

The Art of Learning

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

This year continued to be a difficult challenge for many students, families and staff. I believe that between our dedicated and innovative staff, and our creative and resilient students, backed by a strong community, we have worked well together in the best interest of our children!



Principal's Message Continued

It has been wonderful to have in-person student performances and a market place! It is exciting for students to share their learning with their families. These celebrations have been greatly missed!

The May Days event was a huge success! It was wonderful to see our community gather, families connecting, children selling their wares and running around having fun! It was a much needed event to bring the community back together since the pandemic. Thank you to School Council for all of your hard work and dedication to make this event come alive.



On behalf of our staff, students and school community, I would like to thank everyone who generously gave their time to help make our school the best place for students.

Your efforts and commitment to Calgary Arts Academy is inspiring.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our Graduating Class of 2022 for your leadership in the school and the energy you have brought to our community. We are confident you will all continue to do wonderful things and we hope you make a point of stopping in to let us all know how you are doing.



Have a great summer everyone! I look forward to seeing you back in our hallways in the fall.

Links

[CAA 2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[CAA 2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

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

[CAA Foundation Website](#)

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Physical Education Update

In Physical Education, students have been participating in track & field events at Enmax Park. Events include various forms of running, throwing, and jumping. Once the track & field unit is complete, students will be engaged in several smaller units, which may include archery tag, lacrosse, kickball, and capture the flag.



In extra-curricular athletics, students have recently competed in the Calgary Alternative Athletic Association's (CAAA) Soccer and Track & Field events. The Pumas finished eighth in the Co-Ed soccer tournament. At the track & field meet, we had over a dozen top five finishes in their respective events! Way to go Pumas!

For those returning to CAA next year, we will be starting off our athletics seasons with volleyball and cross-country running.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in August!

Knob Hill News

We can't believe we are coming to an end of another school year. What a privilege it has been to watch our youngest learners grow socially, academically, and physically as they cultivated excellence in their learning journey.

A group of Year 4/5 leaders are carrying on the traditions of Spirit Club. They are busy working together to plan and host some fun school spirit events for our Knob Hill community in the remaining month of school during the ABC countdown and planning for SpArts Day.

Coming to Knob Hill in June, we are excited to have the Alien Inline Skating program returning to work with all students. Permission forms have been emailed home and there are volunteer opportunities you are able to sign up for using the SignUp Genius link provided.

Our Lost & Found collection is overflowing! We have had it on display during showcase performances and will continue to have it accessible so items can be reclaimed. Clothing that is left over at the end of the school year will be donated. Thank you!



Knob Hill News Continued

What a celebration all the showcases have been. We have truly been immersed in the arts and learning through each of the diverse performances. Each student has had the opportunity to engage in the preparations and creations for their team performance and have brought confidence and energy to the process. We recognize the time and energy this takes for everyone and are grateful for the efforts shown and persistence demonstrated. Congratulations to all of our students!

Our incredible team of School Council members and some dedicated CAA parents came together to create an amazing new outdoor classroom for us to use. Some of the features include: a large blackboard with chalk containers, a wall of music instruments, circle of courage seating for up to 28 students,



a pumpkin patch, some little free word and art libraries, and more garden space for students to plant in.

On May 27, School Council hosted May Days at the Knob Hill campus. It was such a well-attended and successful event for all ages that supported arts and community. We appreciate those who contributed to planning this event and who bought a booth to showcase their artistic talents.

Kindergarten/ Year 1 News

In May, we have been hard at work polishing our Animusical Showcase performance for the school community. We posed the question of "what type of pet should we get?" The showcase was a celebration of our learning on display for all to see! We shared our animal research, numeracy concepts, and story telling skills. We communicated ideas and emotions through movement and with an awareness of shape and space. We were confident and almost as excited as Ms. Lothbrook, Mrs. Hunter and Ms. Warkentin! We hope everyone had a ROARing good time!



Kindergarten/Year 1 News Continued

In the classroom, we continue to nurture our classroom plants, butterflies and, of course, each other. Our last contract will conclude the year with our Chicka Chicka Boom Boom ABC countdown! We will continue to learn through the arts with adventure field trips, potatoes, unicorns and exploring the community.



Each day we focus on reviewing our letter sounds, printing practice and counting down the days left in school. We can't wait to celebrate the last few days we have left as Kindergarteners and Year 1 students!

Year 2/3 News

We were so excited to have four field trips in May! We went to The National Music Centre, Telus Spark, Jubilations Theatre and Camp Connect. It was wonderful to be able to venture out into the world again!



The end of May brought our Culture Capsule contract to its natural conclusion: a spectacular Year 2/3 Showcase in the gym! We dressed in costumes depicting all the most distinctive fashions of the 20th century. We sang and danced to several golden oldies from the groovy graveyard! We worked hard to memorize lyrics we wrote as a group, and refined and perfected several era-specific dance routines. It all culminated into two separate action-packed shows, delivered with less than a week to prepare in the gym.

Dress rehearsals were guided by our dance artist Mr. E., who, as always, imparts "what it takes to put on a show" with the students.



Year 2/3 News Continued

We saw Gatsby, Grease, Footloose, Saturday Night Fever, Fresh Prince, etc. inspired costumes! We also made several pieces of visual art spanning important art moments of the 20th century to display in our showcase.

These shows were lots of fun and really just a giant costume party (with first class entertainment) for everyone who attended, not just performers!



As an Arts Immersion opportunity in Science, we made "speaker paintings", which is acrylic paint thrown by sound vibration energy onto paper. What is there left to do in June?! Try and finish everything else we want to do!

We have tied in an in-depth understanding of plants and plant growth cycles into costumes that have been sewn together in a wonderful explosion of donated fabrics and textiles!

Songs from Alice in Wonderland have been personalized and rehearsed as voices have been flowing, intertwined to create the whimsy that is the wonderland!



Dances have been meticulously choreographed as characters fully embody the wonderland adventures! Digital art has been born out of an abundance of creativity while sticking to class specific themes. All this has been tied together with specific elements from the beloved Alice in Wonderland storyline in order to create our amazing showcase that we hope everyone enjoyed!



Year 4/5 News

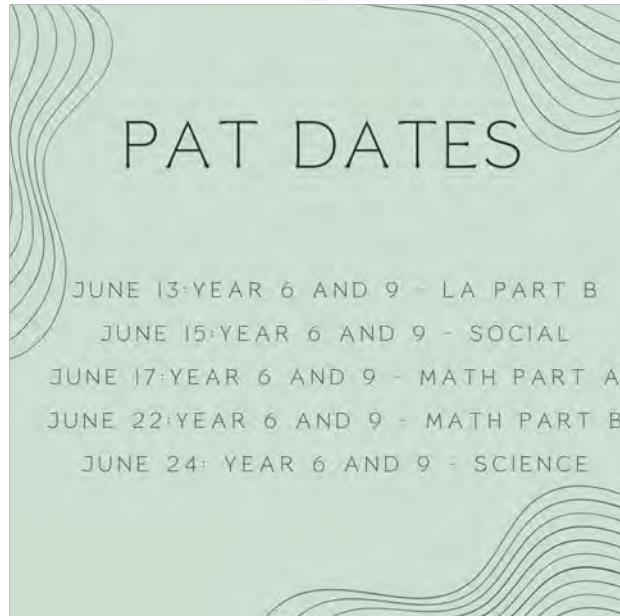
We had our Wonderland Showcase on June 2 and it was so much fun! We had been perfecting some exciting songs, dances, digital art, and fashion work.

Year 6/7/8 News

We have been busy in and around the CAA community! In Year 6 Science, we are wrapping up our Aerodynamics & Flight units. For a final project, we are writing song parodies, demonstrating our Arts Immersion talents.

In Math, we have been engaged in ratios, percentages, and fractions, focusing on how they share relatability. Looking through the Humanities lens, we have been dedicated to the PAT preparation, building and enhancing our fundamental skills. We finished our first LA PAT in Year 6!

In Year 7/8, we have been engaged in poetry in Language Arts. After a magnified focus on the various art forms, we have begun our journey to create our own work. Topics vary between identity, world events, childhood memories, and various student interests!



At the end of this unit, we will engage in a physical gallery walk, where groups will present poems in combination with a cohesive art installation!

Social Studies has taken a dive into varying cultures. In Year 7, we are starting to learn about the rich heritage of the Metis, and the impact of the Red River Rebellion on shaping the West. In Year 8, we reflected and analyzed the story of the 47 Ronin as we look into the world view of Japanese people during the Edo period. We will soon be embarking on a Japanese simulation of hierarchy.

Science and Mathematics have taken a close look at analyzing and critical thinking. In Year 8 Science, we are beginning to embark on our exploration of Rube Goldberg Machines, building, revising, and presenting our creations. In Year 7 Science, we are beginning a creative artwork that captures the process of tectonic plates. Math has been focusing on how the fundamentals of math is required for artistic patterns and geometrics.

In Music, we have been working on a parody about hockey, using the song "Bohemian Rhapsody" (by Queen) with Ms. Susanna.

We rewrote the lyrics and recorded several tracks, audio singing and playing unusual instruments, as well creating as a video with puppets.

Year 6/7/8 News Continued

We are putting the finishing touches on the video together. It has been a fun and sometimes challenging process!

As this busy school year comes to an end, we are excited for our upcoming field trips! We are looking forward to the month of June, and the opportunities it creates!



In Year 10 and Year 11, we went to Alberta Theatre Projects production of "Kim's Convenience", the perfect complement to the play we are reading in LA. We also had the opportunity to go to Camp Connect, where we worked with a community of artists to practice our own artistic skills.



Year 9/10/11 News

As part of our Year 9 graduation, we spent time at Camp Connect in May. We spent time connecting with different art forms, nature, and reflecting on our growth over the past year.



Year 9 Graduation

On June 1, our Year 9 students were able to celebrate their graduation in person at Martha Cohen Theatre. The celebration was paired with a dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory and an improv show put on by Calgary Arts Academy Alumni.



Mark your calendars!



June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 2 Year 9 Grad Track & Field Year 7/8	2 Day 3 Year 4/5 Showcase Pod 3 Bow Habitat	3 Day 4 K/Year 1 Zoo Physics 20 - Calaway Year 9 Rock Band @OCL Studios	4
5 Day 5 Year 8 Rock Band @ OCL	6 Day 6 Pod 2 Bow Habitat	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 Bake Sale @ EC Kindergarten & Year 5 Rose Ceremony	9 Day 3 Bake Sale @ EC. Year 7/8 Ragtime Rehearsal	10	11
12 Day 4 LA PAT Part B - Year 6 & Year 9	13 Day 5 Year 10/11 Laramie Project	14 Day 6 Social PAT - Year 6 & Year 9	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Math PAT Part A Year 6 & Year 9	17	18
19 Last Day for Parent Survey	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Math PAT Part B Year 6 & Year 9	23 Day 6 KH Alien Inline Skating during Gym June 16-June 27	24 Day 1 Science PAT Year 6 & Year 9	25
26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 Report Cards Last Day of School	29 PD Day No School	30	<b style="font-size: 2em; color: #00AEEF; vertical-align: middle;">SUMMER	

REMINDER

August 15: School offices open

August 18: First day of school for Year 1 to Year 12 students