

# Calgary Arts Academy

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### Newsletter

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*"a resounding success"*

*See page 6*

#### Message from the Principal

I hope that everyone has benefited from a relaxing February break. It was certainly exciting to see our nation excel at the Winter Olympic Games held in Vancouver. I'm sure many of you have been inspired by the events that took place the last two and a half weeks of February.

It was an absolute thrill to watch Calgary Arts Academy's community come together at Vertigo Theatre to celebrate the arts and education. The "Study Hall Fever" presentation on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of February was a thrilling demonstration of Arts Immersion and the development of student confidence. Our Year 8 and 9 students put on a remarkable show. We are all very proud of each one of these students. A special thank you goes to all the staff who worked diligently to make this project such a resounding success. I would also like to thank the Calgary Arts Academy Adult Choir for the spirited participation in this event. They did a wonderful job creating a positive atmosphere for the evening performances. For me the greatest thrill is watching our students shine and to reflect back on each student and the immense growth they've had through the years. Wonderful job, everybody!

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#### Big Band Dance and Silent Auction 2010

This event is sold out! Thanks to everyone who sold tickets. There will be record attendance this year.

We also have record donations for the silent auction. We gratefully acknowledge the following sponsors for their generosity:

About U Hair & Esthetics  
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## Big Band Dance

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 Strides Running Room  
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 Elaine Westlake & Family

There are more donations coming, so watch for a complete list of sponsors in April's newsletter. These sponsors will also be recognized in a video and on table tents at the event.



*George Rodrigue, "Blue Dog" series.  
 Students learning about Acadian  
 culture*



## Message from the Principal

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Being part of a positive community is very important in the growth and development of children. Our students' response to the tragedy that struck Haiti certainly demonstrated that we are a community of spirited citizens. Our students have fund-raised close to \$2,000.00 for relief efforts in Haiti. These funds have been matched by our federal government and have been distributed to Oxfam. I believe this incredible response can make each one of us feel pride in our association with this school community.

March is certainly looking like it will be a month filled with excitement. Both school campuses will be hosting two student performances. The Division Two students performances are on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, while Division Three students perform on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend these demonstrations of student learning. We are also looking forward to the annual Big Band Dance that is being held at the Glenmeadows campus on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Josh Van Beers*

## Kindergarten – Shadow Puppets

Kindergarten classes will be introduced to Shadow Puppets this month, with a small presentation slated for the sharing assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The children will continue their exploration of shadow during their work with resident artist, Miss Candace. Both classes will also be going on an all day field trip to the Leighton Arts Centre on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>, where we will be given a tour of the art gallery and museum as well as have the opportunity to do our own painting.

## Division One

Thank you to all parents who helped make our skating field trip a success. We are looking forward to working with Miss Candace this month. She will be working with students to create paintings based on Artist George Rodrigue *Blue Dog* series. These paintings will help students learn about Acadian culture found in Canada and Louisiana. We will be taking a field trip to the Leighton Arts Centre in the middle of the month. We will be going on two separate dates, March 16<sup>th</sup> for Mrs. Watts/ Mrs. McCloy and March 17<sup>th</sup> for Ms. WB, Ms. Allen and Mr. Paul. This will be an all day field trip and students will participate in sketching, weaving and a nature walk. The notice for this trip will be coming home shortly.

## Division Two

We have a busy month ahead of us getting ready for our Showcase. We are lucky to have Miss Anna working so hard with us as Director of our show and creating curriculum based dances with our students. We welcome Mr. Cam back to Division Two. He will be working on a song with original lyrics that our students will perform. Mrs. Zacharias has also been working with students to learn songs for our showcase. We are all very excited! Miss Unich's and Mr. Cooper's classes will be performing on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Ms. Stonehouse's and Ms. Williams' classes will be performing on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Costuming details will come home shortly.

A reminder to continue practicing those basic facts and to check your homeroom teachers' websites often! We are updating the sites weekly. Please take advantage of this opportunity.



## Division Three

March is an exciting month for Division 3. We have our productions coming up!

This year, there are two evening performances. Your child will be performing on **either** Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, depending on which homeroom they are in. Mr. Buffett's and Mrs. Hoey's homeroom students will be performing on March 30<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Purton's and Ms. Wagner's homeroom students will be performing March 31<sup>st</sup>. All students are required to attend and perform on their scheduled evening.

Our final week of Stampede School is March 1<sup>st</sup>- March 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those parents who are volunteering their time to make the program a success! We anticipate more volunteer opportunities to arise as we near production time.

We will be participating in a math contract on *Place Value and Decimals* beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a home component to this contract so please read it carefully! For Year 5 science, *Chemistry* will wrap up in the next week or two, after which we will begin on studies of *Weather*. Watch for a new social contract coming home this week on Physical Geography. For Year 6 science, students have begun their studies on *Air, Aerodynamics and Flight* and are looking forward to their new social contract, which will be sent home shortly.

Please continue to check your child's agenda and the website. We update our websites weekly and ask that you check them weekly as well. Assignments, due dates, vocabulary lists and contracts will be posted for your convenience.

## Calgary Arts Academy Team Show

Calgary Arts Academy's entry for the *Alberta Wilderness Association's* 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mural competition has been accepted. This year's theme is **Alberta native species in its habitat**. They have been selected to paint on landing 31B of the Calgary Tower. Everyone wishing to view the mural will be welcome to join us on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Climb for Wilderness event. Judging will take place at 3:00pm.

Team painters: Jeff Eisen, Lori Kearney, Nancy Williams and Candace Lennie



The design we submitted for the painting represents a variety of artistic styles, with our main subject being the prairie chicken, chosen because it is an endangered species in Alberta. This will be presented in a high realism format with the prairie background. Our First Nations chicken dancer will be portrayed in a *Norval Morrisseau* style based on colour, line, and form. This will add colour, contrast, and creativity to frame the high realism subject matter.

## March is *NUTRITION*Month

### Good Nutrition + Movement = Better Health for Life

Here are the facts:

- Eat a variety of foods from **CANADA'S FOOD GUIDE** every day. For elementary school children, 5-6 servings of Fruits and Vegetables, 4-6 servings of Grains, 2-4 servings of Milk and Alternatives and 1-2 servings of Meat and Alternatives is recommended per day.
- Eat at least 3 meals a day. Snacks are also recommended, especially for children to keep their energy levels available for learning and strength.
- Choose unsaturated fats in your meals. Oils or margarines made from canola, olive and soybean are the best selections.
- Eat foods high in fiber. Whole grain is an important word to watch for on the food label. Remember, juice is lower in fiber than fruit.
- Eat at least 1 dark green and 1 orange vegetable each day. Avoid fruits and vegetables made with fat, sugar and salt.
- Fish is an excellent source of protein and should be eaten at least 2 times each week. Refer to [www.healthcanada.gc.ca](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca) for the latest information for limiting exposure to mercury from certain types of fish.
- Drink 500 mL (2 cups) skim, 1% or 2% milk each day and select low fat yogurt and cheeses.
- Drink water often. It's free and it's a thirst quencher!

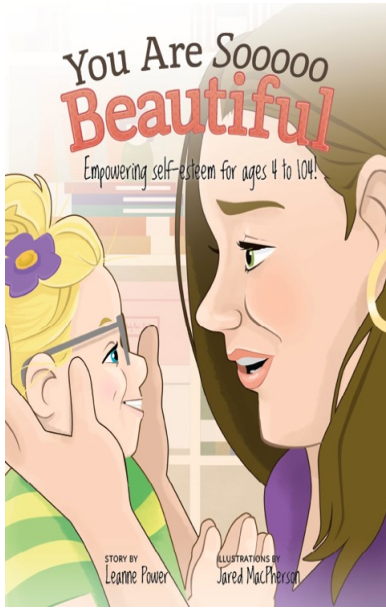
PARENTS, you guide your child. Be good leaders. Eat and offer the best food choices you can and stay active.

Research continues to support the concept that our health and quality of life are influenced by nutrition and movement.

For your free copy of Canada's Food Guide, please check with the school secretary or visit [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide) for more information.

Caroline Hamill RN, BScN, CCHNc  
School Nurse

## Book Launch – Hot Off the Press



“Why is it so difficult—even for people with otherwise high self-esteem—to feel truly beautiful?”

The problem is not that we aren’t beautiful, but that most of us have learned a definition of beauty that is limited and skewed. In order to change the face of what the media calls beauty, we must actively teach our children a more profound definition of what is beautiful and reinforce and affirm that definition daily.

True beauty isn’t the collection of unrealistic physical ideals that the media loves to promote. True beauty is embracing who you are at your very core.

*You Are Sooooo Beautiful* holds a precious and timeless message for readers of all ages. Share it with your children to help set the foundation for their understanding of true beauty. And let it help you—and the other beautiful adults in your life—reconnect with your inner child and set your beauty free.” – *Leanne Power*

*You Are Sooooo Beautiful* was written by the daughter of our very own Miss Gail! Come and have a peek at the Glenmeadows office. Copies are available for sale.

## Yearbook Alert

Order forms for the 2009-2010 yearbooks are now available on our website. The yearbooks cost \$25.00 and must be preordered. The completed yearbooks will be delivered by mid-June. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Schiffner at [jschiffner@calgaryartsacademy.com](mailto:jschiffner@calgaryartsacademy.com) or phone (403) 229-3010.

## Confirmation of Continued Attendance

Letters have been mailed to the parents of our Kindergarten to Year 8 students asking you to confirm that your children will be attending CAA for the 2010-2011 school year.

We ask that you respond to these as soon as possible. We are currently planning for next year and, of course, the number of returning students impacts the number of new students we can accept.



# STUDY HALL Fever

On February 18 and 19, Calgary Arts Academy's Year 8 and 9 students presented our 6<sup>th</sup> annual production at Vertigo Theatre.

Among our valued guests was a former CAA student, who is now in Grade 10. The following is her review of our show:

*"Study Hall Fever.*

*Reviewed by Stephanie Lennie*

*The 2010 Calgary Arts Academy's 6<sup>th</sup> Vertigo experience was one neither the audience, or cast will forget. From the bright, flashy costumes, to the guitar solos, everything was extremely organized and amazingly staged. The casting was done very well, giving it that realistic flow. All the original music was well written and played by all the musicians and well done by the singers. All dances were amazingly choreographed and everyone was heard and seen. It took a boring black and white world and flipped it into glitz and glamour with the amazing costumes. It also kept people laughing just about the entire show. Everyone loved the whole cast and by the end was joining in and clapping. One character that stood out to me most was the guitar solo. Even though he was a musician he really brought the show to life with the amazingly played guitar solos and music. His playing skills are outstanding and at the end left people begging for more. He was also fun to watch because you could tell he loved what he was doing.*

*Over all, the entire cast was incredible. Myself and the entire audience was entertained the whole show by the witty lines and jokes and the amazing costumes. This show went above and beyond my expectations and absolutely blew my mind. I would definitely recommend this play to anyone."*

The Adult Choir, singing and dancing to *Shake Your Booty*, opened the show. This was a fun opening, and was enjoyed by the audience and set the tone for the evening.

Many positive responses were received, including the following:

*"A great presentation of how the students are soaring into their artistic abilities."*

*"... a truly exceptional evening of entertainment. Your school's production of Study Hall Fever was absolutely delightful ... such an inspiring, spectacular event."*

## MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 DAY 3	2 DAY 4 7:00pm School Council Meeting KH	3 DAY 5	4 DAY 6	5 DAY 1	6 Big Band Dance 7:00pm - Midnight
7	8 DAY 2	9 DAY 3	10 DAY 4	11 DAY 5 GM Sharing Assembly 1:00-1:20	12 DAY 6	13
14	15 DAY 1	16 DAY 2 5:30pm CAA Board Meeting	17 DAY 3	18 DAY 4 Year 3/4 Production 7:00 pm	19 DAY 5 Year 3/4 Production 7:00 pm Report Cards Home	20
21	22 DAY 6	23 DAY 1	24 DAY 2	25 DAY 3 Student Led Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 pm	26 Student Led Conferences 8:00 – 4:00 pm	27
28	29 DAY 4 D & H Photo Team/Club & Class Photos PM At GM	30 DAY 5 Year 5/6 Production 7:00 pm	31 DAY 6 Year 5/6 Production 7:00 pm			