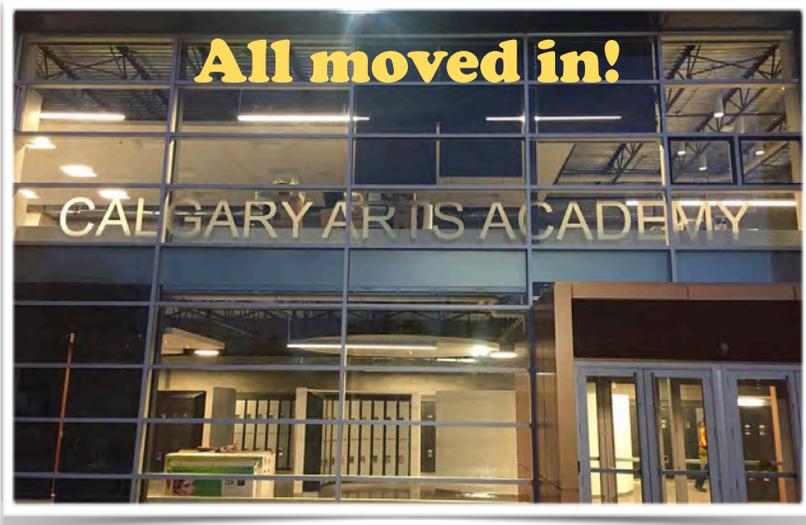
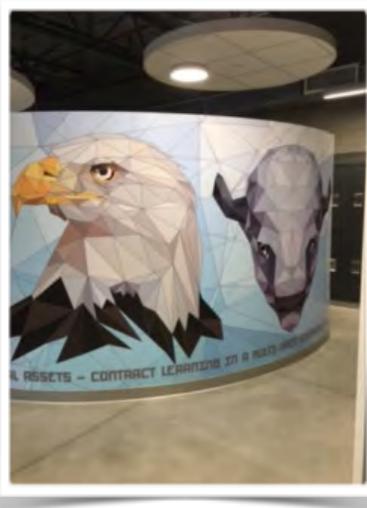


The Art of Learning

INSPIRING
INNOVATION

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From the Principal

Our 15th year has certainly started with some incredible excitement. I have been reflecting on the importance of community and what that means to Calgary Arts Academy students, families and staff. I recently had the opportunity to speak to pre-service education students at the University of Calgary. I am always excited to speak about our school. I believe what makes our school unique is not only our Arts Immersion programming but also our rich culture and community. We are a group of like minded individuals with a shared vision: Children and community that value arts and learning!

Everyone benefits from a strong community. We know that being active within our community helps individuals feel less lonely, have a more vital and interesting life, find friends, stay healthy and feel happier. We feel connected, important, significant, appreciated and safe when we belong to a thriving community. Being active within our community brings us inspiration and helps us find our way in life. Participating in our local community

Phys Ed News

The sports program at CAA is starting where last season left off.

The cross country team (Year 4-9 students) competed in three CAAA races beginning at Glenmeadows on September 20 then to Ecole de la Source and culminating on October 4th at Canmore Park. It was a terrific season with the following students placing in the top three for their respective grades.

Rowan C. - 1st, Grade 4 girls
 Ellie D. - 1st, Grade 5 girls
 Bronwyn B. - 1st, Grade 6 girls
 Zoe M. - 1st, Grade 7 girls
 Sydney C. - 2nd, Grade 8 girls

The junior high girls also won the league title for cross country! Congratulations to all runners! The team was led by Mr. Lindsay and Mrs. Baker and was assisted by Ms. Kearney and Mrs. Nixon.

The volleyball teams entered the Kick-Off Tournament and had resounding success. The boys are lead by Mr. Lewis and placed a huge fourth in the tournament. The girls are led by Ms. Sharla Oakes and were edged in the gold medal game.

Next week, we are beginning a series of home games in our new gym at the Youth Campus.

It is an exciting time for the PUMAS!



helps us fulfill our need for purpose. Communities thrive when people are better connected.

I have seen and felt this thriving community at bigger events such as the annual Pancake Breakfast, the Art Harvest, the upcoming Hallowe'en Dance and smaller daily occurrences in our school halls. I see students collaborating, graduates returning for visits, and parents mingling. Our community is strong and we all benefit.

We are excited to be expanding our community with our partnership with Calgary Stampede. The Youth Campus is a vital creative area focused on young people that supports developing strong western cultural roots through education and the performing arts. Our visions match! By expanding our community, we are able to provide even more opportunities for our students, families and staff. Calgary Arts Academy has grown deep roots and has developed into a blossoming community, of which we all belong, and it will only get stronger.

I would like to thank each of you for contributing in your own unique ways to a community that is ours. I would like to thank School Council for organizing the highly successful recent Art Harvest Community event and for other events that enable our community to come together.

Together we are strong!



Kindergarten and Year 1 News

September set the tone for our school year as Kindergarten and Year 1 students engaged in the theme of “going places.” We used this theme as a vehicle in our classrooms to explore the curriculum by reading poetry and stories, creating hot air balloons, and making masks. Year 1 students constructed buildings in our community using a variety of materials, which led to discussions about the importance of our CAA community and Art Harvest. We painted a variety of vehicles on rocks and then hid them for a fun scavenger hunt activity for the people who attended Art Harvest. We also read several books that taught us that books can take us to exciting places, and we were visual artists and writers when we created postcards from the settings in our stories. We read several humorous books written by Ben Clanton and sent him postcards expressing our favourite characters and books. We hope to hear back from him soon!

While Year 1 students were busy with these activities, Kindergarten students focused on adapting to being a part of the CAA community. We learned more about our new learning space and got to know our fellow CAA students in the higher grades, especially our Year 3 friends. We really felt Belonging when Year 3 students introduced us to the rest of the school through the Rose Ceremony.

As we head into October, Division 1 is excited to build character, student skills, and performing skills by beginning our new learning contract, which is all about Legos! We will create our own Lego Math manipulatives, do a Lego character study, and build Lego communities. We will be exploring seasons as we adapt our Lego communities for each season. We will also go on a field trip to Butterfield Acres to highlight our Social Studies curriculum regarding seasons. During this contract, the teachers are excited to introduce multi-aging activities to the students as we combine Kindergarten and the Year 1 students for a 30-minute MACRO time each week. Together, we will be working hard to begin preparations for our Jubilee performance in December.

Have you ever wished you could be a fly on the wall in the classroom setting and see some of the fun activities your child does in school? Now you can with Sesame, where videos and pictures capture how awesome Arts Immersion is! Sesame is a communication tool for teachers to share assessment about literacy, numeracy, and writing with parents. You will also find assessment on Science and Social Studies illustrated in the learning contract. You can expect one post a week from your classroom teacher. In addition to sharing your child's assessment of their learning, you can also enjoy some pictures and videos of social interactions, speaking skills, special activities, field trips, performance pieces, and evidence of growth and work-ethic demonstrated in the process of a



Kindergarten Circle of Courage



Kindergarten Rose Ceremony

project. Throughout the year, please refer back to earlier projects and posts to note the growth in your child and celebrate their hard work.

Year 2/3 News

The Year 2/3 team will be using Sesame to communicate specific learning outcomes and curriculum. Specifically, reading levels will be assessed three times a year and both writing and numeracy will be assessed monthly. Contract activities will be communicated on an ongoing basis through Sesame and will be labeled with the current contract in the title. Please review Sesame weekly and take an extra look prior to Student Led Conferences and Parent Teacher interviews so we are on the same page and can use our time together effectively.

Year 4/5 News

The Year 4/5 team spent September strumming, singing, dancing, and building while we worked to prepare and present our submission to the CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge. 'End of an Era' by the Strumbellas provided us the opportunity to reflect on and learn about the changes our school has gone through over the last fifteen years, and was the perfect way to say goodbye to the Glenmeadows campus. In addition to learning the song, we worked through the design process in small groups to choreograph movements that expressed key moments or aspects of our school's history. These 16-count movements were linked to create the visual storytelling component of our music video. We would like to express a big thanks to the Year 6/7 and 8/9 Music Options students who accompanied our division with guitars, horns, strings, voices, and percussion! Stay tuned for a link to our submission on the CBC Youtube page.

In addition to our music video project, we explored other ways that changes and transitions occur in our world. In workshop groups, we constructed characters using Math principles or reflection and symmetry, explored Canadian history through stories and timelines, created cyanotype photographs while experimenting with opacity and shadows, and drew diagrams of the plant life-cycles and of the geographic regions of Alberta.

Also this month we said goodbye to Mr. Ellice and Mrs. May, and welcomed (back) Mr. Matt Pahl and Ms. Olivia Guricich! We feel so lucky to have both teachers working with the Year 4/5 team and are excited for you to get to know them both better. We look forward to starting a new learning contract and Arts Immersion project with them when we return to school at our new Education Centre!



Year 6/7 News

Before leaving Glenmeadows, Year 6/7 students wrapped up our Kaleidoscope workshops investigating poetry and colour, Social Studies and drama, the art of trees and flowers, and triangles and angles in dance and visual art. Our first five days at Youth Campus will provide time for us to look at our Kaleidoscope visual art pieces through our giant Kaleidoscope, and to photograph the resulting beauty!

In September, Year 7 students explored the biodiversity of the Weaslehead on our full day field trip. Other special days saw us practicing Math while enjoying bowling at Mountainview Bowl, buddying up with Kindergarten and Year 1 students at the Terry Fox Run, and becoming part of the whole-school music video "End of an Era."

We demonstrated resilience and community-mindedness in the exciting and momentous days as we said goodbye to the Glenmeadows campus. The Year 6/7 teaching team is impressed by the kind, flexible and highly engaged learners our students are. We are looking forward to getting settled in the beautiful new Education Centre and discovering how we will best learn together in the new space.

October activities will include doing some site-specific mini-movies with the Year 4/5 team, field trips to Jim Bow's Archery range, and getting started on our "Free Parking - website design" learning contract (stay tuned for details.) Never a dull moment in 6/7!



Students work on low-poly collage

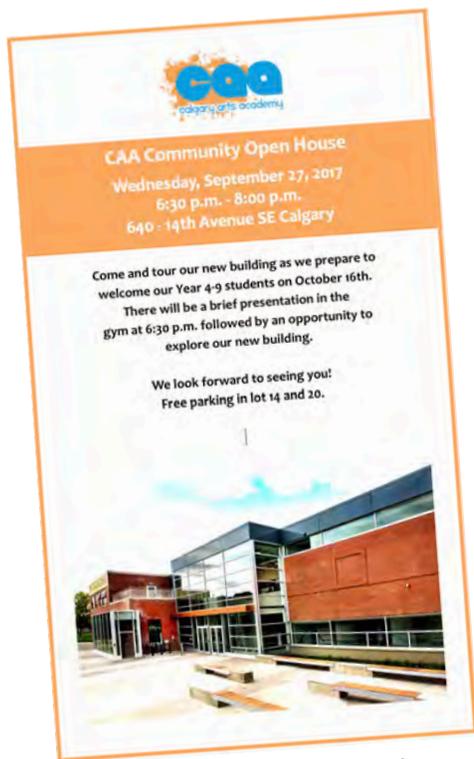
Year 8/9 News

The Global Leadership Club (GLC) now has their own Instagram page. Check it out at @caaglc.

The GLC hosted a Fair Trade Bake Sale at Glenmeadows on September 28, followed up with a sale at this year's Art Harvest event at Knob Hill. Looking forward, the GLC group will be participating in WE Day on November 1 at the Saddledome.



Gallery



Over 600 families and friends attended our community open house at the new Education Centre on September 27. So much fun!



Students celebrate at the cross country championships.



The Global Citizenship Club is a very active and engaged group of students.



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CAA School Council hosted another successful Art Harvest event on September 29.

Links

[Healthy Children October 2017 - by Alberta Health Services](#)

[Healthy Teens October 2017 - by Alberta Health Services](#)

[CAA 2017-2018 Calendar](#)

