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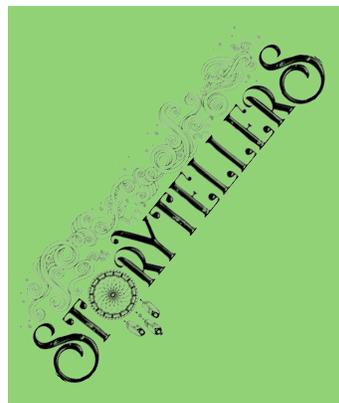
Students created scarecrows for auction at the fall fair on September 22, 2018

From the Principal

"It was a busy month filled with great opportunities to build relationships and embark on some exciting Arts Immersion learning."

It is hard to believe that September has already come and gone. It was a busy month filled with great opportunities to build relationships and embark on some exciting Arts Immersion learning. I enjoy seeing the students calm, happy and engaged in their learning. It is clear that students know the routines and are following the expectations that build a positive learning environment.

Our upcoming mid-term conferences are on October 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Education Centre and 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary Campus, and on October 5th from



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Just ask us:**Is there supervision at Knob Hill before and after school?**

Class starts at 8:33 a.m. at the Knob Hill Campus. The school bell rings at 8:27 a.m. to signal students to come into the building. Staff is on supervision on the playground at 8:18 a.m. so please try not to arrive earlier than this.

Dismissal time at the Knob Hill campus is 3:00 p.m. daily. To ensure the safety of students, at the end of the school day, CAA staff members release Kindergarten to Year 3 students into the care of parents or designated adults.

Kindergarten teachers ensure that each student is handed to the designated adult at the Kindergarten doors at dismissal.

Year 1 to 3 supervisors accompany bus students to the buses to ensure that all students are accounted for before the bus leaves.

Students meeting parents exit through the lower doors and teachers watch to ensure students connect with their designated adults. If the adult arrives later than 3:00 p.m., teachers monitor students at the door for about 10 minutes. If the student is not picked up, they will be brought to the office until their adult arrives.

Playground supervision is not provided after school.

We appreciate that circumstances occasionally make parents late for after school pick up at 3:00 p.m. If something has come up and you will be a few minutes late, please call Ms. Fischer in the office. The students will be asked to wait inside the school by the front office until their parent arrives.

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at both campuses. As partners in your child's education, all parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to participate in these conferences. Please watch for information coming home from your child's learning facilitator.

We are on fall break during the week of October 8th to 12th.

Thank you for contributing in your own unique ways to a community that is ours. Thank you also to School Council for organizing the highly successful recent Fall Fair Community event and for other events that enable our community to come together.

School Council will be at it again with another great community event in the form of the annual Elementary Hallowe'en Family Dance being held later in October. At the Education Centre, Student Council will be hosting an afterschool Fall Dance also at the end of the month. Please watch for upcoming details of these exciting events. It is always a great time filled with creativity and amazing community spirit.

Our Winter Celebration is also right around the corner. This year is certain to be a memorable evening, as we will again be performing at the Jubilee Auditorium. This year's winter performance is on December 7th and starts at 7:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful fall break and enjoy the beautiful fall colours.

Kindergarten and Year 1 students had a visit from a local paramedic.



Kindergarten / Year 1 News

The students in Kindergarten and Year 1 land have been having a blast searching for and learning about Hidden Heroes in our community this past month. We enjoyed a special visit from a real life paramedic who brought along his ambulance and gave a talk about what his job is like and how paramedics are like heroes. We learned about Terry Fox, one of our nation's heroes, and were very excited to participate in our school's annual Terry Fox Run. Year 1 students also went trekking around the Calgary Zoo in search of the hidden heroes of animals, the conservationists, and enjoyed being a part of the Panda Edu-trek where we learned about the different ways we can help to protect our friends in need. As we research more concealed members of our community, we will add them to our ongoing beautiful Super City Murals. We look forward to continuing to find and identifying more hidden heroes.



Just ask us:

Where can I park at the Knob Hill Campus?

Parking at the Knob Hill Campus is definitely tight. We thank all parents for their patience and care when parking near the school. Always check the parking signs so you do not get a parking ticket. Here are some things to know about parking.

The City of Calgary has granted us 10 parking passes. Up to 10 vehicles will be able to park legally in permit only parking zones in the community when parents volunteer at the school or on field trips.

If you park in a permit zone, please come into the school office and Ms. Fischer will register your vehicle online. We just need to record your vehicle license plate number to allow you to park in permit-only areas. Please be aware that the parking passes apply to permit parking zones only, not to no-parking zones.

There are also zones along 19 Street for drop-off and pick-up. Please remember not to park along the south side of 19 Avenue. It is especially tight for our school buses and the road gets even more narrow when there is snow and the hill is slippery. We have seen some children almost hit as they cross 19 Avenue between parked cars to go to parent's vehicles.

Thank you to Richmond Diagnostic Centre for allowing us to use their parking lot during our larger evening events. We will notify parents when we are able to park in the ground lots for special gatherings.

Kindergarten / Year 1 News - Continued

Kindergarten and Year 1 students have also been working with Ms. Kearney creating murals to explore the topic of "who are the people in our neighbourhood." Mural painting has given us all a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and to learn about all the interesting places that exist in our neighbourhoods and our city.



More Knob Hill News

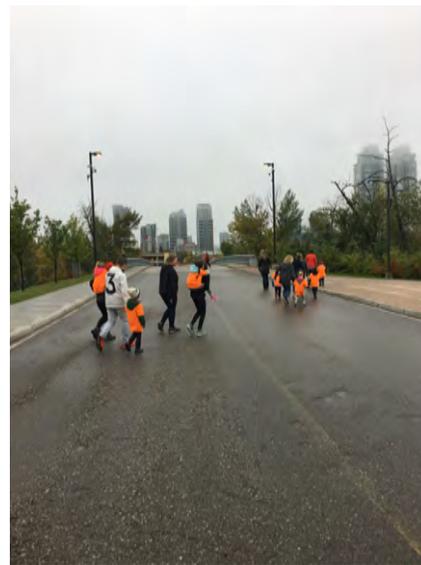
Thank you for joining the CS Fall Fair!

Despite the chilly weather, families had a great time at the Fall Fair! Knob Hill students especially loved creating scarecrows for auction at the event. All of the the scarecrows were purchased and will be wonderful additions to spooky Halloween displays this October. Thanks to School Council for building the frames for the scarecrows.



Terry Fox Run

The rain held off long enough for students from both campuses to complete the Terry Fox Run at Enmax Park. The goal for donations was reached and our K to 3 students celebrated with a dance party on Orange Shirt Day. Thank you to all families for your generosity in volunteering, running and making donations.



Kindergarten students participate in the Terry Fox Run with their Year 9 buddies.

Year 2/3 News

Scarecrows and monsters oh my!

It's just another day in the land of Year 2/3. We have been working on daily 5 choices of read to self, work on writing and can't wait to share all of our awesome progress with you at conferences!



Leaf art in Year 2/3



Year 4/5 News

In Year 4/5, we are right in the middle of our learning contract "Thinking small about big things." We have been investigating Canada and the impacts of waste while at the same time writing stories about creatures we have created. We have been working in Photoshop to create layered mapping images that show our picture super imposed over ares of Alberta and Canada that we would like to travel to and explore!

The next activity in our contract is to make a gigantic map of Canada showing the different regions through repurposing recycled material. We will rip, shred and cut materials up to adhere them to our map, and the end result



Finished portrait map, by Isla in Mr. Tukkamaki's class

should be a textured composite of the many different physiographic regions.

Students in dance have been reading the Minpins by Roald Dahl with Ms. Hailey and dancing out the story. We are currently working to put together a dance that will showcase the adventures that little Billy had amongst the trees.

Scott in Mr. Matt's class



Year 6/7 Amazing Race!

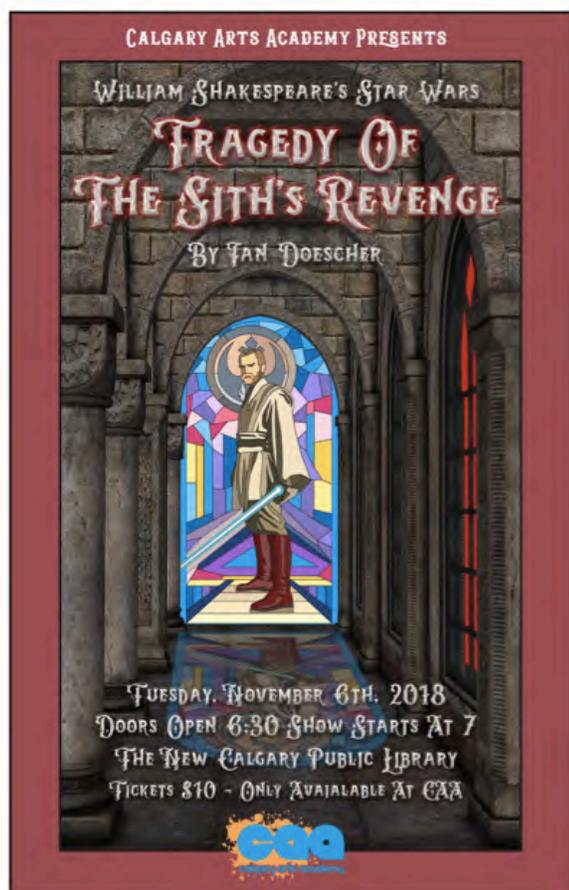
Year 6/7 students are in the final stages of our first project: The Year 6/7 Amazing Race Challenge! We've been busy learning about mixing colour, building maps, recreating music, planting evidence and finding plot points on Cartesian planes! We've also been using figurative language to help build clues! Friday, September 28, 2018 was our first day of filming our episodes with Ms. Nixon's homeroom leading the first race! The other homerooms worked collaboratively and supported each other while racing to the finish line. We have 3 more race days before fall break and then we will move into the editing process. Our Amazing Race episodes will be available after fall break! And with that the first project of the school year is complete!



Year 6/7 Amazing Race

Year 8/9 News

For the sixth consecutive year, Year 8/9 students are producing an original production of a play in Ian Doescher's William Shakespeare's Star Wars series. This year, with *The Tragedy of the Sith's Revenge*, we are exploring the entire curriculum as actors and directors as we work to stage this ambitious production. Building on the engagement of the Star Wars universe, we eagerly approach our learning. Through acting, directing and set design, we are exploring concepts in language arts, social studies, mathematics and science. In our work as directors and producers, Year 9 students are learning the principles of taxation, economics and systems of government as we immerse ourselves as dramaturges in this complex play. Students are also responsible for much of the design of the production, which is based on the art and influences of the Renaissance. Year 8 students are our performers and are also exploring math and science outcomes through creating an original 3-D projected mapping onto student constructed sets to be featured in the play. The performance of *The Tragedy of the Sith's Revenge* goes up at the new library theatre at Calgary's brand new Public Library on Tuesday November 6th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for sale at the school for \$10. As always, May the Force be with you!!





Reconciliation Bench

In September 2017, students and staff created a club called the GLC or 'Global Leadership Club'. Part of the club's mandate was to maintain its responsibilities as the first Fair Trade School in Calgary and another part was to promote Truth and Reconciliation through an interactive bench. Student teacher Alex Der led an inspiring lesson that had students learn about the legacy of residential schools and had students compose original songs that reflected their impact.

Read more about this on CAA's website under [School Life / Latest Projects](#).



Column: Alberta's charter schools are working – and it's time for more kids to have access to them

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For over two decades, charter schools have been providing Albertans with a school option that's fully funded for parents and delivers great results for students.

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With the recent snow storm hitting Calgary hard, we're taking the opportunity to provide a few reminders:

1. Calgary Arts Academy school buildings are rarely closed on a school day. Even in extreme weather, there is always staff available at both campuses.
2. School bus delays and cancellations are common in extreme weather. If your child takes the school bus, **always** check www.mybusstop.ca for the status of your bus, and **never** leave your child alone at a bus stop.
3. Use your discretion regarding whether or not to send your child to school in extreme weather conditions. We will understand if you choose to keep your child at home. Simply let us know.

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