot of time in the classrooms, leading movement activities in Math as we begin exploring number sense. We will be continuing working on mental math strategies, skip counting and adding and subtracting throughout the month.

From Glenmeadows Music Department

Hello Music Champions!

I'm thrilled to have joined the Calgary Arts Academy team this year. I am amazed by the strong sense of community and bold creativity that anchors each class, teacher and activity around the school. I can say for sure that I have never seen a school like this one and count myself lucky to be here. As a creator at heart and a mastery enthusiast, I hope to support all students and even willing parents to listen to their creative musical voice this year. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

- Miss A. Wood

As the weather is changing please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as we are planning to go outside everyday. We have also started Physical Education classes in the gym, so proper gym shoes are a must.

Never hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

- Ms. L. Allen

DaVinci House News

Welcome back to CAA for another exciting school year! DaVinci House is excited to announce some changes to the Year 4/5 teaching team, to include: Ms. Andreachuk, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Laforet, and Ms. Thomas. We are equally excited about the two fabulous artists who will be working with the students throughout the entire school year; Ms. Kearney (resident visual artist) and Ms. Jen (resident dance artist.)

The first two weeks have been filled with classroom designing, relationship building, personal goal setting, and the development of new classroom routines. In the Dance studio, Year 4/5 students have been collaborating and working together to paint a mural depicting a nature scene of plants and insects. Please take the time to stop in next time you are in the portables!

Now that school is back in session, we would like to remind students (and parents) to send water bottles to school each day. Unfortunately, there is no running water in the portables and it is important that the students stay hydrated. It is also important that parents send gym shoes to school as soon as possible, as the students will be participating in Phys Ed numerous times throughout the week. Sandals and other summer footwear are unsafe in the gym. Lastly, it is important that the students are bringing their agendas back to school each day to help maintain effective communication between home and school.

All of the DaVinci House teachers and artists are looking forward to an exciting 2014-2015 school year!

- Ms. C. Laforet

Jackson House News

September is starting off with a bang in Jackson house.

This year, your children's educators are Ms. Nancy Williams, Mr. Rob Lewis, Mr. Sean Softly, Ms. Christie Gomke, Mr. Carl White, and last but definitely not least, Mr. Riley Ohler. The structure of the team is a bit different this year, as the artists will be staying with the same team for the entire year.

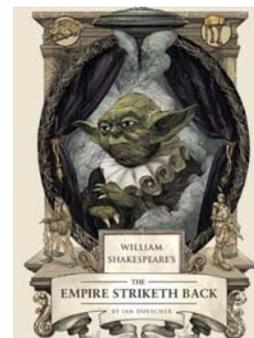
Ms. Williams and Mr. Lewis will be teaching Math/Sciences and Mr. Softley and Ms. Gomke will be teaching the humanities.

We have been busy creating art during the first eight days. Come and see the mural that Year 6/7 students have painted on the front outside wall at Knob Hill.

- Ms. N. Williams

King House News

This year, House King is off to a tremendous start with their all new collaborative production of William Shakespeare's Star Wars: The Empire Striketh Back. All Year 8 and 9 students are working together with artist/educators in all subject areas to make this production a reality. During the student driven work on this ambitious project, students will discover connections between the curricular objectives of their core subjects and 'real-world' applications of their learning. We certainly hope that you will be able to attend one of our evening performances on October 29 and 30, 6:00 to 8:00pm.



May the force be you.

- Mr. D. Thomas

School Council News

CAA School Council and School Council Society warmly welcomes all new and returning students and their families back to school! While the summer may not seem long enough for some, it's always exciting to see everyone again and begin a new school year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the pancake breakfast on August 29th and a huge shout out to those who volunteered their time to help make it such a success, particularly the event coordinators Tara S and Laura B. The breakfast is one of many events organized and funded by School Council, and demonstrates our mission to build community within CAA. School Council also strives to support school administration, our confident learners and spirited citizens as much as we can.

On that note, please mark your calendar for some upcoming events:

September 9 School Council/School Council Society Meeting, 7:00pm, Glenmeadows Campus

September 12 Random Acts of Kindness Day

September 19 Art Harvest, 3:00pm - 8:00pm, Glenmeadows Campus

October 28 Quest Theatre Performance, during school hours, Glenmeadows Campus

November 9 School Council Casino (stay tuned for details)

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School Council is selling SUTP Coupon Books and Student Art Calenders, our first fundraisers of the year. Please visit <http://shop.caaschool.com> to place your order and please note that all orders placed through this site must be paid by credit card.

The schedule for School Council and School Council Society meetings is on the CAA website at www.caaschool.com under School Life / Important Dates and Upcoming Events. All parents are welcome to attend! If you'd like to be more involved with School Council, or have any questions about us, please feel free to email council@calgaryartsacademy.com.

We wish all CAA students a happy and successful school year!

Hippo Love

Hippo Love started with a mix of inspiration from the Burning Man art festival, the love of fire and the strength of a group of friends who wanted to try to build something amazing.

This dream was born in the fall of 2012 and took about 9 months to complete. Although we had close to 30 people work on this project there were 6 people that put enormous dedication to it. Hippo Love is a double decker fire breathing hippo art car. It is filled with LED lights under the skin that lights up the night, a mouth that opens giving a winning smile and fire that shoots from its nostrils. Driven from the top allows for a safe ride and a great view! Rides can be enjoyed from the top deck as well as the belly of the beast that is also lit up and set up for comfort.



Why a hippo we are asked all the time? Why not, wouldn't you want a giant fire breathing hippo to ride around on??!! We loved the idea of a hippo because they represent an animal that is colourful, strong and powerful. We also wanted something that was big enough to carry all the love we have for our amazing community and the vast group of talented people that worked on it.

Hippo Love has been very busy this year, we were lucky enough to be in the Stampede parade alongside Beakerhead, we won fan favourite & 1st place in the Best Business or Non Profit category. We were also set-up for Bragg Creek Days and partook in that parade, we won 2nd place. We have also brought the Hippo to a couple festivals outside of the city and we will be at various places through-out Calgary during this year's Beakerhead week from September 10 to 14, including driving up and down Stephan Avenue!

One thing is for sure; Hippo Love has never blasted a smile and not received love and laughs in return. Hippo Love has been the best gift for us to give and we are excited to share this with all of you!

Be sure to see Hippo Love at this year's Art Harvest event on September 19. A CAA family

Get Walking! Stay Safe!

A new school year brings opportunity for families to give up driving and begin walking to school. Walking has so many benefits—it promotes physical activity, prepares brains for learning, and increases children’s familiarity with their community and neighbours. Walking with your child and negotiating neighbourhood streets with them provides an opportunity to develop traffic safety awareness and to practice safe pedestrian behaviours. Even better, it’s a great way to have quality time with your child before they start their day. Even if you live far from your school you can still give your child the walking experience by parking five to ten minutes away from the school.

Did you know 26 judgment skills are required to cross a street safely and that many of these skills have not fully developed in a young child? For example, they may think that a car can stop instantly or if they can see a car the driver can see them. They are often distracted and may underestimate dangerous situations. Most children need supervision to walk to school until they are at least 9 years old.

Important pedestrian safety tips to model for your child are:

- Cross at marked intersections or crosswalks.
- Look left, look right and look left again before stepping out onto the street.
- Wait until the road is clear.
- Always walk on the sidewalk.

Alberta encourages active and safe routes to school. For more information on how you can start a program in your neighbourhood contact info@saferoutestoschool.ca or call Toll Free: 1-877-533-4098. For more information on childhood injury prevention visit <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/injuryprevention.asp>



Get Moving with the AMA Youth Run Club! The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Youth Run Club is a free, school-based running program designed to get children and youth active across the province. For more information on getting your child’s school involved, visit: www.everactive.org/alberta-medical-association-youth-run-club

Parents! You Have More Power Than You Know...Improve School Health Today

Did you know your involvement at school can have a huge impact on the health of the *entire* school? If you have lots of time to commit, great! If not, take advantage of some of the simpler ways to make your child’s school a healthier place. It’s easier than you might think!

- Wave hello or have a quick, friendly morning chat with staff.
- Suggest ways to have healthy classroom celebrations.
- Walk or bike with your child to school.
- Be supportive of staff wellness programs – they are important role models!
- Nominate a student or staff member for a recognition award.
- Volunteer for a school event.
- Share a healthy fundraising idea with Parent Council.
- Talk to your child about the qualities of a good friend
- Lead by example; eat healthy meals as a family, participate in physical activities you enjoy, and demonstrate positive ways of handling stressful situations.

To learn more about the role of parents in school communities, visit <http://www.healthyalberta.com/644.htm>.

Concussion Prevention

Sport-related injury is the leading cause of emergency department visits in Alberta among teens aged 15-19 years¹. Concussion is a common sport related injury that often occurs during hockey, football, skiing and snowboarding. A concussion is a brain injury that occurs when the brain suddenly shifts inside the skull and knocks against the skull's surface. It may be caused by a direct or indirect hit to the head or body.

After suffering a concussion, a person may experience many different symptoms. These may include, headache, ringing in the ears, nausea and/or vomiting, disorientation, emotional and personality changes, dizziness, poor balance and/or coordination, poor concentration, light sensitivity, irritability, fatigue and sleep complications. In order to reduce the risk of a concussion, encourage your teen to take the **smart risk** approach and **look first** when engaging in a risky activity, such as hockey. Preparation, good sportsmanship and fair play all help to reduce the risk of injury, including concussion.

Teens should also **wear the gear**, such as a helmet that fits correctly and is secured on the head throughout the sport. Always replace your teen's helmet after impact or as instructed by the manufacturer. In high impact sports such as hockey, teens should wear a face and mouth

guard. To manage a concussion, encourage your teen to take the **smart risk** approach and **seek help** from a coach, teacher or parent immediately after an injury has occurred. Consult a physician immediately after being notified of an injury in order to determine if a concussion has occurred. Finally, ensure that your teen does not return to activity or play until it has been approved by their doctor.

For more information visit:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/InjuryPrevention/hi-ip-pipt-smart-risk-ahs-approach-teen-risk-mgmt.pdf>



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- Support Physical Education, active classrooms, and active field trips.
- Encourage your teen to walk, bike, rollerblade, or skateboard to school (join them if they'll let you!).
- Be supportive of staff wellness programs – they are important role models!
- Nominate a student or staff member for a recognition award.
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¹ Alberta Centre for Injury Control & Research, 2013

was involved in its design!

September 2014 At a Glance						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <i>Meet the Teacher – GM</i>	4 <i>Meet the Teacher - KH</i>	5	6
7	8	9 <i>School Council Meeting, GM, 7:00pm</i>	10	11	12 <i>*Random Acts of Kindness Day</i> <i>*ODPU Trip</i>	13 <i>ODPU Trip</i>
14 <i>ODPU Trip</i>	15 <i>Staff only – no classes</i>	16	17 <i>Year 9s to PARTY program</i>	18	19  <i>3-8pm GM</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				