

The Art of Learning

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Message from Administration

September has been a harvest of rich learning at all three Calgary Arts Academy campuses. All classes from Kindergarten to Year 9 dove into their first Arts Immersion learning contract of the year. Learning contracts are a way for students, parents and teachers to communicate their goals for learning, and to stay on the same page as we use the arts to explore connections between the various subjects in the Alberta curriculum. As we head into October, please refer to those learning contracts and ask your child what they have been learning about and what art forms they have been exploring!

Athletics Update

September was filled with lots of Athletic events! In PE we engaged in volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and Spikeball. We also participated in the Terry Fox run, where CAA raised over \$4,300 across our three campuses! The month of October will bring sports such as whiffle ball, rugby, football, and tchoukball.



In extra-curricular sports, athletes have been busy with our volleyball and cross-country running seasons. Students in Year 4-9 have their final cross-country race on October 5 at Confederation Park. Meanwhile, our volleyball teams have competed in two tournaments. In these tournaments, the girls' team finished in third and ninth place respectively, while the boys' team took silver in both of their tournaments. Congratulations to all the athletes who have worked so hard!

Basketball tryouts will commence shortly after the volleyball season concludes in November.

Message from Administration continued

Our high school students are deep into their coursework. The first visual arts projects are impressively displayed in the Education Centre lobby.



It has been wonderful to see independence flourish in high school through such things as Special Projects (individualized passion projects) being developed and studious work in our various learning spaces. Year 11 students demonstrated leadership to establish a Student Council and have already successfully held their first community event; a movie night!

At our Parent Conferences in September, we were so happy to welcome families into our beautiful buildings to share learning goals with our dedicated teachers. We want communication between school and home to be open and ongoing, and welcome emails and dialogue at any time.

Message from Administration Continued

Staff are hard at work implementing Google Folders (Kindergarten-Year 3), Google Classroom (Year 4-9), and PowerSchool (Year 10-12) as portfolios of student work and a place where families can see ongoing assessments of their student's learning. Ironing out the technical hiccups with new online assessment and portfolio systems is nearly complete and you will receive information about how to get connected soon.

The Terry Fox Run happened at all three campuses on September 27.

We were proud of the respectful energy at our assemblies and of the grit and determination shown on the run. Thank you to all families who were able to make a donation towards cancer research and in support of our young runners. At the time this article is being written, CAA has raised more than \$4,300.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation, underscoring how generous our community is.



September also brings with it the relatively new National Day For Truth and Reconciliation. Previous to this holiday being named, Calgary Arts Academy honoured the painful truth of Canada's residential school system by marking Orange Shirt Day. This year, we invited students and staff to wear orange shirts and attend an assembly with a guest Indigenous educator, Jessie Fiddler-Kiss. As a member of the Metis Nation of Alberta, Ms. Fiddler-Kiss was able to share some cultural traditions and help us all reflect on what Truth and Reconciliation means. Parents to have age appropriate discussions with your child, here are some links shared from our Public Health Nurse:

[Acts of reconciliation you can do with your child](#)

[Acts of reconciliation you can do with your teen](#)

In October, Calgary Arts Academy will have a Fall break right after Thanksgiving weekend. When classes resume on October 18, we are looking forward to the culmination of our first learning contracts, and heading into the creative season of preparing for our Jubilee winter celebration.



After 2 years of cancellation, we are excited to bring all our students from Kindergarten to Year 12 to the Jubilee Auditorium stage for a December 2 winter celebration. This performance will center on our theme "Design of a Lifetime" and will also be our formal celebration of Calgary Arts Academy's 20th anniversary.

The year is off to a wonderful start, and we are so thankful for the families who make up our creative, caring community.

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

September was an exciting month for us! We have started to settle in to our classroom routines and have begun our first learning contract, "Design of Me!". We have been especially busy with our visual artist Ms. Christy.



Kindergarten/Year 1 News continued

We have explored how emotion can be expressed and interpreted through both line and colour. Our artist inspirations for our projects so far include Norval Morrisseau, Jean-Micheal Basquiat, and Maya Freelon. We have had some exciting opportunities for learning together in our "macros" such as creating line stories and discovering primary and secondary colours.

September has also helped us open our minds and hearts to significant people and moments in our history - specifically through the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day. We are curious about what we can do to create a better tomorrow and support our community!

Year 2/3 News

Through our contract 'Us on a Map', we have been exploring identities by answering our inquiry question 'What makes me, me?'. In the last month, we have looked at our traditions, celebrations, family history, and how they work together to make us who we are.



We have begun expanding our mapping skills, looking at different types of maps, parts of a map and the language surrounding maps.

For our final project, we are working towards creating a hanging globe art installation piece that represents 'us' and our Year 2/3 community.

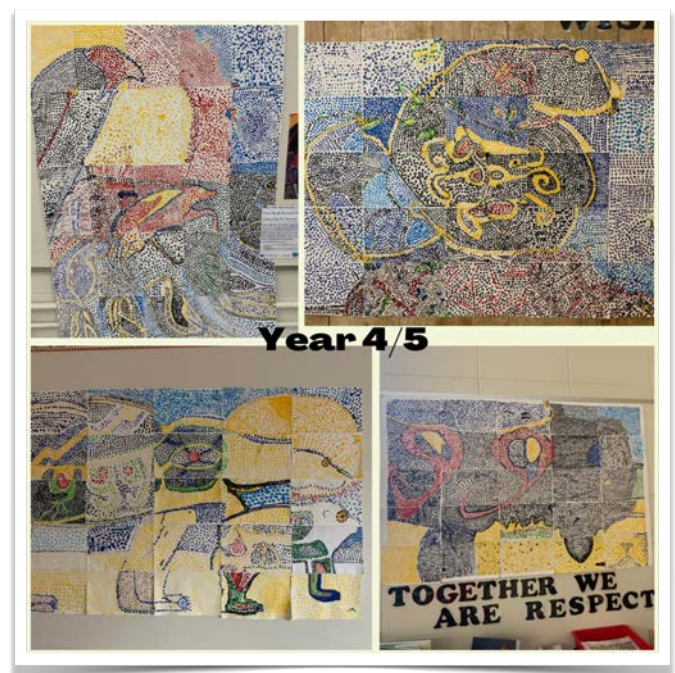
Highlights from the past few weeks include learning about the brain with Mr. E, working on our throwing and catching in Physical Education with Ms. Rubbelke, creating identity mandalas for our time capsules and making chocolate from cocoa beans as we learnt about another culture.

Year 2/3 News continued

In Year 3, we were also very excited to be paired with our Kindergarten buddy and welcome them to CAA in their Rose Ceremony. We are excited to continue our explorations of different countries and cultures as we move into our next contract!

Year 4/5 News

This past month we have been working hard finishing our Community Reimagined contract which will culminate in a parent show and tell on October 6 in the afternoon. Parents will get to play the board games that students have created. We have been working hard on learning about Alberta's resources, with a strong emphasis on connection to the land and learning about Treaty 7's Indigenous Peoples. We are also busy learning about age appropriate Truth and then working on actionable Reconciliation.



Year 6/7/8 News (Rosscarrock Campus)

We are full speed ahead into fall in Year 6/7/8 at Rosscarrock! We continue to dive into Truth and Reconciliation, discussing ways in which we as a community and as individuals can carry forward change. Coming up we will work on completing our first contract by creating our time capsule items, and moving into design thinking with our next contract.

In Year 6, we have been working hard on completing our Wampum belt designs in Social Studies and in Year 7, we completed our first presentations this week on different Indigenous societies in Canada. As the semester continues, we will continue to dive deeper into learning about the history of Canada and our role in our communities. Looking ahead, we will be heading on our first field trip this year with the artistic vision of Marcia Harris. We will collaborate between the grades on art piece features as we capture timely events and references. In Year 7 Math, we have been working hard to transform our classroom into a resourceful and artistic space through posters showing off our prior knowledge in math. In Year 8, we have begun a Student Council! Our first mission is going to be so much fun as we plan, coordinate and organize our very first Rosscarrock student dance in October!

Year 8/9 News

In Year 8/9 at the Education Centre, we are working on our contract which focuses on reconnecting with the community around the school for the first time since Covid. Through the contract, we are designing walking tours about local places of interest around the school. We will start to visit our locations on October 3 and after our fall break.



We are also looking forward to planning more visits to the Calgary Public Library in the coming months. We also welcomed our newest member this month; our pet dart frog Erlenmeyer, or Ernie for short. We have enjoyed watching Ernie eat flies and doing research on what he needs to survive.

In Language Arts we have been working on a collection of poetry to create our own books of poetry that we will print and bind in October. In Math, we have been working in groups to design a football field as we apply integers to real world number lines.

Year 10/11/12 News

In Language Arts 10-1, 10-2 and 30-1, we have been working on our filming skills over the past couple of weeks. In ELA 30-1, we created our own full length version of the "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" set in 2022 and in Year 10, we created short films on the theme of "identity."

In Physics 20, we developed creative simulations to demonstrate our understanding of projectile motion. One piece featured a unique fireworks simulation.

In Biology 20, we finished our first unit on energy and matter exchange in the biosphere by creating podcasts discussing the impact of human activity on the environment.

In Biology 30, we learned about the nervous and endocrine systems. We had the opportunity to dissect sheep brains to observe the different parts and areas of the brain and cow eyes.



Year 10/11/12 News continued

In Math 10-3, we learned how to analyze and determine prices including unit prices, sale prices, markup, and taxes. As a project, we will be creating a plan for budgeting for a bake sale.

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October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 2 Year 8/9 Contract Field Trip	4 Day 3 Year 7-9 Volleyball Tournament	5 Day 4 Cross Country Finals	6 Day 5	7 Day 1	8
9 Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday	10	11 FALL	12 BREAK NO CLASSES	13	14	15
16 PD Day No Classes	17	18 Day 2 Biology 20 Field Trip Year 8/9 Contract Field Trip	19 Day 3 Year 8/9 Contract Field Trip	20 Day 4 Photos Retakes Year 7-9 Volleyball	21 Day 5 Year 6/7/8 Field Trip	22
23 Day 1	24	25 Day 2 Year 8/9 CPL	26 Day 3	27 Day 4 3:15 RC Halloween Dance	28 Day 5 3:30 p.m. EC and 4:00 p.m. KH Halloween Dance	29
30 Day 1	31					