

# The Art of Learning



We all have a story to tell

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### Coming up ...

Remembrance Day Assemblies, November 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Winter Celebration at the Jube, December 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Winter Break - December 20 to January 4



On October 18, 2018 the gym at the Education Centre was officially dedicated to CAA supporter, partner and friend, **Werklund Foundation.**

We are grateful for your support! See Page 8 for more photos.

## From the Principal

Calgary Arts Academy is buzzing along with staff and students engaged in rich learning contracts throughout the schools. There is not a better sound in a school than children excited and engaged in their learning!

We were honoured to have representatives from Werklund Foundation attend a special school assembly in their honour on October 18, 2018. Dave Werklund, Susan Norman, Mark Werklund and Shannon Knutson were treated to student performances until the grand unveiling of their sign, dedicating the Education Centre gymnasium to them. We are grateful for their support and it's a pleasure to see their logo on prominent display.

As is our tradition and the 6th year of performing, the Year 8/9

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## Special Guest



We were thrilled to be visited by Mike Downie of the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund on October 23, 2018. Mr. Downie had seen the work that our Global Leadership Club did on the Reconciliation Bench and wanted to meet them.

[Click here to read about this project](#)

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performance of William Shakespeare's *Star Wars: The Tragedy of the Sith's Revenge* goes up on November 6th. Students are achieving their curricular goals through this amazing production. We are excited to have a performance at the new Calgary Public Library Central Branch just days after its grand opening.

We are looking forward to our FreshGrade information session on November 7th at the Education Centre at 6:30 p.m. There will be parking available in Lot 18, across from the staff parking lot. If you are unable to attend, information about how to create an account will be sent home.

Our first term reporting documents come home on November 23th. As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's learning facilitator.

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. Our theme this year is Storytellers - We all Have a Story to Tell. It was submitted by Jeff Eisen, our resident Visual Artist and the ideas already flowing from students and facilitators are sure to result in a lively evening of performance!

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our volunteers. School Council took the lead for another great community event in the form of the annual elementary Hallowe'en family dance held on October 26th. It is always a great time filled with creative costumes and amazing community spirit. Student Council

demonstrated their leadership at the Education Centre by hosting a very successful Hallowe'en dance the same evening. Fun has been had by all!

Thank you for your commitment and involvement as partners in your child's learning!

## Knob Hill News

**Emergency Procedures** - All schools are required to conduct a number of safety drills and practices every year. Fire drills and lockdown practices help staff and students be prepared for emergency situations that can occur at schools. Our intention is for students to be able to respond quickly and calmly if needed. At this time, we have completed two fire drills at the Knob Hill campus. In November, we will be participating in an announced lockdown practice. Details regarding when this will occur, as well as suggestions on how to talk to children about lockdowns will be sent home via email closer to the practice.

### **Knob Hill News (continued from Page 2)**

**Monster Mash Family Dance** – A very special thank you goes out to School Council for hosting a super thrilling Halloween dance. Families of Kindergarten to Year 3 students rocked the school having fun doing awesome dance moves, spooky activities, gooey crafts, photo booth snapshots, and tasting delicious treats. Top it off with great costumes and creatively decorated pumpkins, and you have yourself one Spooktacular event! Thank you to the volunteers who worked very hard to decorate and transform our space leading up to the event, and to all those who volunteered during the event to make each part a success. What a fun community event!

**Welcome back to Ms. Leanne Kidd!** Ms. Kidd is a Calgary dance artist, teacher and choreographer and trained at The International School of Ballet. She has been dedicated to working with Calgary Arts Academy students since CAA doors opened in 2003. This year, Ms. Kidd will be the Performance Coordinator at our Knob Hill Campus and will working with all of our teams to assist in creating the fabulous performances with our little ones.

**Winter may be coming- again!** Cold weather will be upon us soon so please remember to check the weather forecast and send children to school with warm clothing. Students will have active playtime outside every day unless the thermometer dips below -20 C with the wind chill. Thank you for helping us keep kids active and acclimatized to the weather in our unpredictable Alberta weather and winters.

**Reporting for Kindergarten to Year 3 Students** – The first report card for the 2018-2019 school year will be sent home with students on November 23rd.

Year 1 to Year 3 - At Calgary Arts Academy, Year 1 to 3 report card comments are framed by the Circle of Courage. Comments are strength based and provide next steps for continued growth and development. In addition to comments, Year 1 to 3 report cards also contain indicators for core subjects. Demonstrations and work samples are will be posted in FreshGrade, our online assessment platform.

Kindergarten - Kindergarten report cards contain Circle of Courage comments which highlight growth and development for the first term of the year. Demonstrations and work samples for Kindergarten literacy and numeracy learning will be posted for parents in FreshGrade.

**Remembrance Day** - We welcome you to join us for our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m.

**Spirit Day** - Spirit Club has decided on our first school spirit day - twin day! It will be on Thursday, November 22nd. Collaborate with a friend and come to school as twins!

# Kindergarten / Year 1 News

October has been both a busy and exciting month for the Kindergarten and Year 1 students. To wrap up our first learning contract, Hidden Heroes, we joined the rest of the school on a field trip to Jubilations Dinner Theatre to watch their parody performance of The Uncredibles. The heartwarming and hilarious show not only entertained, but consolidated our understanding of what it means to be a true hero. It was a truly unforgettable experience, especially as it was the first field trip for our Kindies!

One of the most memorable activities from October was the design and creation of our annual auction pumpkins! We enjoyed designing, painting, collaging, and sculpting various items for our classroom's pumpkin. Ms. Leung's and Ms. Maye's classes drew their inspiration from our new learning contract, Big Authors for Little People, and decorated their pumpkins in the style of Eric Carle and Mo Willems. Mrs. Malinowski's class used Pablo Picasso's artwork as their muse. In AM Kindergarten, Ms. Tsao and Ms. Turner collaborated, creating a giant upside down ice cream cone! Ms. Turner's PM class chose to paint a glow in the dark Dia de Muertos sugar skull.

In other news, the K/1 team is beginning to prepare for the upcoming Jubilee performance! We will be hitting the stage in under six weeks, and we are working hard with our artists to put on another incredible show. We are busy creating choreography to themed movement pieces with Mr. E and Ms. Kidd, learning new songs with Mr. Steven, and designing art pieces with Ms. Kearney for the stage backdrop. All of us are looking forward to sharing what we have created with you!



## Year 2/3 News



Monster Madness continues...

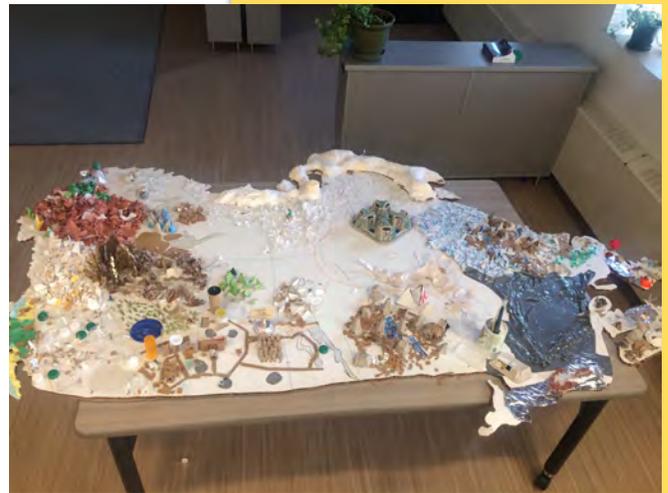
We have been moving, grooving, singing, sharing and creating everything monsters. We have been continuing working on Daily 5 choices of read to self and read to someone (in human form and also felt monsters we sewed ourselves). We have been writing up a storm creating monster stories and composing letters to our Year 6/7 pen pals (beware as our monster letters are coming in the mail!) all about our field trip to Jubilations Theatre. We had an amazing time seeing their creative show and then touring the stage and asking the actors questions. It got us all excited for the Jubilee performance we are preparing for!

We were also all about everything Halloween. We have been planning our classroom pumpkins for the Halloween Monster Mash Dance and decorated the halls for the spooky day!

## Year 4/5 News

In October, Year 4/5 students worked on a multitude of projects to complete our "Thinking Small About Big Things" learning contract. Bringing together our studies of the physical regions of Canada with what we've learned about recycling and waste, we created a textured sculpture of Canada using recycled materials.

A highlight of our time was performing "The Minpins" at a sharing assembly. Through dance and simple dialogue, we explored the key plot points of this Roald Dahl story about Billy and his small, tree-dwelling friends - the Minpins!



This month we honoured our school's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by taking part in Secret Path week. We learned about Indian Residential schools and the tragic, true story of children who died

while trying to find their way home. The 4/5 teaching team is especially proud of the generous and heartfelt art that students made to express their hopes for reconciliation.

This month we also completed an interdisciplinary project about Terry Fox's run across Canada. The activity combined reading comprehension, research skills, Canadian geography and culture, and the math skills of adding large numbers.

As we head towards Jubilee, we are doing a deep dive into all things to do with stories. Students will be reading, writing, dancing and making visual art to learn about the elements of story. Our Jubilee pieces will bring together painting, props, costumes and digital design as we create three very different performances about what it means to be our own hero.

## Year 6/7 News

In the month of October we successfully collected and created a series of sculptures from repurposed "garbage" and "recycling." This project stemmed from the launch of a series of boats to clean up the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," <https://www.theoceancleanup.com/>. Our goal was to take items that would have been considered garbage and create something beautiful with them. Come by the school and check out all of our art!

The next month will see us through report cards and working on our Jubilee pieces. We are incredibly excited to share our creativity with you at our annual winter celebration. More details will follow.

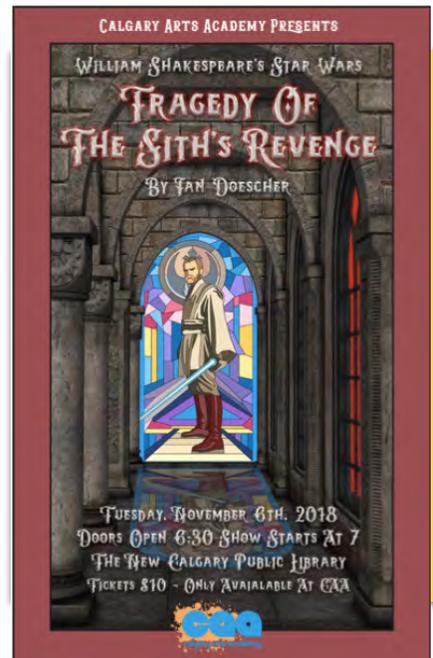
We have started using FreshGrade, our online student portfolio tool, and by now you should have been invited to join our classes. We will be tweaking this a bit, to make sharing portfolios easier, but we will keep you in the loop.



# Year 8/9 News

The 8/9 team is excited to kick off November with our production of William Shakespeare’s Star Wars: Tragedy of the Sith’s Revenge at the brand new Central Public Library. In staging this production, students in Year 8 and 9 have taken the bold steps of creating a new set with a 3-D mapping digital technology to highlight this spectacular performance. The curriculum covered through this year’s production has been more immersive than ever, as learning from all subject disciplines have been built upon and extended by our students in making this play a reality. Our Year 9 directors and our Year 8 actors have dedicated significant effort over the last several weeks to bring our most ambitious production yet to the stage. This year’s production puts a gothic horror spin on the Star Wars universe as we take literally ‘... a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away’.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 6th at the Central Public Library. There are still tickets available at the school for \$10. Get yours now!



A member of the Global Leadership Club created these cookies with the Fair Trade Calgary logo, which were sold at their weekly bake sale.

The grand opening of Doherty Hall took place on October 17, 2018. The Calgary Stampede unveiled the 2019 Calgary Stampede poster at the same event.



# Gallery



CAA students provided entertainment for the Werklund Foundation sign unveiling on October 18, 2018



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## Links

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

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

[2018-2019 School Calendar](#)



Elementary students created these custom pumpkins for auction at their Halloween dance on October 26, 2018.