

# The Art of Learning

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## Principal's Message

It is May already! We have many exciting experiences for students and our families this spring that will bring us all together to celebrate our students and their learning!

We are thrilled to be able to share in-person showcases for all students this year! The purpose of these events is to showcase the Arts Immersion learning. Students are engaged in the development, creation, and rehearsal process. It is a celebration of learning! We are looking forward to welcoming our community in for this important celebration.

You will begin to see field trip forms coming home as we wander beyond the walls of our building to experience learning in other environments. I know that our students are very excited for these opportunities.



*Principal's Message Continued*

Finally, we have May Days on Friday, May 27 at our Knob Hill campus in the field. This School Council event boasts food trucks, and adult and student artisan vendors. There is a ton of fun being planned for this amazing event. The Year 6 Leadership group is busy planning student vendors, carnival games and more. If you are an adult artisan and would like to register for a table in the market, please email Council at [council@caaschool.com](mailto:council@caaschool.com).

We are looking forward to these exciting events!

## Physical Education Update

The month of April has come and gone in the blink of an eye. In Physical Education, students have been partaking in soccer and pickleball. As we look into next month, we plan to head outside as much as possible, so please be sure to come prepared for whatever weather Calgary throws our way!

In Athletics, the Pumas had two successful badminton tournaments. They were our first since 2019, so it was every CAA badminton athlete's first time competing. We wound up having multiple individuals with top five finishes, including a silver medal in Grade 8 Boys Doubles. Overall, CAA finished in sixth place as a school out of 13. Way to go Pumas!

**CAA SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS**



**ANNUAL  
MAYDAYS  
FESTIVAL**

**2022**

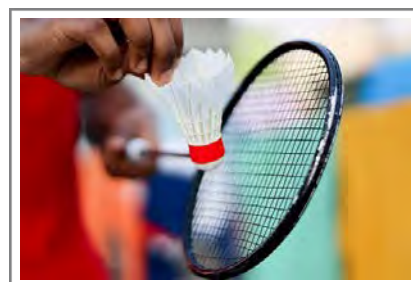
**YOU  
DON'T WANT  
TO MISS  
THIS**

**FOODTRUCKS. LIVE MUSIC.  
STUDENT / ADULT  
VENDORS. GAMES AND MORE**

**MAY 27, 4PM - 8PM**

**KNOBHILL CAMPUS**

TO REGISTER AS A STUDENT/ADULT VENDOR, MUSIC OR TO  
VOLUNTEER FOR THIS AMAZING EVENT PLEASE CONTACT COUNCIL



*Physical Education Updated Continued*

In other sports, our coed soccer team tryouts have recently wrapped up and our athletes will prepare for battle on May 19 at Foothills Athletic Park. The one-day tournament will provide plenty of excitement for coaches and athletes. Additionally, the Track and Field season is set to get underway as we look forward to our June 1 meet, also at Foothills Athletic Park.

Unfortunately, the Year 9 graduation ceremony is on the same day, meaning the track and field team will only consist of Year 7 and 8 students. Please stay tuned for more details.



## Knob Hill News

### Lockdown Practices and Fire Drills

Calgary Police Services came to assist us in running a lockdown drill on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The announced lockdown practice went very smoothly! The teachers and students followed all expectations and demonstrated mastery with remaining quiet, focused, and seated.

Our lockdown practices are complete for this year, but in the remaining months of school, we will still have a few more fire drills. These drills will be unannounced.

### Field Trips and Volunteering

We are excited to be able to offer field trip experiences again, and to welcome volunteers back. There are many field trips being booked, so watch for permission forms to be sent home. Of course, many field trips require volunteers so if you are looking for a way to get your 10 hours in, please connect with the classroom teacher. Also, if you are interested in volunteering inside our school, please reach out to the classroom teacher. All volunteers must be pre-booked and arranged ahead of time and must also have a Police Information Check on file.

### Showcases!

Students, artists, and teachers are immersed in the showcase process which brings an exciting energy to our building.

## Links

[CAA 2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[CAA 2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[COVID 19 Daily Checklist - Adult & Under 18](#)

[CAA Foundation Website](#)

[CAA Adult Choir](#)

*Knob Hill News Continued*

Teachers are collaborating to design and deliver Arts Immersion experiences, and to offer an opportunity for students to polish their work to be shared in a showcase performance. Look forward to details being shared by teaching teams on performance dates,, and procedures. How great it will be to see our little performers getting the chance to shine (in person) again for our community.

**Spirit Days**

Some of our Year 4/5 leaders from each class will be working together to plan and host some fun school spirit events for our Knob Hill community in the remaining months of school. Some of these events may include: Spirit Days, SpArts Day, and activities to promote I Love to Read week in May. Stay tuned for more information!



Highlights from the past few weeks include: creating Eric Carle inspired animal paintings, reaching via literature, videos and internet searches to learn about different animals and fostering an understanding of and strategies for mindfulness through sensory exploration. We are excited to be welcoming guests and volunteers back into our classes and practicing showcase songs. We look forward to this contract coming to life at our showcase on May 18!

## Kindergarten/ Year 1 News

We have been exploring our “Animusical” contract in preparation for our showcase. These past few weeks have involved utilizing our literacy skills to develop research skills and personalizing our numeracy through exploring various mental math strategies. Our contract work on plant and animal life cycles has us researching animals of our choice and honing our performance skills in preparation for our grand musical showcase!

## Year 2/3 News

It was an amazing April for the Year 2/3 team! We’ve been working hard putting together our performances for our upcoming showcase. Save the date for our performances on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>! Ms. Amanda has been teaching us choreography as well as historical thinking and Ms. Turner has been exploring influential visual art movements. Ms. Larose has immersed us in the art of song writing and poetry, and Mr. Matt has been covering the science of sound through making musical instruments!

Year 2/3 News Continued

In addition to our all our Arts Immersion learning, we get to finally go on field trips! We will be heading to the National Music Center, Telus Spark, Jubilations Dinner Theatre and Camp Connect in the next few weeks.



We recently attended our first field trip in two years to Kamp Kiwanis! We spent two days out at Kamp and had a fantastic time! We are looking forward to our upcoming field trips in May.

Year 4/5 News

We have had a very exciting month in April learning about the magical process of plant growth! Through an Alice in Wonderland lens, we are creating line dances and lyrics inspired by regrowth that will be performed in our Wonderland Garden Party Showcase that has been moved to June 2nd, 2022.

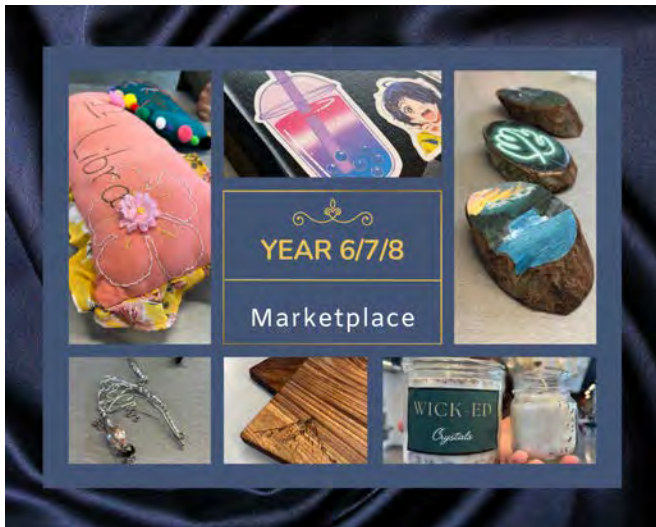
We have chosen a plant of personal interest that we would like to explore and have been working independently on how to research and learn about our chosen plant to the end of creating a non-fiction piece of writing. After learning about the destruction of our world and how it regrew into our wonderland, we will be focusing on sustainable fashion trends that aim to protect our environment and lessen our negative global impact!

PAT DATES

- May 16: Year 9 - LA part A
- May 19: Year 6 - LA part A
- June 13: Year 6 and Year 9 - LA part B
- June 15: Year 6 and Year 9 - Social
- June 17: Year 6 and Year 9 - Math part A
- June 22: Year 6 and Year 9 - Math part B
- June 24: Year 6 and Year 9 - Science

## Year 6/7/8 News

In Year 6/7/8 we are getting ready for Market Days on May 6. We are excited to share our creations with everyone so please find time to come on down from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to explore and shop in support of Ukraine.



Year 6 students are exploring the concepts of flight through made up aircraft, hot air balloons and paper airplanes. In Math, we are finishing up transformations and moving into volume and area. We are learning to build up our study skills while getting ready for upcoming P.A.T.s. In L.A. we are working on writing articles that describe topics of student interests.

In Year 7/8, we are exploring poetry and free verse through rap, RNB and motivational speakers. In Math, we are learning about geometry with parallel and congruent lines.

In Year 7 Social Studies, we are learning about the expansion in the west and the great migration.

In Year 8, we are starting on the history of Japan and the concepts of isolation. In Year 7 Science, we are creating art pieces from plant slides before moving into our final unit of planet earth. In Year 8, we are completing our organism presentations and will be starting our final unit of mechanical systems.

## Year 9/10/11 News

In Year 9, we are busy planning our Showcase "Til Death Do Us Part" that goes up May 5th and 6th. Students have written, directed and created the set pieces for the show. Working closely with the artists, we have developed our roles and have learned what goes into creating a full stage production.

We have also launched into our PAT prep as we start wrapping up the school year. In Science, we have been exploring chemical reactions through hands-on experiments.

In Year 10 and 11, we have been working with the Calgary Public Library, and Vertigo for our Showcase of the "Laramie Project" that is going up on May 24th and will be presented at the Calgary Public Library Downtown.

After reading "Kim's Convenience" Year 10 and 11 students watched Alberta Theatre Projects' touring show. We had the opportunity to talk with the cast about their experiences with a traveling theatre production.

## Year 9 Graduation

We are looking forward to honouring the achievements of our Year 9 Graduating Class of 2022 on Wednesday, June 1st, 2022.

An email with more details and ticket information will be sent out soon. If you have not done so already, please submit your graduate's baby photo and a recent photo to Cheralyn Doell, Community Arts Coordinator at [cdoell@caaschool.com](mailto:cdoell@caaschool.com) by Friday, May 6.



Martha Cohen Theatre

### Schedule of Events

1:30 p.m. – Graduation Ceremony at Arts Commons Martha Cohen Theatre – 215 - 8th Ave SE

5:30 p.m. – Dinner for Graduates and Teachers at The Old Spaghetti Factory – 108, 472 - 36th St NE

7:30 p.m. – Comedy Show at Calgary Arts Academy Education Centre

9:00 p.m. – Parent Pick-up at Calgary Arts Academy Education Centre

## Salvation Army Project

Students in Visual Art 10 and 20 worked with the Volunteer Coordinator from The Salvation Army to create visuals for a thank you booklet that was distributed to all their Calgary volunteers.

The coordinator had specific ideas, goals and size requirements for the visuals, giving us an inside look at how a client/designer relationship works in the professional world. We were also tasked with completing a mock invoice, learning about GST and sole proprietorship vs incorporation.

The Salvation Army thanked us with volunteer hours that we can use on our resumes.



# Mark your calendars!



## May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Day 6 K/Year 1 and Year 6 Field Trip	<b>3</b> Day 1	<b>4</b> Day 2 Year 9 Showcase	<b>5</b> Day 3 Year 9 Showcase	<b>6</b> Day 4 Year 6/7/8 Marketplace	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Day 5	<b>10</b> Day 6 Year 2/3 Field Trip	<b>11</b> Day 1	<b>12</b> Day 2 Year 1 to Year 5 Jubilations	<b>13</b> Day 3	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Day 4 LA PAT Part A - Year 9	<b>17</b> Day 5 Year 2/3 Field Trip Year 9 Field Trip	<b>18</b> Day 6 K/Year 1 Showcase (No PM Kindy Classes) Year 10/11 Field Trip LA PAT Part A - Year 6	<b>19</b> Day 1 Soccer Tournament	<b>20</b> PD Day - No Classes	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Victoria Day - No Classes	<b>24</b> Day 2 Year 10/11 Laramie Project	<b>25</b> Day 3 Year 2/3 Showcase K/Year 1 Field Trip	<b>26</b> Day 4 Year 2/3 Showcase	<b>27</b> Day 5 <b>May Days</b> Year 2/3 Field Trip	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Day 6	<b>31</b> Day 1	<b>01-Jun</b> Day 2 Year 9 Grad Year 7/8 Track & Field	<b>02-Jun</b> Day 3 Year 4/5 Showcase	<b>03-Jun</b> Day 4 K/Year 1 Field Trip	