

The Art of Learning

Terry Fox Run

On October 5, all campuses will host the annual Terry Fox Run. Our fundraising goal this year is \$5,000. See page 6 for more details and how you can donate.

School Photo Retakes

Photo retakes are October 23 at all campuses.

See page 8 for more information.

Fall Break

A reminder that Calgary Arts Academy is closed for the Fall Break from October 9 to 13, 2023.

See page 10 for the calendar.



Message from Administration

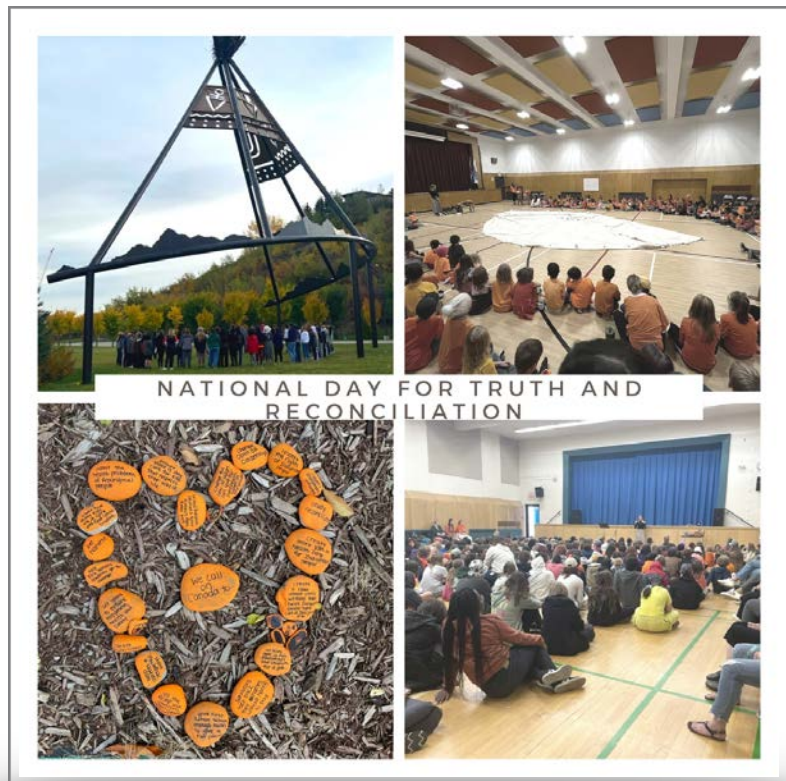
September has gone by in a flash! Although we miss the warmth and longer daylight hours of summer, the fall season brings renewed energy and excitement. Many of our teams are wrapping up their first learning contracts of the year, while others have already begun planning to extend them into the fall months as they prepare for our **December 1** performance at the Jubilee Auditorium. We want to express our gratitude to the families who joined us for the Meet the Teacher conferences on September 14 and 15. It was wonderful to meet so many of you individually and establish goals for your child's learning this year.



Message from Administration Continued.

On Monday, October 2, CAA observed The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also colloquially known as Orange Shirt Day, as school was not in session on September 30. Calgary Arts Academy gathered as campus communities for Truth and Reconciliation assemblies. At the Knob Hill and Rosscarrock campuses, students had the privilege of learning from Jessie Fiddler-Kiss, an Indigenous educator from the Metis Nation of Alberta. She passionately shared insights on reclamation, Indigenous narratives, self-study, academics, and the land and its truths. Jessie also conducted a traditional smudging ceremony for students, and shared her wisdom about what it means to seek Truth and actively participate in Reconciliation. Students at the Erickson Centre Campus were joined by Jared Tailfeathers, a Blackfoot multi-disciplinary artist and historian of Treaty 7. Jared began the day with an opening circle and land acknowledgement at Elbow River Camp, located just across the river from the Erickson Centre. He spent the morning sharing his teaching and artistic practices with our high school students.

Our CAA athletics teams are off to a great start this year! Many students from Years 4 to 9 have been participating in weekly cross-country practices and meets. They have found lots of success achieving their personal bests, and supporting their peers. The volleyball season is also in full swing, with both our girls' and boys' teams successfully completing their first full-day tournament. We want to express our gratitude to our coaches and offer our congratulations to all CAA athletes! Go Pumas!



Message from Administration Continued.

Students in Years 6 to 9 have begun regular travel to the Erickson Centre campus for PE and arts options. Traveling by our very own CAA bus, students have had the opportunity to engage in meaningful arts instruction in world-class facilities. Students have shared that they are very excited to be working in the professional dance and music studios at TransAlta, as well as the very spacious gymnasium at Erickson Centre, complete with changing rooms!

During this term, students have their PE class with Mr. Lapointe and are also participating in an art option led by one of our resident artists. These options will switch in Term 2, complementing their Arts Immersion learning at our Rosscarrock Campus.

At the end of the month, all three campuses will celebrate the fall season with Halloween-themed events. Student Councils at Rosscarrock and the Erickson Centre will organize activities at their campuses, while our incredible team of parent volunteers on School Council will continue with the tradition of the Knob Hill Halloween dance. Stay tuned for more information!



Please note that there will be no classes on October 6, as staff will be participating in Professional Development activities. In the morning, our staff will meet and connect with Maxine Hildebrandt, the recipient of the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching. She joins us from Mother Earth's Children's Charter School, an Alberta Indigenous Charter School. We look forward to learning from Maxine and welcoming her into our

school community. In the afternoon, staff will begin initial brainstorming and planning for this year's winter celebration at the Jubilee Auditorium!

Schools will be closed for our Fall Break, from October 9 to 13. Additionally, on October 20, there will be no classes as staff will be attending The Association of Alberta Public Charter School's Conference at Almadina Language Charter Academy.

We hope you have a wonderful, colourful October ahead!

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

In Kindergarten and Year 1, we have been “Learning from the Land.” We have immersed ourselves in the wonders of nature, delving into seasonal changes, animal migration and behaviour, and gaining Indigenous perspectives. Through exploring the outdoors on nature walks, utilizing our outdoor classroom, and collecting and recording findings through nature journaling, we are making meaningful connections to nature. We have created many beautiful art pieces including nature name art, nature colour wheels, watercolour leaves, Metis dot art, Norval Morrisseau inspired bear paintings, and one point perspective landscapes. We have also been learning about the Indigenous teachings referred to as the 7 Grandfather Teachings or the 7 Sacred Teachings where we explore the values of respect, courage, love, honesty, wisdom, truth, humility and the corresponding animals to each value.



Year 2/3 News

In Year 2/3 we have had an exciting month exploring our "I like to Move it, Move it" learning contract. To prepare for our mini SpArts day, we have engaged in a variety of learning experiences! We have explored Inuit, Métis, and Acadian communities through artist studies, recreating visual art and discussing transportation with these communities. In Science, we have been learning about the water cycle and states of matter through movement activities with Mr. E, as well as participating in classroom science experiments.

Year 2/3 News Continued.

Recently, we have had an exciting time beginning our literacy rotations and learning about the science of sentences.

In Year 3, we were delighted to meet and spend time with our Kindergarten buddies! We officially introduced and welcomed our buddies to our commUNITY during the annual Rose Ceremony on September 28. As we continue with our "I like to Move it, Move it" learning contract, we look forward to further exploring movement and learning about the traditions and celebrations of Métis, Inuit and Acadian communities.

Year 4/5 News

We have been hard at work on our first contract, District 404. Throughout this contract, we learned to identify our individual identities and understand our responsibilities to collaborate within different communities. We combined science and poetry, creating poems from the perspectives of solids, liquids and gases. We also crafted stop-motion animations depicting Canada's provinces and territories.



Working with Ms. Shannon, we delved into Laban movement to create movement pieces paired with poetry that celebrated our unique identities. Additionally, we got creative by making musical instruments from recycled materials, experimenting with soundscapes, exploring painting techniques, and much more! We were thrilled to share our newfound knowledge of particles of matter and Canadian geography with our school community and families through a live art gallery. Now, we are eagerly looking forward to diving into our Jubilee contract after the Fall Break!

Athletics Update

Our extra-curricular athletics program is off to a successful start! The Cross-Country team has already completed their first two events and are heading to the finals on October 4 at the Rosemont Community Centre.

In volleyball, our teams have also made great strides. Our girls' team is off to an amazing start, winning their tournament pool! The boy's team also had a commendable performance and secured a win! Both teams will have two in-school tournaments in October, leading up to the finals in early November. We are incredibly proud of our dedicated athletes and their achievements.

In Year 6 to 9, we have been making the most of the facilities at the Erickson Centre. We have enjoyed outdoor activities like ultimate frisbee and football at Enmax Park. After our Fall Break, we are excited to start our volleyball unit, which will also include playing with beach balls and small omnikin balls for differentiated game play.

On October 5, we are hosting our annual Terry Fox Run, a nationwide tradition that honours the life and legacy of Canadian hero Terry Fox, as well as raise money for cancer research. Knob Hill students will be joining our Rosscarrock students to participate in multi-aging activities to learn more about Terry and also complete the run. Meanwhile, high school students at the Erickson Centre Campus will conduct their own run in the field at Elbow River Camp.



Terry Fox Run



On October 5, all campuses will host the annual Terry Fox Run. Students in Kindergarten to Year 12 will participate in a run or/ walk to raise awareness and funds in support of cancer research. Help us reach our fundraising goal of \$5,000! Families can donate online at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/30601>

Donations are being accepted until October 10, 2023.

Year 6/7 News

We are delving into our curriculum, with a focus on Truth and Reconciliation. We are expanding our understanding and knowledge by actively engaging in discussions with community members and connecting with the stories of residential school survivors. Each morning, we dedicate time to critical thinking and meaningful learning about the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

As the term progresses, we will further explore our first learning contract centred around the four elements. In Year 6, we are studying the history and significance of the Wampum in the Iroquois Confederacy. In Year 7, we are learning about Indigenous communities in Eastern Canada and we will be creating our own Wampum to represent CAA.

Meanwhile, in Language Arts, we are actively working on heartfelt letters to our future selves, and in Math, we are building a strong foundation for success through Math Mondays and exploration of the Jump Math curriculum. We are also looking forward to shifting gears after our Fall Break, with our artist change, providing a comprehensive Arts Immersion experience.

Year 8/9 News

We are rapidly becoming experts in an array of subjects, spanning from the European and Harlem Renaissance, to current events, personal expression, scientific discoveries, properties of matter, and fluid behaviour. We have delved deeply into these significant topics and have forged meaningful connections between these historical events and our daily lives.

Under our first learning contract, "Paint the Town", we have been actively exploring the vibrant world of street art while developing our own storytelling skills and embracing our roles as community citizens.



Year 8/9 News Continued.

We were honoured to host Tea Fannie, a local hip-hop artist, as a guest speaker. She shared her invaluable insights into the 50th anniversary of hip-hop, enriching our understanding of this influential cultural movement.

Stay tuned for an upcoming art display that combines street art with the scientific breakthroughs of the past, showcasing the periodic table of elements. It is a tangible embodiment of our Arts Immersion learning journey!



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Monday, October 23, 2023

Retake Day, all campuses!



What to Expect:



Students are photographed on Picture Day



Proofs are sent home with your student



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High School News

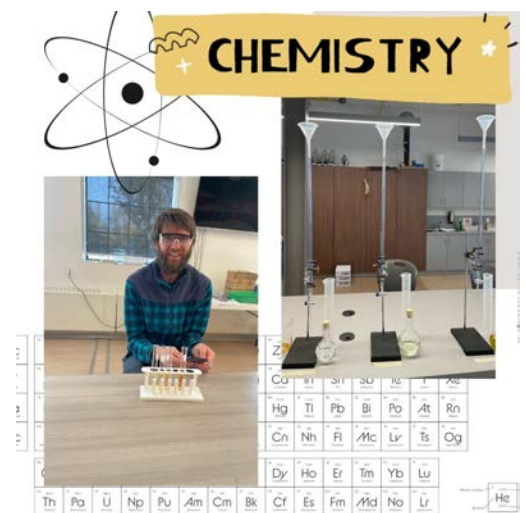
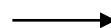
This month, we have been actively engaged in community building activities through the arts. On September 21 we led a collaborative art project at the United Way’s Campaign Kick-Off event, where we worked together with attendees to create a community mural. Our Rock Band took to the stage to perform three highly polished and electrifying rock songs in the outdoor amphitheater. Later in the month, we had the honour of hosting Mayor Jyoti Gondek at our campus, where we highlighted the exciting progress in our arts classes.

Creative projects are once again filling our hallways as we finish our first unit of study in core classes. In Social Studies 30, we have been exploring the relationship between identity and ideology. By analyzing the differences between collectivist and individualist perspectives, we were able to discern where our personal beliefs align on the political and economic spectrums. We have channelled this knowledge into a creative expression of our opinions and understandings of various ideologies.

We are excited that our high school clubs are back up and running! Both the Student Council and Grad Council have elected their executive members and are eagerly planning exciting events for the year ahead. First on the agenda are fundraisers to kick off the preparations for the upcoming Halloween dance at the Erickson Centre!



Mr. Funk is ready for a Chemistry 30 lab





October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Day 5 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Ceremonies - all campuses	2	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Cross Country Finals 4:00 p.m.	5 Day 3 Terry Fox Run - all campuses	6 PD Day No Classes	7
8 Thanksgiving Day No Classes	9	10 Fall Break No Classes	11 Fall Break No Classes	12 Fall Break No Classes	13 Fall Break No Classes	14
15 Day 4	16	17 Day 5 Year 4/5 Zoo Field Trip Volleyball Tournament	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Year 4/5 Zoo Field Trip	20 PD Day, Charter School Conference No Classes	21
22 Day 3 Photo Retakes (All campuses)	23	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 1 Volleyball Tournament RC Halloween Dance	27 Day 2 EC and KH Halloween Dance	28
29 Day 3	30	31 Day 4				

View our 2023-2024 School Calendar at <https://www.caaschool.com/calendar>