

The Art of Learning

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From the Principal

It is June and what a year it has been! Our theme this year is The Art of Learning. This has been a year of learning, that's for sure!

Reflecting on the school year, it has been a year of firsts:

- our first full year with a pandemic
- our first year with seating assignments and tables in rows
- our first year having our Year 8/9s in the Arts Barns
- our first year not gracing the stages of Jubilee Auditorium and Vertigo Theatre
- our first year offering At-Home Learning
- our first year of offering a high school program

We have learned a lot together as a community. Our staff and students adapted to the sudden changes to online learning, several times for some students. This was a difficult challenge for students, families and staff. I believe that between our dedicated and innovative staff and our creative and resilient students backed by a strong community,



The Art of Growth: Cultivating Excellence

We are excited to announce our new community outreach gardening initiative with our partners! Students of all ages at Calgary Arts Academy, Elders in our Treaty area, Journey 2050 and the Calgary Stampede will have the opportunity to provide youth with sustainability, environmental awareness, and gardening skills. Students will research, plant, maintain, cultivate, and harvest within the gardening spaces.

Calgary Stampede has generously offered the use of the Lions' Club berm garden built in 2017, a five-minute walk from the school, as well as the placement of planter boxes around our building. Their initiative is to beautify the Stampede Grounds and develop community ties through developing the interests and passions of youth in gardening. Beyond these locations they have also offered to help us in the maintenance of these places with weeding, watering, and coaching of our students. We look forward to planting a Three Sisters inspired garden this year with more ideas to come! Stay tuned!

we have worked together to get through this global crisis. The Art of Learning is a much less daunting task when we belong to a supportive and caring community.

A Look Forward

Many of you are undoubtedly beginning to wonder about what next year will bring at Calgary Arts Academy. We have been busy planning and developing teams that will deliver Arts Immersion education at all grade levels. Please look for our first day letter in August to introduce our 2021/2022 staff!

I would like to take a moment to thank our Graduating Class of 2021 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.

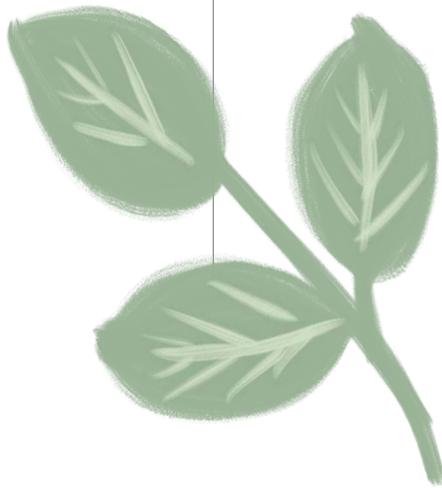
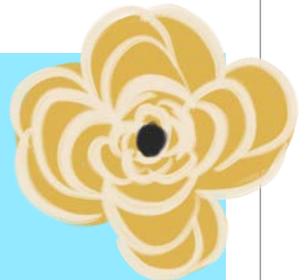
Links

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[Alberta Health Services' "Healthy Children"](#)

[Alberta Health Services' "Healthy Teens"](#)

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Knob Hill News

The 2021-22 school year has been a year filled with challenges, adaptations and some interruptions. While we made the necessary accommodations to keep everyone healthy and safe, our attention has remained steadfast on our CAA Pillars, personal relationships and the excitement that comes through Arts Immersion. In June, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our students, families and staff this year. Please know that your families and children are cherished by our CAA community.

Volunteer Recognition – You are our favourite people and we value everything you have done to make this school a supportive, creative, unique place of learning for children.

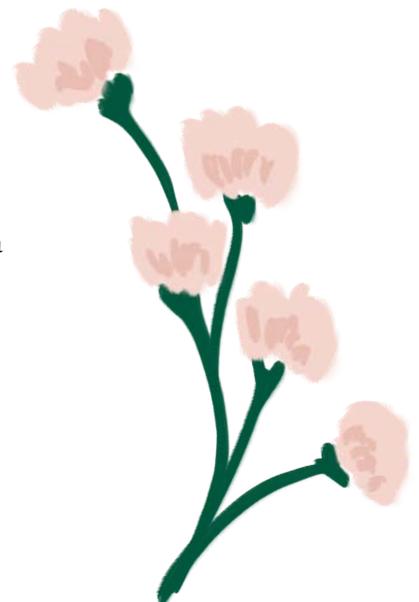
Special Adult Day - June 4 - Kindergarten to Year 4/5 had the opportunity to recognize the special adults that mean so much to them. We want to thank all of the supportive adults in children's lives and hope this was a positive, loving time for our many diverse families.

SpArts Day – June 18 – It's time for some outdoor fun and games in Calgary's wonderful June weather (fingers crossed)! Classes will choose either a morning or afternoon period and students will participate in games and activities in their class cohorts. Please be sure children dress for the weather, bring water bottles, and have sunscreen and bug spray so they can enjoy creative arts and sports challenges in our Knob Hill field.

Rose Ceremony – Week of June 21 - The tradition of sending our oldest students on their learning journey to the next campus has been a familiar highlight in June. In the past, Kindergarten students have proudly presented a rose and some sage advice to the older students as they moved on to the new heights. Due to circumstances this year, our Kindergarten students will recognize our Year 4/5 students through video tributes as they leave our Knob Hill Campus. We wish our Year 4/5 students every success in Year 5 and 6 next year!

Talent Show - We are looking forward to creating a video compilation of the amazing talents of our Knob Hill Year 5 students! Interested students will be asked to submit a video of less than one minute in length. Looks for details soon.

Indigenous Peoples' Day - June 21 - Our artists are in the process of creating a celebration to honour this special day. Please watch for further information.



Kindergarten / Year 1 News

We were so happy to get back into the classroom after two weeks of at-home learning! Over the last several weeks, both online and in class, we have been exploring the world of plants. We have learned all about what they need to survive and how to care for them. In Year 1, we have planted nasturtiums, marigolds, carrots, sweet peas, as well as an Amaryllis which we have thoroughly enjoyed watching grow at a speedy pace. In line with our current It's a Wonderful Universe contract, each class has taken part in the Tomatosphere project, which involved planting unknown sets of tomato seeds - one regular set of seeds, and one set were taken from tomatoes grown in space! We have been studying them to guess which may be which!

Both year groups have been dipping our toes into the world of fairy tales too! We have learned about how these stories have characters, a problem, a solution, and an element of magic. With this in mind, we have been busy creating our own fairytale stories. In Kindergarten, we have been focusing on common themes of classic tales, while in Year 1, we have incorporated the Universe theme and have begun writing tales about aliens and unknown planets in the far reaches of outer space.



Year 2/3 News

Happy June Year 2/3 Families! We are so grateful for all the experiences, new opportunities, new relationships and learning that has happened this year.



As we begin to wind down the year, we are participating in the Knob Hill ABC countdown. Each day is dedicated to a letter and an Arts Immersion exploration based on that letter - 26 days of fun!

On June 4th we will be celebrating special adult day so please keep an eye out for a special gift that celebrates you and all that you do everyday for your kiddo.

We are continuing to explore all things graphic novels for our final contract “The Art Of Imagination”. If you need more information about what is included in this final contract of the year, please email your child’s homeroom teacher.

As the weather is warming up, we will be spending more time outside. Please ensure that your child has a hat, sunscreen, proper shoes and a water bottle everyday so that we are able to maximize our time outside to explore, play and learn.

It has truly been an incredible year and we will cherish the last few weeks with our year 2/3 friends. Thank you parents, from the bottom of our hearts, for helping us make this year safe, incredible and fun for everyone.

Year 4/5 News

We are working on our fifth and final contract of the year, titled Sensory Time Machine. In this contract, we are “time-traveling” between the Golden Age of silent film and radio plays in the early and mid 20th Century, to the contemporary era where art forms such as podcasts, gifs, and other digital animations are more prevalent. In each of the art forms explored, we are investigating how the senses are used to convey meaning and create experiences for an audience.

In the remaining weeks of the school year, we will also partake in a virtual Kamp Kiwanis experience, join the rest of the school in one final year-end sharing assembly, and have a virtual 4/5 division celebration where we will be able to share our achievements with each of the other 4/5 classes.

We look forward to a fun-filled last month of the school year, and wish all our families a happy and safe summer holiday!



Year 6/7 News

As the year approaches its conclusion, we are steadily wrapping things up in each subject area. In doing so, our big area of focus for the remaining weeks is around our new “Marble Olympics” contract. With a heavy emphasis on collaboration, creative thinking, and problem solving, this project is bound to challenge even the most seasoned marble connoisseur.



We will need to draw upon our learnings over the course of the past year and beyond, applying our knowledge of structures and forces, simple machines, mathematics and budgeting, as well as world nations and cultures. Successful teams will be those that find effective ways to communicate and support one another – truly acting as a cohesive team.

The contract for this project has already been sent home. Please take some time to review the document and sign on the last page before sending it back to school with your student.

While we are still early in the process, we have already chosen team names, designed our team flags, and have begun designing and constructing a “locker room” for our marbles (mostly so we don’t lose them over the course of the month). Shortly, teams will begin designing test tracks for gather data about their marbles, then it’s on to the real thing! Needless to say, the teaching team is very excited about this project.

#bringbackmarbles

Year 8/9 News

As we head into the final month of this unusual, challenging year, we are reflecting on all the difficulties we have overcome together. From learning how to work together in a strict seating plan, wearing masks, and using hand sanitizer so many times a day, to building deep connections and healthy study habits when doing At-Home learning. And then, the in-person students faced multiple changes in learning spaces!

Remember the barns? And now, here we are, sailing into the final weeks of school having achieved academic success while demonstrating that flexibility, creativity, and kindness go a long way to surviving even the most difficult of challenges.

To give back to others who have kept us safe, fed, educated and healthy all year, and to express our commitment to important social justice issues, the Year 8/9s are designing hopeful and encouraging stickers as part of our final learning contract; “Art from the Heart.” We look forward to sharing our stickers with doctors, nurses, food service workers, first-responders, anti-racism advocates and many others!



Year 9 grad is being filmed in-person (students only) on June 4, with a Zoom broadcast of the special event on June 7. We are so proud of the successes and character of our pandemic 9s! We know they will go on to change the world in positive ways.

Education Centre Phys Ed News

In gym class, we are spending the final month of the school year engaging in lacrosse and track & field. The plan is to continue to be outdoors so make sure we are prepared for outdoor activities regardless of weather. This includes sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle for the hot days, and rain gear on the days where it may be wet. Here's to hoping that this month will be the last month where we are worried about substantial COVID restrictions!

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5
6	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12
13	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19
20	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Staff PD	26
27	28 Summer Break	29 Summer Break	30 Summer Break			

August 2021

- August 19 - New Student Orientation Day - New Year 1 to 9 students only
- August 20 - First Day of Classes for all students
- August 20 and 23 - Kindergarten Entry Meetings
- August 24 - First Day of Classes for Kindergarten students
- August 26 - Meet the Team - Knob Hill Campus (Kindergarten to Year 4)
- August 27 - Meet the Team - Education Centre (Year 5 to 11)





HIGH SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT NEWS

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WHAT'S UP?

Physical Education - Students have been working on indoor/outdoor games. – Mr. C. Lapointe

Academic Bullets:

Math - 10C - Students are studying linear relations and their equations.
10-3 - Students have learned about angles, parallel lines and now similar triangles.
 The 10C and 10-3 classes will enjoy a shared Trigonometry unit before the end of year final exams.
 – Ms. K. Den Hoed

Science - In science this month, we are wrapping up our Biology unit with creative projects while learning about Global Systems. Students are excited to share their raps, games, studies and models reflecting the knowledge they have gained throughout the unit. Lastly, we will be reviewing the concepts covered this year before writing the Science 10 final.
 – Ms. M. Leung

Humanities - In social studies, students designed Red Dress Day posters to bring awareness to MMIWG2S. They also prioritized and identified three of the *94 Calls to Action* as stated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In ELA 10-1, students are focusing on personal responses and creating podcasts.
 – Ms. M. Billington

ART PLACEMENTS

Board member, Josh Dalledonne and CAA's Arts Coordinator, Janice Nigh have collaborated on bringing the Year 10 students together with an art placement through Zoom sessions. It will be in place of the art apprenticeship program, which had to be modified due to COVID restrictions. We feel one-on-one with an artist in an area of the students' top interest will bring valuable insight, knowledge and mentorship for their chosen art form.



Red Dress Day Social Studies Project by Heidi P.

CALM

For the past several weeks, students have been working on Financial Literacy in CALM. We have covered such topics as base budgeting, investment basics, credit and interest and protecting ourselves from fraud. To finish off the year, we will be spending some time talking about time management and study skills.
 – Ms. J. Schiffner



Red Dress Day Social Studies Project by Ayven G.

Important Dates

June 21- Indigenous Peoples Day (TBA)

June 24 - Last Day of School (Report Card Day)

Final Exam Schedule

- June 10 Social 10-1 Part A: 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June 14 ELA 10-1 Part A: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June 17 ELA 10-1 Part B: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June 18 Social 10-1 Part B: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June 22 Science: 10: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- June 23 Math 10C and 10-3: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Students will remain at school after their exams as they are reviewing for their next exam or are working on independent projects for extra credit. Due to the pandemic, final exams lower than the student's class mark will not be included in their final mark.