

The Art of Learning



Global Leadership Club
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From the Principal

It was perfect weather for the Fall Fair! We had lots of student vendors selling their wares along with their parents and a whole host of community adult vendors. Our students represented Calgary Arts Academy well! Our elementary students did a wonderful job with their class decorating the scarecrows. Our middle school students created a colourful banner that decorated the Sweet Grass stage. Aside from the vendors, a highlight for me was watching the Indigenous dancers and joining in with the round dance.

It was wonderful to see many parents during the parent/teacher conferences. It sends an important message for students to see first-hand that their education is a priority and that their parents and the learning facilitators are working together to support their learning.

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From the Principal - continued

We are excited to have FreshGrade up and running. Families can expect to see a direct correlation between the learning contract curricular outcomes and assessment on FreshGrade. Our focus is to provide an ongoing feedback loop between learning facilitators, parents and students. We believe that with encouragement and by providing next steps to our students, they will benefit in their learning.

We often get asked about how parents can have conversations to enhance and engage in their child's learning. We have some suggestions.

- Why did you/your teacher choose to post _____?
- I am so proud that you are now able to...
- Look - now you can ...
- I can see evidence of growth... You used to... but now you...
- When I compare these two pieces of work, I notice...
- I know you found this work challenging, but look at how you...
- I can see you are doing better at...
- What I like about this work (artifact) is....
- One way at home that we can try to help you is...

- What do you think you could do differently next time?
- Did _____ turn out the way you expected?
- Tell me about...

We hope that you are as excited as we are! Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's learning facilitator.

School Council will be hosting 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.

Thank you for contributing in your own unique ways to a great community that is ours.

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



Elementary students created these amazing scarecrows for the Fall Fair.

Knob Hill News

Rose Ceremony

In the spirit of belonging, our Year 3 students welcomed our youngest students in Kindergarten to CAA on October 2, 2019. Such a touching tradition!

Spirit Club Update

Thank you to those who demonstrated belonging and inclusion by participating in Twin Day. We loved seeing classes twinning with each other by all wearing their Jubilee shirts or finger moustaches- lots of fun! We are moving on to our next project where we will be decorating and packing brown bags for hungry children in Calgary. Our snack bags will be dropped off at Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids (BB4CK) who will distribute them accordingly. Our busy Year 1 students are so focused and determined with decorating their snack bags- it is heart warming!

Terry Fox School Run

Thursday, September 26 turned out to be a glorious morning for our Terry Fox School Run! Both campuses completed the run at Enmax Park. Thank you to all families for your generosity in volunteering, running and making donations. Please ensure any pledge sheets or donations are into classroom teachers by Friday, October 4th . Watch for the grand total of CAA donations in our November newsletter.

Interactive Hallway: Active Bodies = Active Brains

We are off to a great start with our new geometric interactive hallway decals. Students are engaging with them and challenging themselves to be creative with our pattern. Be sure to check them out on your next visit. More will be coming soon...

Thank you for joining the CS Fall Fair!

CAA families had a great time at the Fall Fair! The Calgary Stampede Board are supportive partners and it is wonderful to be part of such a fantastic community event. Knob Hill students especially loved creating the scarecrows which were displayed at the event. All of the the scarecrows are safely home at the school now and will be spooky additions to Halloween displays this October.

Just ask us

When should students stop at the office for a “Glad You’re Here” slip in the morning?

Safety of students and welcoming them to school are priorities at CAA. Please help us by reminding your child to drop by the office to check in with Ms. Poissant if they come into the school after the second bell rings at 8:33. We can welcome children to school and be sure that they are not recorded as absent.

Just ask us

Is there supervision at the Knob Hill Campus before and after school?

Dismissal time at our Knob Hill campus is 3:00 p.m. daily.

To ensure the safety of students:

- Kindergarten teachers ensure that each student is handed to the designated adult at the Kindergarten doors.
- Supervisors accompany bus students to the buses.
- Students meeting parents exit through the lower doors and teachers watch to ensure students connect with their designated adults. Teachers monitor students at the door for about 10 minutes. If a student is not picked up, they will be brought to the office until their adult arrives.
- Playground supervision is not provided after school.

If you will be a few minutes late, please call Ms. Poissant in the office.

Kindergarten / Year 1 News

September has been a month of community and creativity for the K/1 team.

We got to meet a real life community hero, Julian the fire fighter! He taught us all about the important work that firefighters do in our communities, and why it is important to have a family meeting place in case of emergency.



We have also been learning about the similarities and differences between rural and urban communities. We used what we learned about rural and urban communities to create beautiful landscapes with patterned frames.

To finish off a great month, we participated in the Terry Fox School Run with our Year 9 buddies. We had a great morning building community and raising awareness and funds for cancer research!



Year 2/3 News

We have had a fantastic month in Year 2/3! We are continuing our exploration of the Culinary Arts and are preparing for our Culinary Arts experience, Le Deux Trois French Café, on October 10th at the Knob Hill Campus.

We have been exploring the graceful movement of wait staff, learning microphone skills, table manners and how to set the perfect table so that we can be excellent hosts to parents, grandparents, friends and family during the Le Deux Trois café.

Our exploration into the Culinary Arts has also guided us as we look at procedural writing in Literacy. We created our own How To Make a S'more recipe. After learning about how to read and craft a recipe, we built our own solar powered ovens and cooked s'mores in the hot autumn sun. It was a delicious experience.

We have also looked at restaurant menus, how they are made, and began crafting our very own Le Deux Trois menus. We have determined how much our menu items will cost and explored addition and subtraction as we buy and sell food.

Our most exciting explorations have been making and eating food! We began with s'mores and worked our way to mastering the earth's composition desserts, canapés and rock crystal candy.

We have written pen pal letters to our Year 6/7 buddies and are looking forward to building an ongoing multi-aged friendship throughout the year. We will meet our buddies when we go on a field trip to the new branch of the Calgary Public Library at the end of October. Also, we created class scarecrows for the Fall Fair. Our scarecrows were inspired by the magic that lives in our classrooms. Thanks to everyone who donated their goods and services to help make these wonderful installations.

After our October break we are going to deep dive into Canada's diverse communities and begin our explorations as we prepare for our Jubilee performances.



Year 4/5 News

First and foremost thank you so much for the time you took during parent teacher conferences. We enjoyed meeting with each of you and discussing our students' goals and early year successes. It has been a busy month in the Year 4/5 studio as we have been working towards our contract One Miserable Day. We are creating characters and drafting out our own miserable narratives to experience while learning about resiliency and the power of hope!

Weaving into our message about the power of hope, we have been studying the legacy and story of Terry fox in our literacy time, leading up to a fun and successful Terry Fox School Run. We enjoyed reuniting with our Year 2/3 peers from Knob Hill.

As the weather is starting to turn a little bit wetter and chillier, we would love to remind you that outdoor shoes are needed, and will need to be stored on our boot racks.

Year 6/7 News

We have been successfully settling into the year, learning new routines, and building relationships. Classes are in full swing along with our first big project, Mural Mayhem. Thanks to Sharon Stevens for coming in to share her experience with the creation and organization of murals in our city. Hearing her stories was a huge benefit and we appreciated having a member of our community volunteer their time. We are excited to show our creativity and talents through both the mural project and our RPG project. We are looking forward to collaborating with the local community over the next month as we begin our programming with LINKages and welcome our guest speaker, Dave Sweet from Calgary Police Services.

We have been working with our fabulous artists, Ms. Stefanie and Mr. Carl, to create a movement piece to coincide with the mural we have been creating. Over the last few weeks, we have chosen a "word" to focus our ideas and used this inspiration to choreograph meaningful movements to selected music that was chosen to strengthen and deepen our exploration. While the movement piece tells the story, it is also represented in a mural that will be painted at the Penguin Car Wash. We are looking forward to sharing our work on this project following the October break. Stay tuned for more details!

RPG will be an ongoing project throughout the school year. We have chosen to start the year by



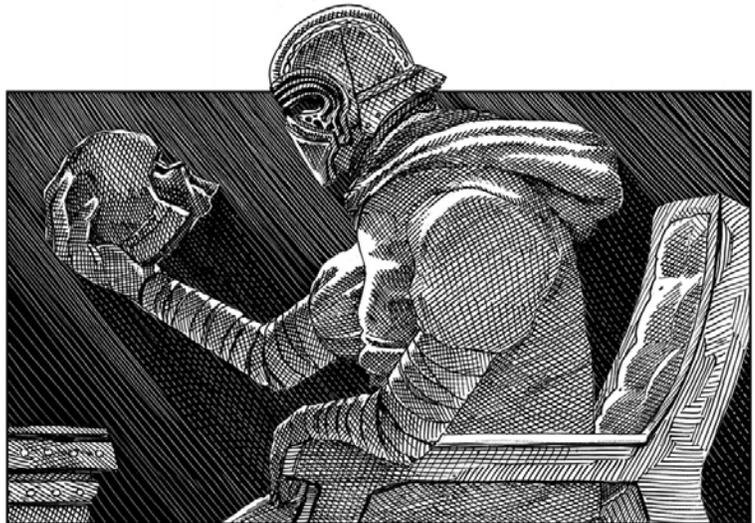
exploring the creation of a character. We are challenged with designing a character, exploring their personality, strengths and weaknesses through the lens of the Circle of Courage. Using these traits, a backstory for each character is written that we will utilize later as we explore various fantasy worlds throughout the year.

Finally, we are looking forward to continuing our ongoing communication with parents through our weekly update emails. FreshGrade has been updated and will be going live in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for updates on what we have been working on in our classes. As always, thanks so much for all your support and positivity as we go forward.

Year 8/9 News

For the seventh 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 Force Doth Awaken*, we are exploring our entire curriculum as actors and directors as we work toward staging 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 directors and 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 90's era grunge. The performance of *The Force Doth Awaken* goes up at the ICalgary's Public Library's new downtown theatre on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are available for sale at the school for \$10.00 each.

As always, may the Force be with you!

The Global Leadership Club had its first bake sale of the year on September 17. On September 25, the Club travelled to Olds High School and met with their FairTrade students.



Education Centre Athletics

The Senior Boys and Girls volleyball teams are getting into the thick of the regular season. Come support our girls on Tuesday, October 1 and boys on Thursday, October 10 in the Education Centre gymnasium after school for our only scheduled home games of the season. The two squads will look to end the month on a positive note with the annual Volleydome tournament which takes place on October 23 and 24 at the Volleydome GYM (293057 James Jones Way, Rocky View No. 44, AB T4A 0X1). Playoffs will commence on the first week of November.

In Cross Country, students from Years 4 to 9 have competed with great success at both of the September meets. The third and final meet has been pushed back to Wednesday, October 9 at Confederation Park.

In gym class, the students have been enjoying ultimate frisbee and ultimate football on the plaza. Looking forward, we will be taking things inside with a brief Spikeball unit, followed by volleyball, which will sandwich the October break. This is a friendly reminder to all parents of children in Years 6 to 9 to have gym strip available every school day. This includes non-marking indoor shoes in hopes to keep the gymnasium in tiptop shape.

The Terry Fox School Run was a success again this year. Mother Nature held off on the snow just long enough for students from both campuses to run around Enmax Park. Calgary Arts Academy has set a goal to raise \$3,000.00 this year towards cancer research. We raised \$2,000.00 last year, and we're well on our way to surpass that total in 2019. Donations will be accepted until October 4.

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Parking at CAA

Knob Hill:

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 ticket. Here are some things to know about parking.

Bus Zones - Please do not park or stop on the hill where the buses drop off students. What a mess this causes in the morning when six buses are dropping off students at Knob Hill Campus! Buses are not allowed to back up and they can only allow students to exit the bus when they are beside the curb.

Pick-up and drop-off zones - There are zones along 19 St. for drop off and pick up in the morning and after school.

Parking Permits - The City of Calgary has granted 10 parking passes to the Knob Hill Campus. If you park in a permit zone, please come into the school office and Ms. Poissant will register your vehicle on-line.

Education Centre:

Parking is available on the south side of 14th Avenue and a few spots on the north side of 14th Avenue immediately next to our school parking lot. We also have parking up past the bus lane on the north side of 14th. Spaces are clearly marked with CS and CAA.

Be sure to secure a parking pass from reception to display in your vehicle while parked in the designated areas.

