

The Art of Learning

Magic Happens When ...

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**"You can't use up creativity. The more you use the more you have."
- Maya Angelou**



From the Principal

Over the years, we have been very successful in building unique and inclusive traditions that all members of our community can fully participate in. These traditions include our community pancake breakfast, the Year 9 Graduation, the Rose Ceremony, student showcases, Vertigo Theatre performances, and, perhaps most importantly, our community performances at "The Jubilee." It is rare for a school to have so many traditions that connect its community in such a profound and valuable way.

It is equally important to us that parents, guardians, grandparents and extended families feel this same level of connection to our community. We know that by expanding the amount of diversity





Kindergarten / Year 1 News

Year 1 and Kindergarten students believe that you create your own magic when you experience the magic of the seasons! This month we have been discovering the magic that comes with each season through our 5 senses. We have been learning all about hearing, tasting, smelling, seeing and touching all types of things that have to do with the seasons. We did a mystery aromatherapy smell test, felt all things fuzzy and cold in winter, explored nature in the fall, and created visual art of the symbols of the seasons.

Jubilee, Jubilee, Jubilee! We have been working very hard practicing our opening and closing songs in music with Mr. Steven. As part of our performance, we have been rehearsing our creative movement pieces with Ms. Kidd, Mr. E. And Mrs. Hunter. Each class will perform their representation of each season through movement, dance and musical instruments. We can't wait to perform on the Jubilee stage!

present in our community we are ultimately making our community a strong and more well rounded place. As such, I do encourage you to invite your friends and families to join our Winter Celebration at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on Friday, December 6th. Tickets for this event are still available. I feel fortunate to be part of such a strong and connected community. Thank you for your on-going participation in our community building events. I greatly look forward to seeing you at "Magic Happens When...!"

Knob Hill News

Remembrance Day

Thank you for joining us for our Remembrance Day assembly. Special thanks to Chief Laurie VandeSchoot who worked with our wreath bearing students and helped them to understand and appreciate the reason for their role during the assembly. They marched the wreaths and paid respect to those who have lost their lives in conflict.

Jubilee

Students and staff are busy with Jubilee rehearsals and preparations. Students are engaged and positive, excitedly counting down the days until performance! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Staff Parking Lot

Please note that for all student drop off and pick up, parents who are parking during that time are to park along 19th street (inactive 'kiss and drop' zone), east of the bus zone on 19th avenue or back in to the community street parking if necessary. This is true even for the afternoon Kindergarten students. This is for the safety of our students, and to accommodate for staff who are returning to the school.

Lost and Found

The lost and found has been laid out for last call. Please note that whatever is not claimed will be bagged up and donated by winter break. Claim your lost items now!



Year 2/3 News

We have had a wonderful, scientific November! We have been studying Canadian animals and made a dance about loons, polar bears and turtles for Jubilee. We also explored the scientific process and have created a drama about the puzzling question "where does the magic come from?" In further explorations of science, we learned about the engineering design process, and have prototyped and built marble mazes and marble runs.



We have also been full of music as we co-wrote an original song called "Twenty Three Unicorns" for Jubilee. We've been singing magic songs and grooving to the beat.



With visual artist, Ms. Kearney, we have learned about the history of graffiti, made our own 'tags', and shared our learning about repeating, increasing and decreasing patterns by colouring our graffiti in a patterned way.

After the Jubilee performance magic fades, in the final weeks of December, we will be having celebrations based on the kinds of community celebrations that are typical of Inuit, Prairie and Acadian cultures.

Spirit Club Update

Please take note of the events taking place which we will be looking to our community for donations.

Veterans Food Bank of Calgary Food Drive

Thank you for your contributions to our veteran food drive! It was very successful and the support was greatly needed and appreciated by the Veteran Food Bank.

Hot Chocolate Day: Save the Walrus!

Thank you to those who contributed to our Hot Chocolate Day donations in honour of the walrus and WWF-Canada. We are in the process of counting up our total earnings and will update you with a number soon. The WWF is working to safeguard walrus from the human activity that is threatening their habitat. Our donations will surely make a difference.

Mitten Tree: starting Dec. 2nd, 2019

The mitten tree is back! One of our favourite traditions at CAA is the mitten tree. Students are asked to bring in NEW hats or mittens to decorate the Spirit Club tree. We will also have a Dobby's Sock Box set up next to the tree for students to donate new warm socks. On the 20th of December, the winter gear will be donated to Inn From The Cold. This is a great opportunity for students to help those less fortunate and learn about the spirit of giving.



Year 4/5 News

This month, we have been busy with getting ready for our Jubilee performances. Our two pieces centre around the concepts of Fears and Dreams and we have been learning about minimalism as well as surrealism. We have been investigating light and shadow and geometry through movement. We have been enjoying two stories in class as well as our dreams group has been following along with Alice as she explores Lewis Carols "Alice in Wonderland." Our Fears group has been reading "See You In The Cosmos" by Jack Cheng which is about a boy who looks up to Carl Sagan and the Voyager mission.

We hope to see you all at our Jubilee Winter Celebration as we showcase all of our hard work!

Year 6/7 News

Jubilee preparations are in full swing and we are looking forward to sharing our pieces with you. We will be showcasing a Year 7 piece that highlights the Social Studies curriculum, a Year 6 piece that highlights the Science curriculum and a Year 6/7 piece that brings everyone together. We are so excited to have Mr. Jeff on our team as he has escalated our pieces by sharing his expertise with graphics and green screen productions. Students have taken on the challenge of choreographing the Jubilee pieces with perseverance and positivity.

During RPG time, we have started writing our campaigns and are preparing to start gameplay. We are thrilled at the level of engagement and excitement growing in the classroom as we dive deeper into our creative worlds. In Math, we have started working on JUMP math and look forward to the progress we make with gaining confidence in our math skills. As we get closer to winter break, we encourage students to continue reading books on the March Madness list as we approach our fantasy draft day in February.

We will soon be hosting a tea party for our friends from LINKages. We have planned a healthy tea party for the seniors utilizing our knowledge of healthy eating and budgeting. Our planning, setup and decor teams will surely create a wonderful experience for our visitors.

Year 8/9 News

We continue to build on our performance successes as we prepare to share our performance of 'For Those Who Yearn for the Impossible' during this year's winter celebration at the Jubilee Auditorium. In a performance inspired by Goethe's Faust, our exceptionally talented young performers will bring dance, singing, artistry and Las Vegas style stage magic to the stage for what is sure to be a captivating piece. In collaboratively creating this performance, we have been exploring how simple and complex machines are used to create spectacular illusions. We have been discovering the art of German Expressionism through poetry and painting and it's impact on the wider world. We have been making our learning across all subject areas resonate throughout this performance piece which is sure to enchant the audience. When we return from our winter break, we are beginning our process at putting together our production at Vertigo Theatre. We will keep you posted with details coming soon.

