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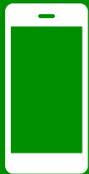
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Ayven G. Year 12 Student
Strawberries in Water, 2023
Acrylic on canvas

Message from Administration

We have welcomed staff and students back after a very snowy and cold February break! We hope that all in our community enjoyed some time to rest, some time to play, and some time with loved ones.

Our campuses were busy in the days and weeks leading up to the February break. Some of the highlights for our students include the Year 6/7 showcase, the Year 8/9 architecture fair, sharing assemblies at each of our campuses, Black History Month lessons, presentations, explorations, and guest speakers

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including Free Jazz musician Jairus Sharif at the Rosscarrock campus, Chinese lion dancers and several local architects and designers at our Erickson Centre campus. We have also been opening our doors to prospective students and families through scheduled school tours. It has been wonderful to connect with so many in our community this past month!

Report Cards for K to Year 9 Students

March continues to be a busy and exciting time for CAA as we prepare to wrap up Term 2 and embark on our final term of the year. On March 17, Term 2 report cards will be sent home to all students in Kindergarten to Year 9. These report cards will comment on the behaviours, attitudes and developing skills of students from November through March. They will also show interim B, I, or M grades for students in their core curricular areas and options/arts classes.

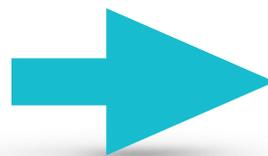
In the lead up to report cards going home, we encourage all families to check in on their student's Google Folder (K-3) or Google Classroom (4-9) to see current assessments, progress, and outstanding assignments.

Mid-term marks for high school students will be available in PowerSchool on March 17.

Student-Led Conferences

On March 23 and 24, we will be once again welcoming all families into our building for conferences. As is tradition, this round of conferences will be student-led, meaning that the students will be guiding their parents/guardians through several stations in the classroom where they can show off their work, demonstrate skills, and share their classroom learning with those around them. Homeroom teachers will be communicating with families soon via email regarding the timeframes for these conferences.

Please note that these are not one-on-one conferences. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to schedule a conversation for a different time.



**Term 2 Report
Cards**
March 17



CAA Campus Open House

Current families who wish to drop-in to visit another CAA campus space are invited to do so during our student-led interviews March 23 and 24. Teachers will be busy facilitating the student-led interviews for the students in their class, though we welcome you to come and wander through each and all of our CAA spaces.

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

February may have been a short month, but it was absolutely action packed with design challenges and TED Talk presentations! We built bird houses, marble runs and bridges. We explored building with different materials and learned the value of teamwork. We developed our skills as problem solvers and critical thinkers. We celebrated generosity on Valentine’s Day and how much we have grown on the 100th day of school. We explored Black History with a focus on developing an appreciation of Black cultures and artists.



Scholastic Book Fair at Knob Hill
March 20 to 24, 2023

GROW YOUR HOME LIBRARY
& support our school!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS

A promotional graphic for a Scholastic Book Fair. The top section has a purple background with the text 'GROW YOUR HOME LIBRARY & support our school!' in white. Below this is a cartoon blue cat with yellow eyes, sitting and reading a yellow book that says 'MEOW MEOW MEOW'. The Scholastic Book Fairs logo is at the bottom left. The bottom section shows a row of children holding up books of various colors. The entire graphic is framed in purple with yellow stars scattered around.

Year 2/3 News

We have been busy exploring the art of the Mixtape since our return to school after the Winter Break. We each created our own curated playlists based on a theme that was chosen by the class. Our Mixtape contract has wrapped up and we are excited to share our creation with our families at the upcoming Student Led conferences! We are also exploring the idea of play through loose parts. We explored materials and experimented with different ways of representing what we are learning and understanding. Thank you to all the volunteers who help us organize all our loose parts!



This past week, we started our Showcase contract, where we explore all things that glow in the dark. Through an exploration of art in the style of “glow”, we will create different art pieces that represent our understanding of several areas of study such as small crawling and flying

creatures, 2D and 3D shapes, environmental concerns from countries around the world and non-fiction reading, writing and cursive writing. We will enrich our awareness and appreciation of different environments and how people rely on, adapt and change the environments and animals in which they live. Our explorations will come together in a glow-in-the-dark art gallery with live performances and collaborative art experiences in April.

Athletics Update

At the beginning of February, our extra-curricular Basketball season came to a close. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished with bronze medals in Division 2. Way to go Pumas!

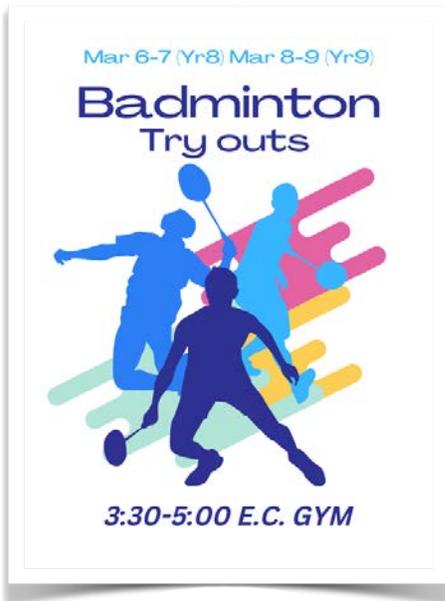


At the Erickson Centre, students tried a new sport called Eclipse Ball which is a combination of tennis and volleyball. During this unit, students demonstrated growth in teamwork and creativity,

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as well as improved hand-eye coordination with a racquet sport. The Eclipse Ball unit provided us with a natural segue into our next major unit, Badminton.

Try-outs and practices for students in Year 7 to Year 9 happen after school at both the Rosscarrock and Erickson Centre campuses. Tournaments will be held on the last three Wednesdays in April. We are pleased to offer this opportunity for students to participate in sports through the CAAA league. Please watch for more information that will be sent to families soon!



At our Rosscarrock campus, students had the opportunity to try curling in their Physical Education classes. The local organization Rocks and Rings came to our school and provided curling lessons to students in our gymnasium. No ice required!

Year 4/5 News

In Year 4/5 we have been getting into the rhythm of things by writing, recording, and sharing our songs for the culmination of our Express Yourself! contract.

We bravely took to recording ourselves singing our songs and then lined up lyrics with our instrumentation to create unique and expressive songs! We had the opportunity to work with local musician, Jairus Sharif and had fun fully expressing ourselves with a variety of instruments and techniques! We were given a new look into the world of free jazz and got to witness an expert improvise music in the moment with us. We are now excitedly wrapping up this contract by designing our album art for CD cases that will house our very own songs!



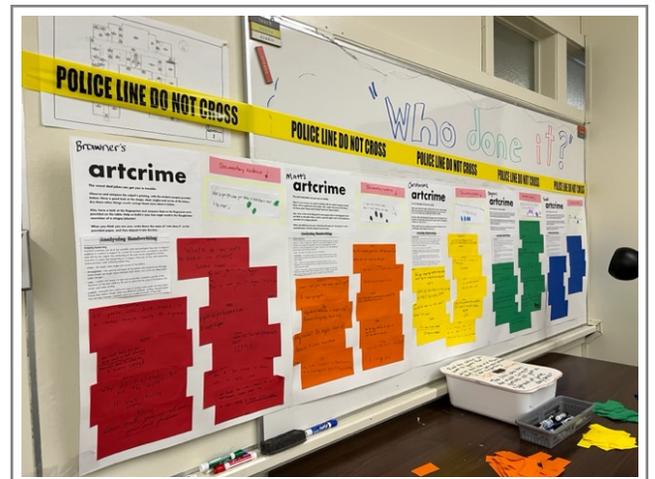
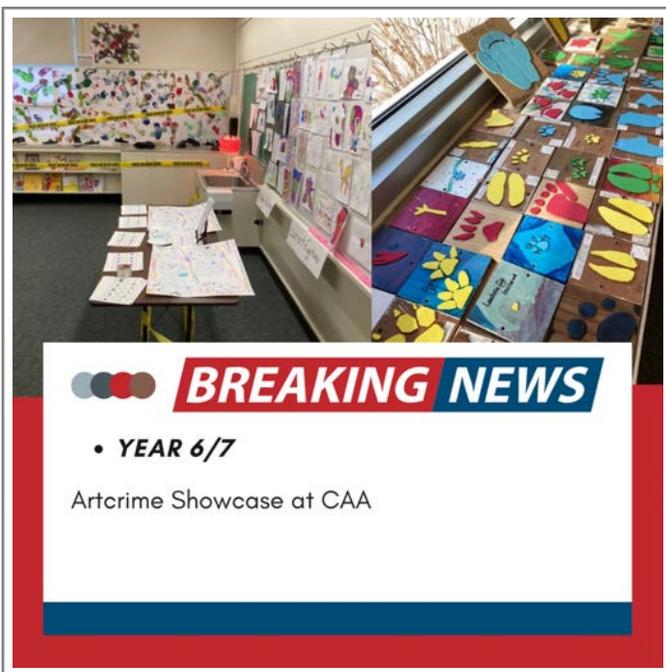
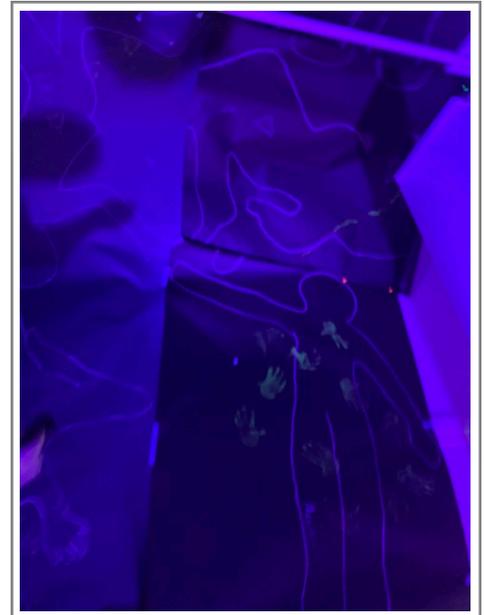
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After learning the ins and outs of persuasive writing and methods used to persuade an audience, we used our knowledge to write protest songs about The UN Convention of the Rights of the Child to lead an audience to believe in the right they are passionate about. We also worked with Mr. Thorson to create music on GarageBand that not only emphasized the mission of our songs, but also expressed our very own musical interests and character!

The Artcrime exhibits and Symploce gallery were standout highlights for many, though all elements of the show were impressive and well-received. We curated the exhibit ourselves and worked successfully with each other to reach mutual and independent goals in our learning contract. It was also a particularly special moment for us to experience the multi-aging that occurred during the two showcase previews. We were excited to welcome other classes to connect, share, and learn new things together!

Year 6/7/8 News Rosscarrock Campus

Our showcase was a colourful, creative, and spectacular event! There was such a variety of art forms, ideas, and subject matters represented. We were extremely proud of the work we did! It was so wonderful to see families back in the building, exploring spaces, enjoying art, and building connections.



Year 8/9 News

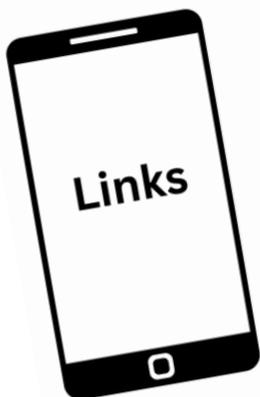
Erickson Centre

For Black History Month, some of our students performed in the EC school assembly. The sharing assembly was informational and educational, where we learned about the history of Black people and their experiences.

We were also excited to watch the performance of Lion dancers and musicians.



We wrapped up our learning contract "Building the Future". We collaborated in groups to create and solve design challenges in different environments. A panel of architects and facilitators came to judge our designs and presentations. This architectural learning contract turned into a very authentic and creative piece of meaningful art. Thank you to the families and community members who were able to join in the celebration of our contract!



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High School News

We began our second semester with a fun day of community building using the Circle of Courage values of Belonging, Mastery, Generosity, and Independence to complete a dynamic obstacle course! Semester 2 classes are now well underway with learning through Arts Immersion in Science, Social Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Visual Arts, Media Arts, Music, and Drama. We are excited to visit Connect Charter School’s Field Experience Centre at Sibbald Lake in Kananaskis this month. Our annual Arts Camp is a component of our Leadership in the Arts course and we will participate in Science and Drama workshops led by professional facilitators!

Stay tuned for news of our high school theatre production in May!



March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Day 3 Badminton Try Outs	Day 4 Badminton Try Outs	Day 5 Badminton Try Outs	Day 1 Badminton Try Outs	PD Day No Classes		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1 Term 2 K to Year 9 Report Cards		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4 High School Camp Field Trip	Day 5 Student Led Conferences 3:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. at EC)	Student Led Conferences 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No Classes		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
PD Day No Classes	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4		