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The Art of Learning



The Graduating Class of 2017-2018
June 1, 2018

From the Principal

CAA class lists for the 2018-2019 school year will be made after the final student day in June. In an effort to provide the best learning environment for students, CAA staff members go through a thorough, careful process to create balanced class lists. Drawing on our considerable knowledge of each student's strengths, we take into account class composition, learning preferences and levels, and students who work well together or need space from each other.

[Class placement requests](#)

Should a parent have a request for placement, please email Kevin Loftus at kloftus@caaschool.com and include:

- the specific class request information (teacher name or qualification), and
- the educational reason for this request.

Please be sure to phrase your request positively.

We will consider your input and make accommodations if possible. Cohesive, collaborative classes take time to develop and we appreciate parent support for the complex decision making that goes into this process.

Knob Hill News

I Love to Read Week and Scholastic Book Fair

I Love to Read Activities- Calgary Arts Academy Kindergarten to Year 3 students love to read! Throughout the week of May 14, we had the opportunity to Drop Everything and Read (DEAR), dress as their favorite character, and identify the mystery staff member reading a favourite passage.

Calgary Public Library - On Thursday May 17, the Calgary Public Library librarian presented information to all classes on their Ultimate Summer Reading Challenge. What a great way to inspire children’s interest in reading and books!

Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you to all of the parents who purchased books for their children at the book fair during Parent Conferences on Thursday May 17. We collected approximately \$2,800.00 from sales which allowed us to purchase about \$1,400 worth of books to enhance our reading program. Amazing! Your support is very much appreciated!

Evergreen Theatre - Sinking Island Performance

On May 30th, we welcomed Taryn and Jenny from Evergreen Theatre, who performed Evergreen’s new touring play, “The Sinking Island”.

In “The Sinking Island”, two best friends find themselves at odds over a dangerous sailboat race, which leads to a pursuit around a coast affected by rising ocean levels. They meet several characters

Year 2/3 News

Welcome to June!

We are excited to have many excursions through the city and have various opportunities to multiage with the older students. We appreciate your readiness to volunteer.

As the year winds down, please ensure that your child’s backpack is cleaned out, as projects will be coming home.

Thank you to all the parents who came out to conferences. It makes a real difference.



Due to bad weather, the “Special Adults Day” picnic was held indoors. See page 3 for more.

on their journey - crabs, algae, herring, a seagull - all played by student volunteers.

The show included songs, great costumes, and a shipwreck. And it also inspired classroom discussion on climate change.

Big thanks to Evergreen Theatre for coming to Knob Hill. We're grateful for you sharing your performance, and your love of science and inquiry, with us.

Upcoming Events at the Knob Hill Campus

The end of the school year is fast approaching and there are a number of creative, exciting events taking place at the Knob Hill Campus. We hope you will be able to join us in our celebrations. Watch for further information this month about:

Year 3 Talent Show – morning of June 22

SpArts Day (Sports and Arts events) - afternoon of June 22 – Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a huge success. A notice and sign up process will be sent to parents soon, so please come out if possible.

Rose Ceremonies – June 27 – Our sweet Kindergarten children will present a rose to each of our Year 3 students and send them on their way to Year 4 with love and best wishes.

Report Card Day – June 28

Last day of School – June 28

Other Notables

Traffic Safety - We know that the safety of children is of utmost importance to all of us. A number of parents and staff have again raised concerns about traffic around Knob Hill School during the congested morning drop off and after school pick up times. We strongly urge all parents to exercise caution and patience during these busy hours and follow all of the rules of the road. It would be tragic if a child or parent is hit by a vehicle just to save a few minutes. Currently, CAA School Council is working on creating a “hug and go” zone for fall on 19th St and will be looking for volunteers to assist during busy drop off times. In addition, a concerned parent has also requested a number of traffic calming measures from City Roads. We thank everyone for helping us take care of your children

Special Adults Day – June 1 – Knob Hill students took time to recognize the special adults that mean so much to them. We had the opportunity to make cards, letters, or small gifts for



Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students celebrated Special Family Day by inviting adults to a picnic lunch. It was a rainy day but the wet weather didn't dampen the good feelings at the picnic in the gym.

special, supportive adults in our lives. Our hope is that we could make this time of year a positive, loving experience for our many diverse families.

Lockdown Practice - An unannounced lockdown practice was conducted in the morning on Thursday, May 31st under the supervision of CPS Constable Wall and his team. It is recommended that at least one lockdown practice be “unannounced” each year so that the drill can be as authentic as possible. The practice was successful and staff and students followed the procedures exceptionally well. Although we feel prepared for an emergency, we hope to never have one.

Congratulations to Mr. Steven Morton – Our very own Steven Morton is performing as Mr. Banks in Story Book Theatres, Mary Poppins, the Musical. Children and adults alike love the play and it is getting rave reviews. The cast is outstanding, especially the grumpy but lovable Mr. Banks. CAA is so proud of you Mr. Morton! The show has been extended into July so if you have a chance to see it, we highly recommend it!

Kindergarten / Year 1 News

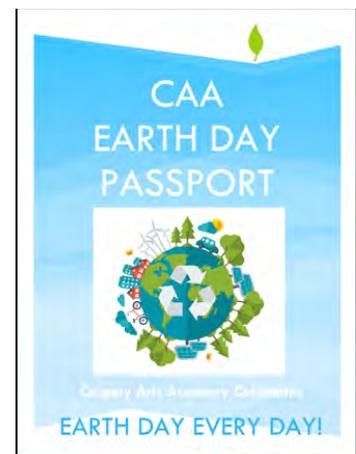
Kindergarten and Year 1 students had a busy month exploring our heritage through our learning contract, expressing ourselves through our art and gardening, while learning how to give back to the Earth by reducing, recycling and reusing.

Since we missed the internationally recognized Earth Day because we were on a spring break, Year 7 students joined the K/1 students on May 11th to celebrate our own Earth Day because we believe everyday is Earth Day! Year 7 students paired up with the younger students and participated with us through stations. In one station we danced to some earthy grooves and learned about the worm composting system Ms. Billington has set up in the library. In Ms. Malinowski’s room, we created art pieces with mixed media and things found in nature.



Creative movement and the wonder of air were explored in the gym with Ms. Ramos and Mr. Josh. we played cooperative games and worked together to manipulate, raise and sit under a giant parachute! Ms. Van Beers and Ms. Leung facilitated our “up-cycling” found materials into creative machines. Outside on the playground, we enjoyed the fresh air and teamed up to go on a scavenger hunt looking for things in nature. The day ended with new connections made between the two campuses and a renewed awareness of how every individual can take a step in keeping our Earth happy!

Thank you to School Council for helping our Kindergarten and Year 1 classes with the purchasing of soil, seeds and grow lights to start the “littles” on their way to becoming gardeners in their own right! We



have been busy planting a wide variety of herbs to go into the spiral herb garden School Council is planning on putting in the green space beside the Outdoor Classroom. Every student will also be painting their symbol and name on a wood cutout to be placed along the front entrance of the school.

On May 24th the countdown to the last 26 days until the end of the school year began. The Kindergarten / Year 1 team created CAA’s ABC Countdown by designating a letter from the alphabet and an activity that may or may not go with our Olden Days Unit.



Students brought their stuffed animals in for letter “A” day and made homemade butter for letter “B” Day.

We’ve had Circle of Courage Day, Dance Party Day, Exercise Day and Bring Your Favourite Book Day. We are excited about letter “G” day as our special adults were invited to bring a bagged picnic lunch and spend a half hour gathering together with their child’s peers and staff to share some time together on picnic blankets. On this Gathering Day, we gave our significant adult a marigold we have been growing from a seed. The flower is our spring gifts to thank the big people who shower the students with love and support at home. A calendar with the remaining activities planned for the month of June was handed out at the Mid-term Conferences and sent home digitally to every Year 1 and Kindergarten student.

We are excited to view all the Heritage learning contracts that are due June 1st. We have been interviewing our parents and elders to learn about an aspect of our heritage that might inspire us to represent it in a preferred art form. A few projects we are planning on presenting include: singing a Hebrew lullaby, a talk show interview and a Celtic dance! More reasons to be crazy about the last month of school include all the June activities planned for the rest of the ABC Countdown and the two field trips that are planned. Year 1 students are going to the Calgary Public Library on June 15th and Kindergarten students are planning on meeting up the Year 7 students again on June 25th at the Education Centre campus. We encourage you to follow along with the count down at home even if you do not have a child in Year 1 or Kindergarten. Join in the fun by following along with the calendar or make your own activity at home to go with each letter.

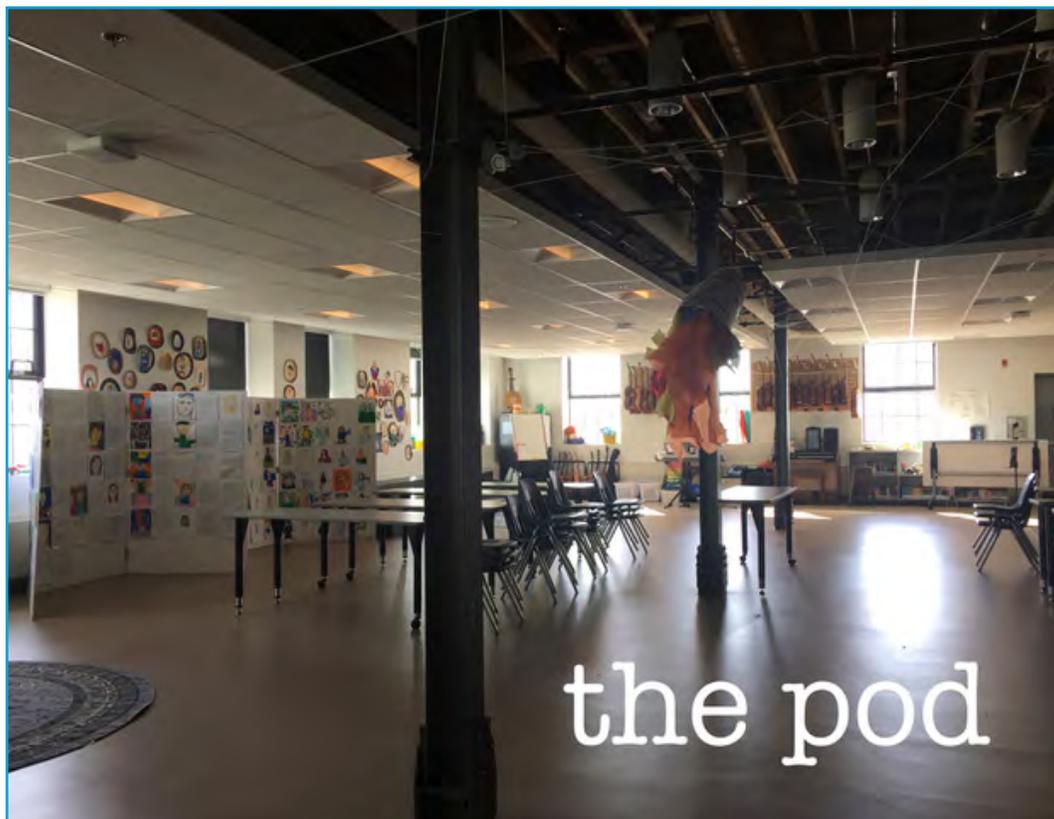
End of the Year ABC Countdown June 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 G is for Gathering - Let's gather together for the Special Adults' Day Picnic!	2
3	4 H is for Hair - It is Crazy Hair Day!	5 I is for Insects.	6 J is for Jokes - Come to school with a funny joke.	7 K is for Kites - We will make a kite!	8 L is for Lazy Day - Dress up in pajamas.	9
10	11 M is for Multi-age MACRO - Let's get together!	12 N is for Ninja Day - Ninjas meditate, are kind and move quietly.	13 O is for Olden Days - Dress in your favourite time period.	14 P is for Popcorn	15 Q is for Quilting	16
17	18 R is for Rhyme	19 S is for Singing - Share your favourite song.	20 T is for Twin or Triplet Day - In a group of 2 or 3, dress alike.	21 U is for Unity - It is National Aboriginal Day!	22 V is for Victory or Very fast shoes! It's spARTS Day!	23
24	25 W is for Walking Day - Let's take a Nature Walk.	26 X is for e-X-change - Exchange class autographs	27 Y is for Yoga!	28 Z is for Zoom - Zoom off to Summer Break! Wear sunglasses or a special hat to celebrate!	29	30

Year 4/5 News

June is a very busy and exciting month in Year 4/5. We have been tirelessly writing, rehearsing and filming scenes for our upcoming Showcase film, “The Pod”. Each mentor group has been working very hard to put together the finished product which will premiere at the Plaza Theatre on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. For anyone unable to attend this event, we will also have a school showing at 10:00 a.m. on June 20th. We are very excited to share our creation with you.

Year 4 students are excited for their adventure to Kamp Kiwanis from June 13th to 15th.

During this time, Year 5 students will continue our learning on and around Youth Campus, with a couple of walking trips to National Music Centre and East Village Park mixed in for good measure. In Math, we have completed our decimals unit and will be working on patterns and geometry for the remainder of the year. We will also continue to measure the growth of our seed sprouts with metric rulers and use our results to create line graphs. In Literacy, we have been working on our research techniques and will be creating Zine’s focused Canadian Social Studies topics. We will also be finishing our Human Sexuality units that we have been working on.



Year 6/7 News

Learning about the vastness of the universe and the Earth beneath our feet embodied the spirit of the 6/7 month of May.

While much of the month has been grounded in story writing, learning about Canadian history and wrapping up concepts in Math and Science, we have also been reaching for the stratosphere with IYLx and the GIFTS trip.

Year 7 students who participated in the Galiano Island Film School experience brought back stories of adventure and humour from an unforgettable experience. At the same time, we were working on the Inspiring Young Innovative Learners Expo which has allowed us to explore topics and areas that we are interested in and passionate about. From contacting prominent people in the community, creating an image for the conference to delving deeply into topics that fall within special areas of interest, we have been engaged and working hard. June 8th! IYLx!

We are musically inclined and the music showcase in the BMO Amphitheatre overlooking the river this Wednesday will give us the opportunity to treat parents to a concert.



Year 8/9 News

Following a heartfelt and touching Graduation ceremony, Year 9 students are eagerly anticipating their Provincial Achievement Tests. These provincially mandated test take place June 19th to 27th. Please check your 'What's Happening' email for information regarding specific dates.

We are also eagerly looking forward to sharing our musical talent with our families during this year's annual band concert. This takes place on Thursday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the BMO Amphitheatre (between the Education Centre and TransAlta studios.)

Many of our Year 9 students who participate in the Outdoor Pursuits program will be making our way to the West Coast to hike on the world famous Juan De Fuca trail. This excursion will take us through lush forests and rocky coastlines as we traverse one of the most beautiful trails on the planet.



We will be working together to create a Post-Apocalyptic World's Fair. This will take the form of an interactive and engaging museum that will be open to the public on Friday, June 15th. This will be a show case of student learning across multiple subjects and will be the culmination of our recent role-play experience in class. While the year may be winding down, we are remaining fully engaged and immersed in our creativity and passion for learning.



Fair Trade Festival

May 17 and 18, 2018 - Global Leadership Club



School Council News

It has been a busy year for School Council and we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has been involved with making all of the amazing events, workshops and initiatives happen.

We are looking forward to hosting a Family Fun Night on June 14 and our last staff appreciation lunch on June 26.

We will start the new school year off with the annual welcome back Pancake Breakfast. Volunteer spots are still available so please sign up if you want to be involved.

Links

[Alberta Health Services' "Healthy Children"](#)

[Alberta Health Services' "Healthy Teens"](#)

[2018-2019 School Calendar](#)

[Donate to CAA \(select "Calgary Arts Academy Foundation" as designated charity\)](#)