



Message from Administration

September was a harvest of learning and growth across all three CAA campuses. Many of our teams are wrapping up their first learning contracts of the year and feedback on student progress will be shared with parents/guardians soon. We would like to thank all the families who attended our first Parent Teacher Conferences on September 18 and 19. These meetings help set meaningful learning goals to support each student's success.

On September 22 and 24, our students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run, honouring the legacy of Canadian hero Terry Fox and raising funds for cancer research. Knob Hill and Rosscarrock students came together for multi-age activities, learning about Terry's story and teaming up to run around the Rosscarrock field. At the Erickson Centre students ran at Elbow River Camp. Students were engaged and compassionate, and many could personally connect to stories where cancer impacted their own lives and loved ones. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised over \$1,700 for cancer research.

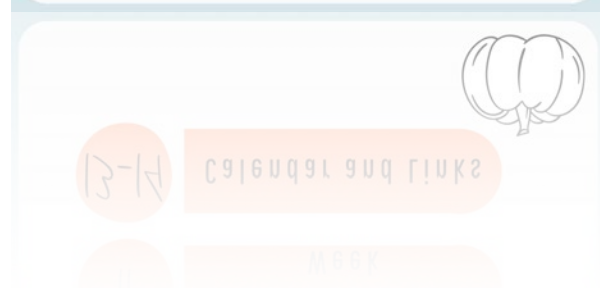


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On September 29, we observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Each campus held assemblies to honour the day, welcoming inspiring guest speakers: Julius Hirsch, a CAA alumni, Blackfoot dancer, and historian, and Tyson Lee Storm, a Blackfoot musician and justice worker. Our guests shared important truths about Canada's harmful residential school system and inspired us with hopeful messages of resiliency.

We were grateful for their passionate teachings and their moving presentations which inspired our students and staff towards reflection, participation, and connection. In classrooms and circle meeting conversations, students engaged in thoughtful activities, including a large-scale paper quilt created by our Year 8/9 students that artfully illustrated the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report. At CAA, our commitment to reconciliation is ongoing. We are proud of our students' engagement and empathy, and grateful to our community for supporting these important days of learning and remembrance.



Message from Administration Continued.

Our Year 2/3 students are kicking off the first Arts Immersion showcase of the year! *Cabinet of Creepiosities* is a dinner theatre style experience to demonstrate their learning in creative writing, character development and plot structure. Blending science, art and imagination, the showcase brings student invented monsters to life in a truly unique and engaging performance. The evening performances will take place in the Knob Hill gym. Ms. Carmen and Ms. Shania's classes have their showcase on October 8th. Ms. Caity and Ms. Sona's classes have their showcase on October 9th. We look forward to sharing their learning with the community!

Schools are closed for our Fall Break from October 13 to 17 and there are no classes on October 20 for our PD Day. Staff will be busy planning for our Winter Celebration at the Jubilee Auditorium on December 5th and finalized details for our upcoming Art and Nature Camp Days at Camp Connect in November. We are excited to share more information about this special camp experience with families soon.

We hope you have a wonderful, colourful, and thankful October ahead!

Sarah Birch (*Principal, Knob Hill*)

Kimberly Hoey (*Principal, Rosscarrock*)

Juleta Severson-Baker (*Assistant Principal, Rosscarrock*)

Amanda Bonnell (*Assistant Principal, Erickson Centre*)



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Kindergarten/Year 1 News

We have officially begun our first learning contract, *Welcome to the Magic!* This joyful adventure has set the tone for our Kindergarten and Year One journey as we celebrate the magic of learning, creativity, and community. Each day, we are discovering what makes us unique and how our individuality helps our classroom and school community sparkle. We are learning what it means to



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be leaders and helpers, and how diversity makes our community strong and beautiful.

We took part in two very meaningful events: the Terry Fox Run and Truth and Reconciliation Day activities. These experiences helped us show empathy, understanding, and care as we listened, reflected, and participated.

In visual art, we recently completed our first big project with Ms. Naomi. We learned about mosaic artist Sonia King and created our own colourful mosaics while exploring 2D shapes.

Now, we are mixing “paint potions” to see how primary colours magically transform into orange, green, and purple.

A big thank you to all the families who joined us for goal-setting conferences. We loved sharing our strengths and dreams with you and look forward to growing together throughout this exciting year.



PAINT POTIONS



Year 2/3 News

What an exciting first full month of school it has been in Year 2/3! Our classrooms have been buzzing with energy, creativity, and lots of learning as we prepare for our upcoming October Showcase, inspired by our "Cabinet of Creepiosities" Learning Contract.

In Literacy, we have been building a strong foundation by learning what makes up a sentence. We are using our skills to craft our very own scripts and bring our words to life on stage. In Social Studies, we explored the difference between facts and opinions and are preparing to demonstrate our learning through a debate-style format.

In Numeracy, we focused on exploring, practicing and identifying shapes and patterns. We took our learning a step further by writing a playful script and designing props. Finally, we have been investigating the different states of matter in Science through hands-on experiments and observations. This learning will culminate in a "mad scientist" performance piece, where we will demonstrate our discoveries in a fun and theatrical way.



And that's not all - we have been dancing up a storm! From the Wednesday Dance and to the iconic Thriller Dance, we are gearing up for a dance battle of epic proportions!

It has truly been a spooktacular start to the year. We are so excited to share our hard work, creativity, and learning in an engaging performance with our families and community!

Terry Fox Run Recap

High School students ran their Terry Fox Run on September 22, and Kindergarten to Year 9 students ran at the Rosscarrock campus on September 24. We were thrilled with the community spirit demonstrated, and by how our students showed respect for Terry Fox's selfless determination and passion for scientific research into cancer treatments.

This year, Kindergarten to Year 9 students tracked how far they ran and the results were inspiring! With an average class distance of 90 km per class, our students collectively ran 2051.72 km, roughly the distance from Thunder Bay, ON to Calgary, AB. In 1980, Terry ran over 4,000 km from St. John's, NL to Thunder Bay during his Marathon of Hope before being hospitalized. Our students' achievement offers a powerful visual reminder: we are truly continuing Terry's legacy.

The CAA community is a generous one! Together, we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$1,400.00, and have donated \$1,776.68 to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. A big 'thank you' to everyone who donated!





Do you like to sing? Do you enjoy music, laughter and having fun? Come and join our Calgary Arts Academy Adult Choir! We are a non-auditioned ensemble that sings a wide variety of music.

Choir practices are held Wednesday evenings at CAA Knob Hill Campus.

<https://www.caaschool.com/caa-adult-choir>

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Wednesday, October 22, 2025



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Year 4/5 News

We are having a fantastic start to the year, practicing routines and showcasing curiosity and creativity through collaborative activities. Our first learning contract, *Go, Go Power Rangers: Morphin' Our Mindset*, is well underway, and we are diving into some fun topics. In Social Studies, we have been exploring Canada's geographical regions, and in Science, we have been building "magical musical instruments" with recyclable materials, while discovering how Earth's spheres are interconnected. In Literacy, we are using sentence science to create more complex sentences and have started



designing Explosion Books to explore poetry. In Year 4 Math, we are focusing on place value and decimals, and in Year 5 we are working on patterns and algebra. We have also begun the MindUp program in Wellness, where we are learning how our brains work and practicing mindfulness through breathing and listening exercises.

Highlights over the last few weeks include participating in the Terry Fox Run, attending our Truth and Reconciliation assembly, and performing the Power Rangers theme song as a full Year 4/5 orchestra with Mr. Thorson.

Year 6/7 News

In Social Studies, we are diving into the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. After learning and reflecting about its importance, we each chose a right that resonated with us personally. Using Indigenous symbology and our understanding of the Charter, we created spirit panels that express how these freedoms shape our lives and the lives of all Canadians.

Year 6/7 News Continued

In Science, we are exploring ecosystems and climate. We have been discussing how human actions can impact the environment both positively and negatively. It has been eye opening to see how interconnected everything is.

We have also started working on our Identity Quilt pieces! We began by using tracing paper and light tray to highlight values in our self-portraits - what we call "old-fashioned Photoshop". Now we are selecting fabrics and designing quilt squares that reflect who we are. It has been a creative and meaningful journey so far!



Year 8/9 News

This month has been full of meaningful learning and creative exploration across all our subjects. To honour Orange Shirt Day, we engaged in thoughtful projects that deepened our understanding of Indigenous histories and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. These conversations have helped us reflect on the importance of empathy, justice, and community.

In Year 9 Math, we have been working through square roots and powers, while in Year 8 we are building confidence with integer operations. Our Science classes have been equally exciting— in Year 8 we are exploring fresh and saltwater systems, and in Year 9 we are diving into biological diversity through innovative media including stop-motion animation, comics, and large-scale botanical models.

Year 8/9 News Continued

In Humanities, we are studying Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and investigating the causes and impacts of World War I and II. Our first Learning Contract asks, "What is a monster?"—a question that has sparked powerful creative expression in dance, visual arts, and poetry. We are designing movement pieces that bring our imagined monsters to life, exploring emotions, identity, and perspective in ways that challenge and inspire us.



We are also incredibly excited to welcome back Calgary's 6th Poet Laureate, Wakefield Brewster. His visit will help us grow as poets and deepen our understanding of social justice, showing us how artists can spark dialogue and change.

Year 6 to 9 Art Options

Option classes are in full swing for students in Year 6 to 9!

In Collaborative Art and Mixed Media with Ms. Christy, students are diving into an exciting, hands-on exploration of collaborative art-making. This term, the focus is on creating permanent or semi-permanent public art installations, ranging from vibrant murals to innovative woven fence designs and other large-scale pieces that will enhance and personalize shared school spaces.

To begin this creative journey, each student group is required to submit a formal Art Installation Proposal. This includes:

- A concept statement outlining the artistic vision
- Sketches or mock-ups of the proposed piece

Year 6 to 9 Art Options Continued

- A materials list and sustainability considerations
- A rationale for placement and permanence
- A team plan outlining roles and collaboration strategies

These proposals are reviewed for approval based on creativity, feasibility, and community impact. Once approved, students will move into the production phase, applying both their technical skills and their ability to work as a team.

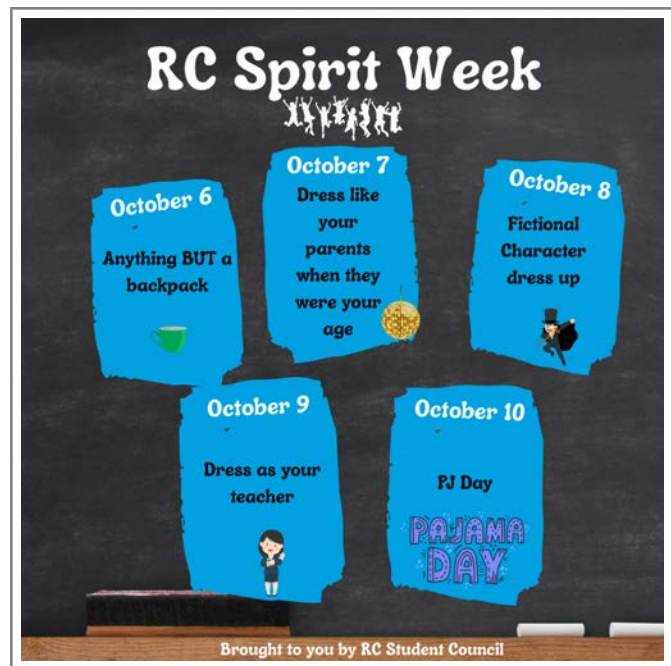
In Music with Mr. Thorson, students have gotten their instruments, established class expectations and routines, and are in the early stages of choosing songs to learn for a performance at a future sharing assembly.

Throughout this process, students have been getting reacquainted with reading notes, rhythms and chords, while also practicing proper technique for making sounds on their instrument.

In Modern/ Contemporary Dance with Ms. Jen, students are exploring Doris Humphrey and José Limón's movement theory of fall and recovery. Through centre exercises, they are learning safe floor work techniques, flow and efficiency in movement. Across the floor, students are 'jumping in' to locomotor steps with increasingly more complex changes of weight.

In Creative Writing with Ms. Deabler, Year 8/9 students are midway through their creative writing journey. From poetry to character design, timed-writing challenges, dialogue, setting, and descriptive language, they have been experimenting with different ways to bring their writing to life.

Students have also begun to hone their skills in giving and receiving thoughtful feedback through peer workshops. From here, students will continue to explore new techniques while also developing a piece of writing that hones the skills they have learned so far.



Year 6 to 9 Art Options Continued

In Ms. Haidl's Found Object Printmaking class, Year 6/7 students finished making repeating patterns using vegetables and have started looking at some of the first examples of ready mades, or found objects in art. We are prepping to work on our cyanotypes before the break!

High School News

This month has been an exciting journey of learning that reached far beyond the walls of our classrooms. Whether paddling across the Glenmore Reservoir or designing symbols of identity, we have embraced opportunities to think critically, collaborate meaningfully, and express ourselves creatively.

In Year 10 Physical Education, we ventured to the Calgary Canoe Club for a hands-on introduction to dragon boating. With sunshine overhead and calm waters beneath us, we practiced paddling techniques, learned about water safety, and played team-building games that challenged our

coordination and communication. After our time on the water, we explored North Glenmore Park—an energizing way to connect physical activity with nature.

In Math 15, we dove into the world of fractions, mastering concepts like equivalent fractions, reducing, and operations. To further demonstrate our learning in a visually engaging and meaningful way, we created stained-glass designs that represented parts of a whole.

In Social Studies 20-1 and 20-2, we explored identity and nationalism through a



Coat of Arms project. By choosing symbols that reflect our personal and collective values, we asked ourselves deep questions about how identity is shaped and expressed. It was a powerful blend of research, creativity, and reflection.

High School Athletics

We are thrilled to celebrate our incredible high school girls volleyball team—CAA's very first! Their dedication, teamwork, and positive energy shone brightly as they triumphed in both tournament games. Huge congratulations to the players and heartfelt thanks to our amazing coaches: Ms. Lamoureux, Coach Jean, and Coach MJ. What a phenomenal start to this exciting new chapter!



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October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 4 X Country Running Finals HS Girls Volleyball Game Healthy Hunger	2 Day 5	3 Day 1	4
5	6 Day 2 Wakefield Brewster Yr 8/9 students Oct 6-10 RC Spirit Week	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 Healthy Hunger Year 2/3 Showcase	9 Day 5 Year 2/3 Showcase Year 6 Vaccinations	10 Day 1	11
12 Fall Break No Classes	13 Fall Break No Classes	14 Fall Break No Classes	15 Fall Break No Classes	16 Fall Break No Classes	17 Fall Break No Classes	18
19 PD Day No Classes	20	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Healthy Hunger School Photo Retakes HS Girls Volleyball Yr 4-12 Parent Zoom Meet - Camp Connect	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 KH Halloween Dance School Council	25
26	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 Healthy Hunger HS Girls Volleyball Finals	30 Day 4 HS Girls Volleyball Finals	31 Day 5 EC Halloween Dance & Spirit Day	

