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# The Art of Learning



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## From the Principal

It seems unbelievable that we are upon March already! This is a busy time of year with our second reporting document coming home on March 20th. You are encouraged to take a look at your child’s FreshGrade account to give some context to the report card. We are also excited to be hosting student led conferences on March 26th, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Knob Hill, and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Education Centre, and March 27th 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at both campuses. This is a great opportunity for your child to share what they have been up to at school.

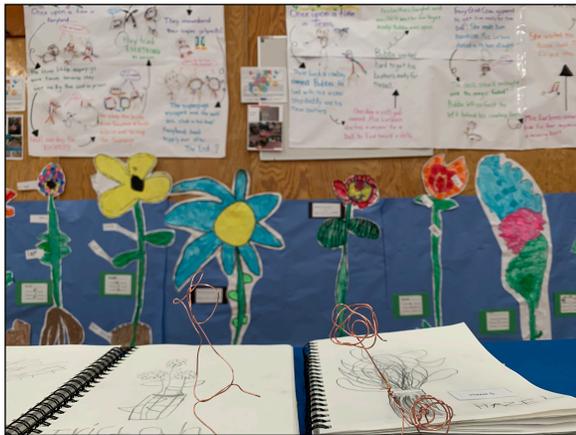
“... a strong community of adults supporting our youngest members of society.”

I strongly encourage all families to participate in this process as it benefits every child to have their families attend.

I would like to take a moment to commend our parent community for committing to the vision and mission of Calgary Arts Academy. We are passionate and committed to providing academic excellence through our enriched Arts Immersion programming. We have appreciated your support and encouragement throughout the process of our high school application. We are excited to receive approval from the Honourable Adriana LaGrange to begin a high school program. Of course, we are very busy now refining our high school program! It is all very exciting! We highly value our parent engagement. When we work together, we are a strong community of adults supporting our youngest members of society.

## Knob Hill News

**Kindergarten-Year 1 Art Gallery** – We hope that all parents had the opportunity to experience our Kindergarten / Year 1 Pop Up Art Gallery.



The number of creative works of art was impressive and the home extension projects really illustrated arts immersion and cross-curricular work at its finest. The K-1 team along with Ms. Kearney’s visual arts expertise

brought out the very best in our youngest students. The parent response was one of amazement and appreciation! Thank you Kindergarten and Year 1 students, for sharing your learning and art with us!

**School Council Levelled Book Support** – Thank you to our School Council for the generous donation of \$3,000.00 to update and enhance our Kindergarten to Year 3 collection of levelled books to support our literacy program! Our facilitators are busily making lists of home reading books and sets of books suitable for guided reading instruction for our upcoming order.

## Pink Shirt Day



Spirit club hosted a successful Pink Shirt Day on February 26! Students celebrated belonging, generosity and promised to be kind friends who stand up for each other. In addition to classroom discussions, classes came together to sing songs and celebrate how we accept and take care of each other at Calgary Arts Academy. Thank you to Ms. Billington for facilitating demonstrations of intuit games at our assembly.

CAA School Council contributed to the spirit of generosity on Pink Shirt Day. Thank you for purchasing the bright pink t-shirts to help all students feel the spirit of belonging on our anti-bullying awareness day.

Next, Spirit club will be taking on the exciting project of beautifying the washroom doors at Knob Hill. We are excited to share pictures with you soon!

# Kindergarten / Year 1 News

The Kindergarten and Year 1 team sure packed a lot in to a month with only 3 weeks of school! February was a month filled with laughter, exploration, and too many proud moments to count.

First up, we had a fantastic 100th day of school! We had a blast dressing up as if we were 100 years old. Then in the afternoon, there was a grand parade of all the classes' 100 collections – who knew math could be so much fun?

We were also lucky enough to attend two programs at the Glenbow Museum in order to prepare for our Pop Up Art Gallery. We were guided through an exploration tour where we learned a little bit more about how exhibits are organized, the endless types of artwork and artifacts they can contain, and museum etiquette. We were also taken to specific gallery spaces where we learned how emotion is tied into artwork, and how art is often subjective to those who view it!

To wrap up the month the Kindergarten and Year 1 team hosted Knob Hill campus' first Pop Up Art Gallery! We were beyond excited to share all of our incredible art and cross-curricular learning with our peers and parents. We had an fantastic turn out and we are incredibly grateful for the community we have here at CAA!



Our 2019 Terry Fox School Run was a great success!

We are proud to announce that Calgary Arts Academy has generously donated **\$2,330.00** for cancer research! The Terry Fox Foundation sends a big thank you to our school community for our generosity and support. 40 years later, Terry's message of hope lives on and stronger than ever!

# Year 2/3 News

February was a short, but rich month for the Year 2/3 community. One of the highlights was our field trip to Heritage Park. The weather was cooperative, and we learned a great deal about what Calgary was like over 100 years ago. We returned to school and have been making postcards that imagine we are writing from 1900 - summarizing our learning about the natural resources, jobs, buildings and special cultural celebrations that early Calgarians enjoyed. We are comparing Calgary of the past with Calgary today, and have been enjoying drawing sketches of Calgary then and now, as well as practicing clear, succinct writing.

Another highlight of February was Pink Shirt Day on February 26. We wore pink to make a promise to never be a bully, and to always look for opportunities to be kind and develop friendship. At our Pink Shirt Day assembly, we also cheered on the class champs in our Inuit games unit of study. We showcased our talents at the high kick, blanket toss and knee jump.

Our showcase is coming right up in March. "Comic-Con Adventures" will take place in the evening of March 12. Parents will be treated to a cornucopia of experiences, showcasing all we've learned through the art forms of dance, drama, graphic design, 3D building, comic-book writing and illustration, costume design, film analysis and public speaking. It promises to be a night to celebrate pop culture and our dynamic, truly super students.



Year 3 students learned about construction techniques of the previous century - log homes, sandstone (and they got to make their own old-fashioned toy), quilting design (making beauty from shapes, math and careful planning), as well as all about the various community members that made up early Calgary - from the indigenous signatories to Treaty 7, to settlers, NWMP officers, doctors, homemakers, ranchers etc. Year 2 students got to experience what a day in a one-room school house would have been like, and to explore the townsite while thinking about what kinds of jobs were available over 100 years ago.

In the second half of March, we move into our spring learning contract, "Lost". We are excited to work again with visual artist, Lori Kearney. We will explore maps, measurement, the care of living creatures, and what it means to "find yourself" through a variety of visual art projects including drawing and painting. We are also excited about our field trip to the Earth Sciences for Society exhibition at Stampede Park, where we will learn about Alberta's natural resources and how to care for them and for the future. Our "Lost" learning contract is all about how sometimes the world can



seem like a big, scary place, and how we can help each other stay safe, how we can learn about our home, and how beautiful and important our home on planet Earth is. We'll also make sure to experience the wonderful sensation of getting lost in a creative project, and trusting that the process will lead somewhere worthwhile!

## Year 4/5 News

Last Month in 4/5 we have been finishing up our puppetry projects with enthusiasm. We have been crafting marionettes that we made out of plaster and paper and have been using a variety of puppetry techniques to create our unique puppet films. We had visits from two puppetry experts and we learned about creating emotion through movement with our puppets as well as learning about the differences between us that make each of us unique.

We are about to begin our next learning contract which is a two-part heading into our final end of year showcase. It's called Small Town and takes inspiration from all of the unique stories and connections that are formed in smaller communities. We will be learning about the interdependence needed to keep small towns active, the many hats that those who inhabit them often wear and why these smaller communities sometimes exist in isolated areas.

Finally this month we have the U of C coming in to talk to us about the functions of our brains in an interactive presentation. The Mustard Seed will also be coming in to speak with us to let us know about the community work that they do, the importance of their services and help spread awareness about the population they support. It's going to be a busy month in 4/5 land.

## Year 6/7 News

In the glorious land of Year 6/7, we have concluded our "Colours of Music" showcase. We extend a huge thank you to our community for all your endless hours of support and encouragement. We really appreciate it!

We are now moving into our annual IYILX (Inspired Young Inquiring Learners eXchange) conference, where we really encourage student-led themes and explore a variety of topics. As part of our commitment to student-led learning, our themes have not been released yet but we look forward to this construction. Our conference will be held in April, with more details to follow!



In the interlude, we have been having pure artform instruction. We hope to share our creativity around the studio and on FreshGrade in the coming days. In other news, our LinkAGES project is in full swing with our students developing creative plans and ideas with our senior group. This will unfold throughout the rest of the year and lead to a final presentation in June.

# Year 8/9 News

March is set to be an extraordinarily busy month in Year 8/9. Beginning on Wednesday, March 4th and continuing on March 5th, the original Year 8/9 production Camp went up at Vertigo Theatre. This show is sure to take its audience back to summer camp while gibing their own lighthearted take on some of the most famous people in history.

Immediately following this, the 8/9 team is hosting its very own Film Festival. In this project, we will be creating our own production companies to develop our entrepreneurial skills as we put all our hard work into developing, producing and promoting our own cinematic universes. This festival goes up in April - stay tuned for more information on this exciting event. Throughout this experience, we will be sharing our marketing knowledge in running our very own pitchfest and promoting our production. There will be lights, action, camera and a chance to hobnob with some real up and comers in Canada's film industry. The curriculum covered by our work can be found in the fields of business management and design. All core subjects are on display and we are eager to share our work with you.



There is so much in store for the 8/9 team, and we can't wait for you to be a part of it.



The Global Leadership Club were excited for the arrival of t-shirts and scrunchies that they designed. They will be displayed at a fashion show at the upcoming Fairtrade Conference

CAA Adult Choir prepares to go on stage at the Year 8/9 showcase at Vertigo Theatre.

