

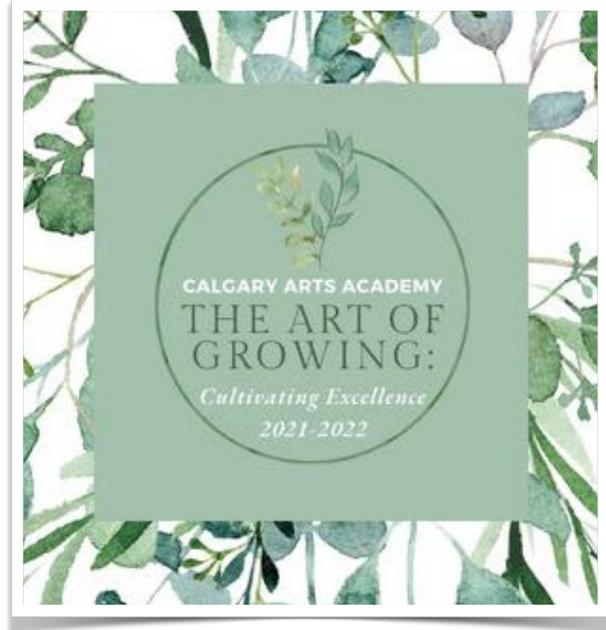
CAA's 2021-2022 theme is
 "The Art of Growing: Cultivating Excellence."

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The Art of Learning

From the Principal

We are all very excited about the start up to our 19th year at Calgary Arts Academy. The first two weeks of school were spent learning about our pillars, developing routines, strong bonds, and community spirit.

The vision of Calgary Arts Academy is: Children and community that value arts and learning.

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CAA administration and staff are committed to ensuring safety and security protocols are followed to the very best of our ability. We have planned for the same protocols we left with in June. CAA staff have had the opportunity to meet for four days to ensure that we all understand the vision of Calgary Arts Academy as well as the health and safety protocols.

We believe the best education is an education that is an active and supportive partnership between student, school staff, and family members. Parents are vital partners in education. You influence your children's attitudes about learning, and support learning at home. You are a vital link between home and school. And when you become involved in the life of the school, you make our



Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed two fun filled days at Connect Charter School's new camp.



Reminder: Daily Checklist

On a daily basis, please be sure to review the COVID-19 checklists prior to sending your child to school.

[Under 18](#)
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schools better places to learn, grow and thrive.

Positive school climate is often linked to strong partnerships amongst schools, families, and their communities. When all partners take responsibility for student learning, we share school improvement planning. People begin to work together and communicate more openly about needs, issues, and concerns that will make a difference in the lives of students.

Although the pandemic has altered parent participation inside the physical school buildings, there are many different forms of parent engagement, and each is an important contributor to student and school success. Parent engagement can include:

1. Providing a positive learning environment at home, actively working with children to support what they are learning in school, and making learning an important part of the day.
2. Having productive conversations with teachers and keeping up to date with school communications so that there is clear communication between the school and the home.
3. Becoming involved in school activities and volunteering to help with school events, trips and other activities
4. Participating in School Council offers many opportunities to be involved.

Calgary Arts Academy is connected to the communities around us. Together, parents, community members and school can create a powerful support network to provide children and youth an enriched school community experience.

We are looking forward to the year!

Thank you all for choosing to be a member of our community and for working with us to help all children succeed.

Knob Hill News

Welcome back to our students and families, and welcome to the Year 4/5s who have joined our campus this year. Thank you all for being so supportive and helping us to have such a smooth start to the school year. We are excited to nurture our community and



Library

Knob Hill

We have some exciting new developments this year in the library! Ms. Birch will be visiting classes several times a week and also facilitating library book exchange. If you would like to help your child plan their library visit, find resources for extension projects, or select eBooks/ audiobooks for at-home reading, check our new online library resources! Links can be found on the [For Parents](#) section of the school website. Library due date and overdue reminders will be sent to your email. Please check your junk mail folder regularly to ensure you aren't missing any important library notifications.

Library Search:

<https://caa.insignails.com/Library/Home>

Sora for eBooks and Audiobooks:

<https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/320721>



foster school spirit through our school theme - The Art of Growing; Cultivating Excellence. Thank you to all who attended our Meet the Team night and had the opportunity to meet the incredible team of teachers, artists, and full-time librarian who work together to bring Arts Immersion experiences to our students each day. Together with our administrators, facility operators and support staff, we are here to make this a positive year of personal growth and learning for all those in our community.

The first 10 days have given us the opportunity to really get to know our students. They have been involved in many activities to highlight and practice our school pillars and to begin developing friendships, strengthen cohesion amongst their cohort groups and establishing routines and procedures. We look forward to seeing what the teaching teams have created and designed for the first Arts Immersion learning contract coming soon!

We appreciate the attention that our community has given to parking restrictions. Your continued support with this moving forward will keep our students safe and drop off/pick up procedures to run smoothly. The staggered approach helps us to manage student entry smoothly and maintain student cohort groups. Please note that lunch hour is also staggered to support cohort groups and the CAA lunch program supervises students throughout the lunch hour while they eat and as they play outdoors. Please dress students appropriately for being outside regularly.

Where can I park around the school?

We know that parking near the Knob Hill Campus can be a headache and we thank all parents for their patience and care when parking near the school. When parking on the street, always check the parking signs so you do not get a ticket. Here are some things to remember:

- Please do not enter the staff parking lot to park. Our lot is completely full with staff vehicles this year. The lot is also a safety hazard for students. We are teaching students to never walk through the lot.





- Bus Zones - Please do not park or stop on the hill. What a mess this causes in the morning when six buses are dropping off students at the Knob Hill Campus! Buses are not allowed to back up and they can only allow students to exit the bus when they are beside the curb. Snow also complicates bus drop off considerably.
- Pick Up and Drop Off Zones - There are zones along 19 Street for drop off and pick up in the morning and after school. The wide gates by the playground will be open to allow access to the school field for Year 4/5 students and those students who ride the bus.
- Parking Permits - The City of Calgary has granted 10 parking passes to the Knob Hill Campus. If you park in a permit zone, please come into the school office and Ms. Poissant will register your vehicle online.

Welcome to a creative, imaginative year of learning!

Kindergarten / Year 1 News

The Kindergarten and Year 1 team have gone into full swing with The Art of Growing since arriving at school! The first eleven or twelve days have been filled with exciting activities to help us learn about what makes our school amazing. We have spent all of our time discussing the Circle of Courage and creating artwork to help us learn everything from how to be a good friend, to how to be resilient learners!

Highlights from our first couple weeks at school include; puzzle-piece painting to show how we all fit together, Mandy Stobo portrait drawing, learning how to share like rainbow fish, how to fill others' buckets and meeting all our amazing artists and learning each others' names. The most exciting thing we have done this year is making tons of new friends and having the chance to connect with some old ones!

Year 2/3 News

Year 2 and 3 students have jumped back into the school routine with enthusiasm and bustling creativity! After a quick review of





routines and safety procedures, we were fully immersed in the Circle of Courage through a variety of books and activities such as collaborative paintings, dramatic skits, and artist studies. We have discussed what it means to create an atmosphere of belonging, how to find little opportunities daily to display generosity, what it looks and feels like to be independent, and discovered how mastery is all about effort and a state of mind. We have also enjoyed the opportunity to get to know our new classmates and create deeper connections through team-building exercises and games. The finishing touches are currently being made on our first learning contract and we cannot wait to share it with you. Keep your eyes peeled on your inbox for information on that coming soon!

Year 4/5 News

As the Year 4/5 team kicked off another exciting year, we have been working on an old time medicine show! Through this short exemplar exploration of contract learning, we have been exploring various biomes in an attempt to “sell” something from our respective biome homerooms to the school during an upcoming school virtual assembly. We have worked together, found our voices within our classrooms, and have grown to develop and recognize classroom rules and expectations. We might not be selling snake oil at this medicine show, but we most certainly have some creative shows for the school to appreciate. It has been an exciting and creative introduction to the Year 4/5 contract learning style! The pillars and guiding principals at the core of the CAA community have been explored in depth and we have been working toward exhibiting the Circle of Courage throughout our learning experience thus far. Through sessions called homeroom olympics, the four Year 4/5 classes have been competing against one another as we build relationships and find our team pride within our homeroom groups! We are looking forward to a year filled with creative explorations of real world problems that the brilliant minds within our classrooms will undoubtedly solve in creative and mind blowing ways!



Calgary Arts Academy Foundation was thrilled to coordinate the installation of the Outdoor Activity Centre and the Education Centre.

Thank you to our donors for making this possible!



Phys Ed Education Centre

These are exciting times in the sports world at CAA, as not only is the gymnasium available again, but there will also be extra-curricular sports available again after a year and a half hiatus! The Calgary Alternate Athletic Association (CAAA) is up and running, starting the Fall season off with Cross Country Running and Volleyball. Both sports are available for boys and girls in Years 6 to 9. Given the current size of the high school, there will be no sports available for Years 10 and 11.

Cross country has two regular season meets, followed by a final meet. These are set to happen during the final three Wednesdays in September after school.

The volleyball season is set to look a bit different this year, as the CAAA is piloting a tournament-style season, where there are three regular season tournaments, followed by a two-day finals tournament. All regular season tournaments will be hosted by schools within the league, while the finals will be held at the VolleyDome Gym near CrossIron Mills. All tournaments will commence on Thursdays at approximately 9:00 a.m.

As far as Physical Education goes, students will be engaged in a variety of sports, which include football, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball. Please ensure your child comes prepared for warm outdoor weather (hat, sunscreen, water bottle) as we will be outside if the weather permits. Fortunately, we do have the gymnasium back this year so there will be alternative options.

As always, please feel free to contact Mr. Lapointe at clapointe@caaschool.com and he'll be able to assist you.

Year 6/7/8 News

Year 6/7/8 is off to a great start!

We have been busy reconnecting and finding new connections as the year starts with a noticeable shift in atmosphere compared to last year. We have been engaging in the Circle of Courage through immersion-based activities, strengthening our drama, dance and drawing skills as we go. Building routines, meeting artists and creating strong work habits are helping to set us off on a positive note for the school year. We are looking forward to getting started on our upcoming contract. Stay tuned to find out!

Year 9/10/11 News

We're off to a swift start this year. All of us have now had the opportunity for a couple of days at camp with the artist team, participating in a wide range of activities that work to build community within the division. It's been great to spend time together on a personal level before jumping into curriculum.

Year 10 and 11 students have been hard at work already with our courses, exploring a wide range of topics from the origins of biological life, the nature of chemical reactions, to the impacts of both nationalism and globalism on human society, as well as diving deep into geometric and arithmetic sequences and data analysis. While it's been a quick start, we have jumped into our roles with great optimism and effort.

Year 9 students are now jumping into our core courses. We have a vast range of topics we're covering this year, from polynomials to environmental chemistry, and persuasive writing to economic systems. Across the board, we have lots of exciting projects in the works.

We will be sending our first learning contract home in the coming days, so keep an eye out for that!

We're looking forward to a great year and also look forward to working with all of you in creating the best learning experiences possible this year.

