

The Art of Learning

The Art of Growing: Cultivating Excellence



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From the Principal

We had wonderful harvest weather in October and students were involved in a bounty of learning at both campuses. Students worked on Arts Immersion learning contracts to get to the root of big ideas in the curriculum and bring learning to beautiful fruition.

As we head into November, we reflect on how we are a generous community. From the dedication of our school council, to the creative programming learning facilitators bring to our students, to the energy and openness our students share every day, Calgary Arts Academy is truly a generous place.

We are excited about seeing the hard work our students and music artists

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Team News

have been pouring into the CBC Music Class Challenge wrap up in November. We also are in “Jubilee” season this month. Our long-standing tradition of hosting a spectacular performance on the Jubilee Auditorium stage once again shifts to a safe, virtual format, connected to the theme “The Art of Growing; Cultivating Excellence.” All students are laying the groundwork now for a rich celebration of learning through the performing arts. The final sharing of our Jubilee learning contracts will happen in December.

Also, in November, our community generously supports the Veterans Food Bank with a non-perishable food drive until November 12. A Remembrance Day sharing assembly (by Zoom) will bring our whole school together to mark the important and generous service Canadian military members offer on our behalf.

Thank you to our parent community for all the ways you model generosity for your children. Together, we make CAA a truly caring place to learn.



November is **Family Violence Prevention Month**. This month provides a collective opportunity to ensure that those who do not feel safe at home are aware that [help is available](#).

EDUCATION CENTRE PHYS ED AND ATHLETICS

The volleyball season is coming to a close, as both the boys’ and girls’ teams will compete in the B Division Finals on November 4 and 5. The location is no longer at the VolleyDome, due to the Vaccination Exemption program. The girls’ team will visit École Francophone d’Airdrie on November 4 while the boys’ team will host their finals tournament on the 5th.

Once the volleyball season concludes, the next extra-curricular sport on deck will be basketball. Tryouts will be held in mid-November. Ms. Christiansen plans to coach the girls’ team, while the boys’ team coach is to be determined.

For Phys Ed, students across CAA have enjoyed the month of October filled with volleyball and indoor soccer. In November, students will partake in tchoukball and floor hockey.



Calgary Arts Academy Society's Board of Directors will be hosting our Annual General Meeting on November 16, 2021 starting at 7:30 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting. If you wish to participate, please contact Secretary/Treasurer Cole Jordon at cjordan@caaschool.com who will provide you with the online meeting details.

LINKS

- [CAA 21-22 School Calendar](#)
- [CAA Website](#)
- [COVID-19 Daily Checklist - Under 18](#)
- [COVID-19 Daily Checklist - Adult](#)

- [CAA Foundation Website](#)
- [CAA Adult Choir Website](#)



Knob Hill News

In October, the Knob Hill campus celebrated our community through a few of the traditions that make us who we are! First, Year 5 students met and interviewed our Kindergarten students before introducing them to the school at our Rose Ceremony assembly (Zoom style). Later in that week, we had another virtual assembly for our halloween parade! It was so much fun seeing all of the students dressed up in their costumes, and we also had a lot of fun dancing to some spooky tunes provided by our resident DJ, Mr. E!

In the month of November, students will be engaged in work on their Jubilee presentations and will also be continuing to work on our school-wide submission for the CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge. Both presentations will be shared with families virtually in the month of December. It is sure to be a busy and exciting month for Arts Immersion learning! We are also collecting donations for the Veterans Food Bank, in honour of Remembrance Day. If you would like to participate, please send your non-perishable donation items with your child to drop in our collection bin outside the office. Details of our virtual Remembrance Day assembly will be sent out closer to November 10th.

A few reminders for families of the Knob Hill campus:

- As the weather starts to turn, please ensure that your students arrive at school with outdoor shoes, and that they have indoor shoes at school to change into once they arrive. Please also ensure that your student has weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor

active breaks. Unless it is -20 or colder, students will be required to be outside for part of their day.

- Parking continues to be an issue at our campus. We know that it can often be difficult to find a spot for pickup and drop-off, but please ensure that crosswalks are clear and visible for safe crossing. Should you notice any parking-related concerns around the school, please call 311.

- Our staff parking lot is also very busy at the beginning and end of day, and can be slippery due to the gravel or snow conditions. For your safety, please avoid walking through the parking lot.

Kindergarten / Year 1 News

We have been under construction! We have been building our identities, communities and our skills. In Year 1, we have been working on building stamina in Daily 5, labeling, and finishing our learning about rural and urban areas. In Kindergarten, we have been working on counting to 10, making friends and writing our names using upper and lower case letters. We worked together to use our skills to create the K/1 under construction art galley featuring identity crayons, Lego people, and life sized representations of us. We look forward to moving into the next contract!



Year 2/3 News

We are deep into the production of our Muppets Take Canada Contract! We have created our very own puppets based on the three communities in Canada we are learning about. We have explored the geography of these three regions and created large scale landscape backdrops for our whole class Muppet show. We are also feeling inspired by the likes of the Swedish Chef and creating our own “How To” Muppet skits about something that we are really good at. We can’t wait to share our final product with parents in the coming weeks.

We are also looking forward to our next contract “iDeas.” Where do ideas come from? How do they grow? How does our brain work? And, how does our body feel when are being creative? These are some of the questions we will be exploring as we put together our virtual Jubilee celebration. Year 2/3 Learning Facilitators are busy compiling all the elements of our second contract and it will be sent out in the coming weeks.

We have also launched our Home Reading program! If you haven’t yet had a chance to send in your home reading form, please do so as soon as possible and we will send home some home reading books at your child’s level, to read at home. We encourage all Year 2/3 families to spend 20 minutes a night reading.

Year 4/5 News

We are continuing to study our “Night at the Museum” contract. We are creating artifacts to represent our learning. One of our first artifacts has been an art piece to represent indigenous history, and the seven grandfather



teachings. We have expressed ourselves through skits, drawings and clay sculptures. Ms. Birch has done a masterful job of introducing us to mock museum walk throughs and working with students to define and label artifacts. As we continue our study of early settler life and immigration in Canada, more artifacts will be added to our “Museum.” Mr. E and Ms. Kearney are hard at work supporting us in creating sets and movement pieces for our Jubilee performance. We are beyond excited to share our “Night at the Museum” work with everyone in the CAA community!

Throughout the month we will be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and honouring those who fought for our country and for peace. We will be sending out cards of hope and encouragement to current troops, who are working tirelessly for a better world.

Year 6/7/8 News

We have been busy exploring conceptual art and sensory experiences through our first learning contract: The Maze of the Mind. We have been collaboratively seeking and analyzing the five senses, enhancing critical thinking skills and teamwork. During recent contract periods, we have had the opportunity to create and blend our own signature spices,

experience the sensation of touch through blind exploration, utilize nature located outside CAA to discover how natural elements play into our senses, and most importantly, channel our creative and problem-solving skills to coach peers through blind obstacles. As our first contract comes to an end, we are working diligently to complete our art piece for our student shared gallery walk, taking place at the end of October.

As we move into Term 2, we are excited to announce the beginning of our second contract, the results of which will be presented at Jubilee 2021. As we keep an element of surprise, we are happy to share the units that our next contract will include from the Program of Studies. In Year 6, we will be diving into sky science, and number sense with measurement for Math and Science, leading into an exploration of Ancient Greece, with a Percy Jackson novel study for Social Studies and Language Arts. In Years 7 and 8, we will be exploring the interactions and ecosystems unit, as well as cells and systems. Language Arts will focus on the ability to work within varying groups, respect and strengthening of community, guiding us into our own story writing. Social Studies will bring us through the exploration of indigenous societies in pre-colonization, and The Renaissance impacts on western world view. And lastly, Math will have us use critical thinking skills while learning Geometry. As we have had the opportunities to dive into these new units, our previous units come to a close, encouraging us to continue our expression of worldview, poetry, money sense, world building, debates, temperature, as well as flow and matter.

We have also been excited as one-to-one technology through the form of iPads have

been introduced within each learning studio. Through the introduction of this new technology, we have been developing our accountability skills, as well as the opportunity to activate and utilize FreshGrade Connect, posting and reflecting on recent assignments! As we dive into the cool autumn air and the issue of report cards, we are excited to welcome new memories, learning opportunities, and continual community building to strengthen our community!

Year 9/10/11 News

In Year 9, we have started our second learning contract, which will be a modified Jubilee performance. This contract will be a student lead performance, where we will be writing a narrative following a conflict between two groups that will be portrayed through percussion and movement. To top it all off, some students are planning to include live visual art to be created as their performance develops. We are excited to see what the students will come up with as this develops over the next month

Year 9 students are working on equations that involve decimals and fractions while learning how to convert numbers between the two. Year 20-1 and 20-2 students are combining our skills in Math and Physics, and exploring how to apply quadratic equations into real world problems. 20-3 Math students are working on trigonometric functions for complex triangles.

In Science, Year 9 students have concluded the genetics unit and are launching into our space exploration unit. In this unit, we will dive into the technologies that have allowed us to understand our universe. The Science 10 students are starting our chemistry unit which

involves gaining familiarity with the periodic table, chemical reactions, and chemical properties. In Bio 20, we are finishing the unit on energy flow through ecosystems, and will move on to population dynamics, evolution and biodiversity next. In Chem 20, we are wrapping up the unit on bonding and will next begin exploring the chemical properties and behaviours of gases.

Next is Language Arts! Year 9 students are learning about the elements of a short story and finding deeper meanings in texts that we read. We will soon be applying what we have learned about point of view with an upcoming Remembrance Day letter assignment that will be a combined assignment between Social and LA. Year 10 students have started the art and poetry unit. We are excited to launch the unit with analyzing “The Raven” by Edgar Allen Poe.

Last but not least, Social Studies. Year 9 students are starting to research Canada’s justice system and then develop our own justice system for our developing Mars colony plan. In Social 10, we are continuing to work on our second unit where we are focusing on how globalization develops through cultural contacts. Social 20 students are studying both world wars, along with preparing our presentations about Canadian minority in the First World War.




NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 <i>Day 5</i>	<i>Day 6</i> 2 School Council AGM	3 <i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i> 4 Girls' Volleyball Finals	<i>Day 3</i> 5 Boys' Volleyball Finals	6
7	8 <i>Day 4</i>	9 <i>Day 5</i>	<i>Day 6</i> 10 Remembrance Day Assemblies	11 Remembrance Day (no classes)	<i>Day 1</i> 12 Report Card Day	13
14	15 <i>Day 2</i>	<i>Day 3</i> 16 CAA Society AGM	17 <i>Day 4</i>	<i>Day 5</i> 18 Parent Conferences	19 Parent Conferences (no classes)	20
21	22 <i>Day 6</i>	23 <i>Day 1</i>	24 <i>Day 2</i>	25 <i>Day 3</i>	26 <i>Day 4</i>	27
28	29 PD Day (no classes)	30 <i>Day 5</i>				