

The Art of Learning

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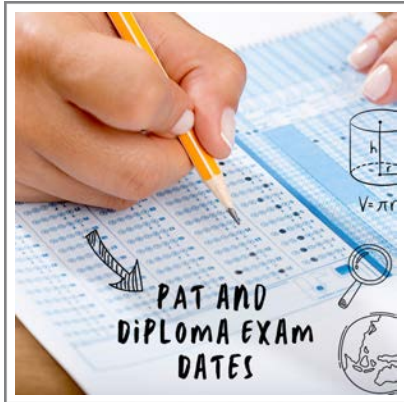


CAA's adoptable puppies in support of the Calgary Humane Society (SPCA).

Message From Administration

We cannot believe we are coming to the end of another school year. It has been a privilege it has been to watch our students grow socially, academically, and physically as they cultivated The Art of Community in their learning journey and found success as learners and citizens. Our students have shown confidence by taking creative risks, fostered self-awareness as they practiced wellness activities, and embraced new experiences and opportunities.

Throughout the year, they have embodied the Circle of Courage values fostering belonging and practicing empathy, compassion, and kindness.



Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) and Diploma Exam Dates

Tuesday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m.

ELA 30-1/30-2 Diploma Part A

Wednesday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Year 9 ELA Part B - Reading

Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Year 9 Mathematics Part A

Monday, June 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma

Tuesday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Year 9 Mathematics Part B

ELA 30-1/30-2 Diploma Part B

Wednesday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Year 6 AND Year 9 Social Studies

Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Year 6 AND Year 9 Science

Biology 30 Diploma

Tuesday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Physics 30

If you are able to volunteer as a scribe or reader for the diploma exams, please email info@caaschool.com

Message From Administration Continued.

Students worked together in exciting learning contracts and designed unique and memorable performances that shared their learning connections. We noticed the resilience, commitment, and perseverance that students demonstrated and congratulate each of them on their strong efforts and hard work.

May was an exciting month that brought many events for all students in K to 12 to perform and share their learning. The Year 6/7 team started the month with their endearing performance of Ella the Elk. The High School showcase at cSPACE was a masterful representation of the Arts. The music and drama students performed two very moving one-act plays, complete with live music. Meanwhile, the visual and media art students hosted a public art gallery. The K-3 students were at Knob Hill to host their ambitious showcase, The Art of Community over three evenings. The Year 4/5 students then brought their circus performance to the transformed Rosscarrock gym as they presented Cirque du CAA. To boot, there was a musical performance at the Ironwood for Year 4 to 12 students who auditioned for a chance to share their talents at a professional venue. What a huge opportunity!



CAA Live at the Ironwood

Message from Administration Continued.

We could not be more proud of our amazing CAA staff, who go above and beyond to create and facilitate these ambitious performances. Their commitment to student success and learning is always remarkable. They consistently support and encourage students, fostering care, connection, and community in countless ways.

June brings graduation ceremonies and big milestones for many students. We are looking forward to celebrating our Year 9 and Year 12 graduates on June 5, 2024 at the Martha Cohen Theatre. Students will continue to have unique learning opportunities in June, so watch for field trip forms, cross campus excursions, and end of the year celebrations. We are also heading into our third round of Thrive days (our outdoor education mental health and wellness day) focusing on resiliency. These are being facilitated at each of our local school community sites and have been planned by CAA staff with a targeted focus based on student needs. At Knob Hill, we have our traditional Special Adult Day on June 19. We are looking forward to the Year 3 talent show, the annual Rose Ceremony, and SpArts day on the last day of school. At Rosscarrock, SpArts day will be celebrated on June 24, with a special outdoor event hosted by our own Student Council. All campuses will also observe National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 with campus-specific activities to recognize and celebrate the vibrant culture and heritage of Indigenous groups in Canada. Special details for all events will be shared with families via email.

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to our incredible School Council for hosting the Colours of Spring event on May 31 at the Rosscarrock campus. What a smashing success it was! Thank you to parents and volunteers who stepped up and made it all happen so smoothly. We appreciate you answering our call! The handmade artisan market, the fun activities, the Adult Choir performance, the rocking DJ music, and the food trucks all came together to truly highlight our school theme - the Art of Community. Stay tuned for future events and volunteer opportunities through our School Council via their weekly updates.

What resonates from each of these milestone events is the power of relationship and the impact that our school community has on the personal growth and academic progress of each student we serve. We recognize what a major responsibility and privilege this is, and we are grateful to the families who entrust us with this care.

We are proud of our students' achievements and grateful for the support of our school community. Thank you for your continued partnership in providing a nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow. We wish you a fun and joyful summer break, and look forward to seeing many of you back for the 2024-2025 school year as we cultivate curiosity!

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

May was a whirlwind of creativity, discovery, and community spirit in Kindergarten and Year 1! Our K to Year 3 "The Art of Community" Showcase was a huge highlight, where we displayed our talents across various art forms. We had fun learning with friends from different grades and invited the community to join us on our educational journey.

One of the best parts was auctioning off our dog sculptures to raise funds for the SPCA, in a demonstrable act of generosity, helping local animals in need. We felt so grown-up guiding guests through the interactive evening, and our on-stage performances were a hit with everyone who came!



We also welcomed lots of community helpers who shared their valuable experiences and insights with us. Plus, we got hands-on experiences with nature by growing plants, learning about the food chain, and releasing butterflies into the wild. This really helped us understand environmental stewardship. Our school-wide trip to the Calgary Zoo was the perfect way to celebrate all our hard work!

As we wrap up this eventful month, we are excited to start our final project, "Road Trip!" which promises even more adventure and learning opportunities. A big thank you to all our community members for supporting our learning journey and contributing your time and efforts in May. We could not have done it without you!



Year 2/3 News

We proudly completed our "Art of Community" showcase. It was a fantastic project where we explored the different ways art can bring people together. To wrap up our learning, the whole school went on a field trip to the Calgary Zoo. It was a fun and educational experience, where we learned about various animals and their habitats.

For the past month and a half, we hatched and cared for baby ducklings. We watched the incubation process and then got to have fuzzy cuddles for a few weeks before they were returned to live out their lives on the farm. We received 8 eggs and from those 8 eggs, 2 hatched. They were lovingly referred to as "My Duck" and "Other Duck".

Our final learning contract is called "Beautiful Things". In this contract, we will discover Alberta's prehistoric past, explore simple machines, learn about liquids, appreciate the beauty in everyday life, and much more!



We have a lot of exciting events planned for June. There is our third Thrive Day, a day dedicated to well-being and fun activities for all students. The Year 3 Rose Ceremony is an annual tradition celebrating our Year 3 students. Special Adult Day is for students to invite an adult to share in their school activities. SPARTs Day is filled with sports, art, and other engaging activities. Additionally, we have several field trips planned for more adventures and hands-on learning experiences.

We are excited to participate in all these events and make the most of our final month together!

The Art of Community

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent fundraising event in support of the Calgary Humane Society. Thanks to the incredible generosity and spirit of our school community, we raised an astounding \$1,950.70!

During our Art of Community showcase evenings, every student at Knob Hill participated by creating a paper-mâché puppy, which was then available for adoption. Each student also wrote a profile for their puppy's "furr-ever" family, including details about where the puppy came from and its likes and dislikes. This creative project showcased the students' artistic talents and generosity, while also incorporating many curriculum tie-ins.

A special thank you goes to our KH Visual Art, Ms. Christy for organizing this spectacular, community-minded event. Her dedication and hard work made this initiative possible. She tirelessly created 173 puppy collars, cardboard "cages" and sourced dog toys and water dishes. The funds raised from the adoption of the paper-mâché puppies have been donated directly to the Calgary Humane Society, supporting their vital work in animal welfare.



Our community's response far exceeded our expectations, and we are deeply grateful for your support. The students were incredibly proud to present the Calgary Humane Society with a giant cheque during our sharing assembly on May 29.

CAA Athletics



Our CAAA extra-curricular season has officially wrapped up, with Soccer and Track & Field as our last sports for the school year. Many of our Track & Field athletes came home with top 5 ribbons! Overall, our Pumas' had a fantastic year in all extra-curricular sports. A huge congratulations to all our athletes!



Looking ahead, Volleyball and Cross-Country will start shortly after students return to school in August. Students in Year 4 to 9 are invited to compete in Cross-Country Running, while students in Year 6 to 9 can try out for the Volleyball teams. Watch for more information when we return to school.



At our Rosscarrock Campus, all students have been working hard in their Track & Field unit during Physical Education classes. They will continue to participate in outdoor PE for the remainder of the year and are expected to dress for the weather.



In high school, students are learning a baseball/softball unit, for the first time in over five years this sport has been played at CAA. Modifications of throwing, catching and hitting are being implemented, focusing on quick decision making and hand-eye coordination.



Year 4/5 News

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our showcase and celebrated arts immersion in action! This experience allowed us to not only demonstrate our learning but also to develop confidence and showmanship. We explored leadership, comedic expression, musical and movement appreciation, perspective, and artistic flair. As we finish an amazing year, we look forward to reflecting on our growth as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, and thoughtful friends.



Year 6/7 News



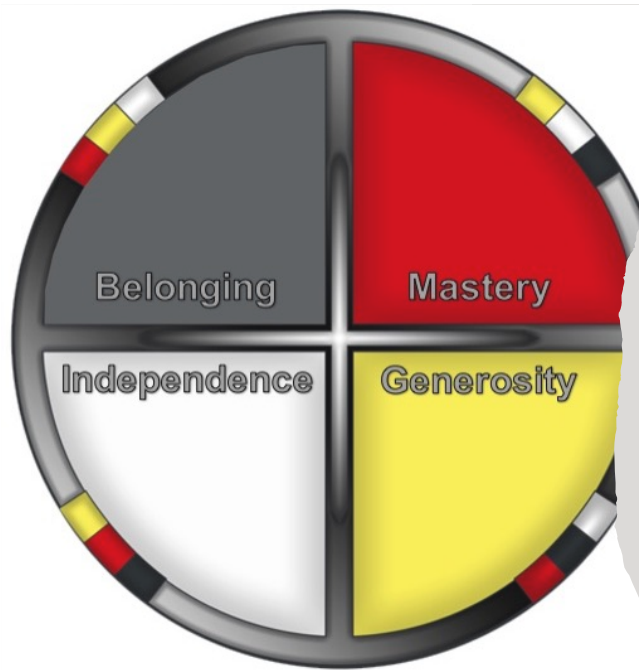
At the end of May, we discovered and shared many moments of community, both within our campus and the broader community. One of the highlights was the Year 4/5 showcase, Cirque du CAA. We had a blast watching the performances and participating in various activities, from face-painting to acrobatics. It was a fantastic experience that brought a lot of joy and excitement. To show our appreciation, we made heartfelt cards for the 4/5 team, expressing our gratitude for their hard work and creativity.

Another memorable event was our Day 3 Thrive Workshop, where we embarked on a community-wide cleanup. This activity was not just about cleaning up litter; it was about activating our generosity and expanding our understanding of how every human action impacts our physical, emotional, and intellectual needs. Once we cleaned up the area, we continued our positive impact by leaving “seeds of growth,” ensuring the Rosscarrock community was better than we found it. This effort was perfectly timed for the School Council Colours of Spring, where we celebrated community and arts .

As we head into June, we are diligently preparing for our upcoming Year 6 Social and Science Provincial Achievement Exams. We are focused and determined to do our best, and we are confident that our hard work will pay off.



Created by students in the Rosscarrock maker space.



Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on June 27, 2024.

We hope that these will bring an opportunity for you to celebrate your child's strengths, achievements and dedication, while thoughtfully acknowledging and reflecting on their next steps for continued progress.



Year 8/9 News



We have kicked off our final Learning Contract of the school year, the Farmers Market! In this lively contract, we are exploring fresh and saltwater systems, Aztec culture, and economic systems while creating our own products to "sell" at our Aztec Farmer's Market and living statue museum. In Year 8, we are researching ancient market goods and creating displays for our products to be "sold". In Year 9, we have teamed up with Year 8 students, creating a marketing campaign for the creations. Students in Year 4 to 7 will "shop" at the market using cocoa beans on June 14.

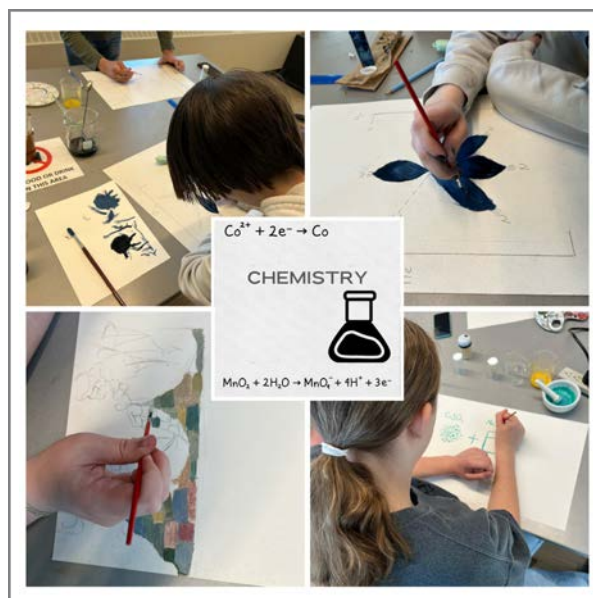
Year 8/9 News Continued.

In Year 9, we completed our first PAT in English and have been working tirelessly in preparation for our other PATs in June. We are eagerly anticipating our Grad Ceremony and Celebration on June 5 and 6. We are looking forward to our next adventure, high school!

High School News

In Science 10, we began our environmental science unit (also referred to as the climate unit) by learning about Earth's radiation budget. We learned how greenhouse gasses, albedo, the Earth's angle of inclination, and the angle of incidence of the Sun's energy impacts the radiation budget. We also discussed how the Earth's angle of inclination and the resulting angle of incidence throughout the year causes the seasons. Additionally, we discussed how climates determine the various terrestrial biomes on Earth and learned how we can analyze the climate in various locations with climatographs.

In Chemistry 20, we have been learning to solve stoichiometry problems including solutions. We have explored limiting and excess reactants and their impact on the theoretical yield. Additionally, we performed reactions to produce various pigments that can be used for painting. We weighed the pigments we produced and used the data to calculate the percent yield of our reactions. Then, we put our paints to the test by creating our own artistic masterpieces in Chem class!



In Math 10-3, we studied surface area measurements and practiced measurement conversions by completing a cake baking and decorating challenge. Afterwards, we thoroughly enjoyed our equations by eating the cake because the best way to learn is with a full stomach!

High School News Continued.

In English Language Arts we dove into the wonderful world of Shakespeare! We played with language by translating many of our school signs into Elizabethan English. We learned about the structure of Shakespeare's sonnets and applied our understanding of his poetic writing to our reading of his comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream.

In Year 12, we enjoyed a visit from board member Josh Dalledone who helped us complete our Leadership in the Arts course by exploring the important role the arts play in the economy.



High School Showcase at Contemporary Calgary May 14 to May 16.



June 2024

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