

The Art of Learning

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Message From Administration



In November, the Calgary Arts Academy community achieved so much, and we did it in our own caring, collaborative and creative fashion. All three campuses hosted our first in-person Remembrance Day assemblies since 2019. We are proud of the thoughtful, respectful, and meaningful art, music and poetry shared at these events.

Our community showed their generous spirit through the collection of non-perishable food items for the Veteran's Food Bank. Together, we ensure all our students learn about giving and how to look out for one another through such important initiatives. In the spirit of generosity, our annual Mitten Tree and Loonie and Toonie Drive are back!

Message from Administration continued

Term 1 report cards for Kindergarten to Year 9 students were sent home in November, and our high school families were encouraged to look at their student's mid-term marks in PowerSchool. It was wonderful to welcome families to our in-person parent conferences and continue to deepen the school-home relationship that we know are so important to both academic and social success for students. Thank you to our engaged and supportive parents for taking the time to communicate with our amazing teachers!

We hosted a high school information night on November 23 and were pleased to see a good turnout both from our current Year 9 families and from families from different schools. Over 70 people attended and were impressed with our facilities and program. We look forward to receiving applications from interested families.

Illness and absence levels surged in our CAA community in the middle of November. Alberta Health Services sent a letter to families at all three schools with advice about how to manage this season of increased illness. By November 28, we were very happy that our attendance was back in a normal, healthy range.

November was also the time when we began creating and then rehearsing our Jubilee performances. Every student from Kindergarten to Year 12, had a hand in exploring their curriculum through the Arts Immersion process.



This culminated in our 10th annual school wide performance on the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium stage. This was a very special event for many reasons. It was the first live Jubilee since December 2019, a community celebration of Calgary Arts Academy's 20th anniversary, as well as a chance to mark the retirement of Dale Erickson, CAA's founder, and former Superintendent. What a thrill it was to be back at the Jubilee celebrating the hard work and artistry of our students. We are grateful for the dedication shown from our entire staff which made Jubilee possible.



In December, our students will be reflecting on the learning they experienced through the Jubilee process. They will also be focusing on goal setting and striving for academic excellence in the last weeks of school before our Winter Break.

Message from Administration continued

In the bustle of the season, we encourage you to connect with your child, engage in literacy activities and math practice at home, and reflect on and continue to nurture your child's strengths.

The last day of classes before the Winter Break is December 16. We wish each and every CAA community member a safe and healthy Winter Break. We look forward to welcoming students back to class on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Athletics Update



In Physical Education class, students at the Education Centre Campus have been enjoying the basketball unit. Looking into December, High School students will engage in Table Tennis and Badminton while the Year 8/9 students continue with basketball.

Our extra-curricular basketball teams have completed their first tournament, where both teams won at least one game! They will look to build on their early success with a second tournament prior to our Winter Break.



Kindergarten/Year 1 News

We are growing while learning all about community in Kindergarten and Year 1.

We have been learning about the rural country, urban city, our communities, measurement, 2D and 3D shapes and lines we see all around us. We have also explored our 5 senses in the seasons and the different characteristics of each.

With the help of Mr. E and Ms. Susanna we artfully created a Jubilee showcase of "Designing the Perfect Community" and learned a song about how to live peacefully together in "All in This Together". We were so excited to share what we have been up to on the big Jubilee stage!



Mitten Tree



One of our favourite traditions at CAA is the Mitten Tree. Students are asked to bring in new hats or mittens at any of our campuses to decorate the tree. On December 16, the winter gear will be donated to the Calgary Drop-In Centre.



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Year 2/3 News

We have been working hard preparing for Jubilee! Through our "Around the World Contract", we have deepened our understanding of the seven continents. Learning about culture and identity has helped us integrate different dance, music and art forms from each continent. We were excited to share our learning on stage at our Jubilee performances! We are looking forward to diving into our next learning contract about quality of life in the continents.

Highlights from the past few weeks include: working in the gym to rehearse Jubilee pieces, using our skills of mapping to create our personal paper mache globes, and doing a research project on the continents. Some of our Year 3 friends in Spirit Club got to be teachers for part of the day!



Year 4/5 News

We had an exciting and busy month! We have been learning about pivotal moments in history that have shaped the Canada we know today. This study particularly focused on immigrant groups who have been wronged or marginalized within our society throughout the ages. We have learned about The Famous Five, The Last Spike, The Underground Railroad, Confederation, Indian Immigration, Irish Immigration and so much more! We incorporated this learning into our Jubilee performance through the art of tableau. This process had us reflect on who was included within recorded historical moments and who was left out. Each tableau was explored through the lens of photography which perfectly coupled with a scientific investigation of light and shadow. We were so excited to show everyone our learning in full swing on the Jubilee stage!



YEAR 4/5



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Year 6/7/8 News (Rosscarrock Campus)

Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on at the Jubilee! At our circle meeting after the Jubilee, we reflected on our stage experience, hard work, focus and energy put into making our performance. We were excited to explore and share curricular connections through Arts Immersion on the big stage at the Jubilee Auditorium.



As we move into our last two weeks before the break, we are working hard in each classroom, learning about debate, research, and how to find reliable sources online in Social Studies and Language Arts.

In Year 8 we learned about persuasive writing and used this to create and present a proposal for items that would be helpful in our classroom.

In Year 6/7 Science, we are wrapping up our learning about plant structures. In Math we are building on our learning in integers, place value, and order of operations.

The last week before the Winter Break, the Year 8 Student Council has planned an exciting spirit week. We have planned for activities such as a teacher decorating competition, PJ day, and wacky hair/hat day.

On behalf of the all of us from the Year 6/7/8 team we wish you and your families a happy holiday!

Sibling Registration

Do you have a child that would like to attend CAA for the 2023-2024 school year? The deadline to register siblings is December 31.

Visit the Admissions page for a registration form or email Cathy Braun at cbraun@caaschool.com.

Year 8/9 Education Centre News

We were excited to share our two Jubilee pieces with the community on the big stage! We explored Arts Immersion learning tied to curriculum outcomes in Social Studies and Science. We are proud of what we created when we reflected on "Design of a Lifetime".



In November, we made our last library visit of this year. During the visit, we picked books of interest and continued our regularly scheduled classes while at CPL.

In Year 8, Social Studies, we are working on the Italy Simulation. In Math, we finished the fractions unit and in Science, we are completing our chemistry unit.

In Year 9 Social Studies, we are starting the Civic Mirror Simulation. We finished the rational number unit in Math and in Science, we finished the chemistry unit.

High School News

This month we braved the cold and walked to Theatre Calgary for a matinee performance of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*! The set and costume designs were impressive. We all thought the actors did a masterful job of staying in character through the most absurd situations. Thankfully we were not seated in the tea party "splash zone"!



High School News continued

In ELA 10, we visited our Knob Hill buddy classes to share some of our favourite children's stories as an extension of our *Alchemist* novel study. Reflecting on our personal legends, and how we have grown since early elementary school, we have been busy crafting our own children's stories! We look forward to sharing our stories, filled with lots of hilarious ideas from our buddy brainstorming sessions, as a message of guidance for our Knob Hill friends before the Winter Break!



Loonie and Toonie Drive December 1 to 12, 2022

In the spirit of generosity, Calgary Arts Academy is having a Loonie and Toonie Drive! The funds raised will go towards the purchase of gift cards for our families that need a helping hand this year.

The gift cards will be distributed before Winter Break.

We encourage all students to bring in a loonie or toonie to assist Calgary Arts Academy families this holiday season. All money should be dropped off in the office. Ms. Poissant, Ms. Nikki and Ms. Shannon will gladly accept your donation!

So, hunt through your pockets, drawers, and couches! Find those loonies and toonies! Help us make a difference!

The Loonie and Toonie Drive runs from Thursday, December 1 to Monday, December 12.

From time to time, we all need a helping hand. Should you or someone you know need a helping hand this holiday season, please contact Michelle Stonehouse at mstonehouse@caaschool.com. All communications are strictly confidential.



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Day 1	1 Day 2 Jubilee	2 3
4 Day 3	5	6 Day 4 CPL Book drop off/exchange at RC	7 Day 5	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10
11 Day 3	12	13 Day 4 CPL Book drop off/exchange at KH Year 1 Leighton Centre	14 Day 5 Girls' Basketball Tournament at Genesis Centre Airdrie	15 Day 1 Boys' Basketball Tournament at Genesis Centre Airdrie	16 Day 2	17
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We wish you and your family a safe and restful Winter Break.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**