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We're trying something new this year! 3 students from 6C are writing a school newsletter!

Isabelle Forsythe-Rhyno

Isabelle is a very creative and outgoing student. She stands up to every one and does not have a mean bone in her body. Isabelle has recently begun guitar in her spare time and the rest of it is taken up by soccer. She is extremely goofy and even has her own sign language!

Kate Glenn

Kate is a quiet and kind person. She has a strong passion for science. She believes very strongly in including everyone. In her spare time she does archery. She has a dog who she is kind of obsessed with. Kate used to be a figure skater but has stopped due to a repetitive ankle injury.

Waverly Schroeder

Waverly is known to be kind, quiet, and creative but she is currently working on her brown belt in Aikido. As part of the aikido martial art she has also been taking a weapons class (with swords) for the last three years. The rest of Waverly's time is taken up with basketball, piano, guitar, knitting, and any art or science project she can hide in her room. Waverly has a twin sister and together they make a very tall pair.

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CGS NEWS

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A Message From Mr. Malo!

Hello to all our students, parents, and staff. I am pleased to write to you from our first student produced newsletter of 2017. Our GoGirls of Grade 6 are producing this newsletter so that you have a view of the wonderful things we do each day. Please enjoy each of the stories from the classes that have contributed. The girls enjoy sharing their work just as much as you will enjoy reading it. Each of the stories will demonstrate the learning and growth from each of our student contributors. We hope you are able to share these newsletters with the whole family to encourage more discussion about what your daughter is doing each day at Calgary Girls' School. We hope that our values of compassion, integrity, collaboration, courage, curiosity, democracy, and diversity are reflected in the stories you will read and the pictures you will see. Enjoy your newsletter.



An interview with Doc. C!

What was your first job teaching music?

My first job teaching music was at G. H. Dawe Community School in Red Deer.

What instruments do you play and which one is your favourite and why?

I used to play trumpet and trombone. Now I play guitar and bass guitar.

What was your first impression of CGS?

My first impression was the friendliness of students and staff. Students are hungry to learn and I feel honoured to be the music teacher.

How much experience do you have in teaching music?

I have been teaching music at all levels from Junior High to University for a many years so have a lot of experience.

How did your passion for music start?

My passion for music began with my dad. He was a farmer but also played many instruments that he kept in a closet. I would sneak in and look at them.

What are your plans for the music program this year?

Plans are for a Winter Choir Concert [on December 14](#). The band will participate in Alberta Festivals in the spring and the 8s and 9s will travel to Whistler BC for a festival at the end of April.

Every grade at CGS is always doing something new. Here is what the students are currently working on!

Grade 4: In grade 4 we are continuing to use the lens of stewardship to explore our topics. We have wrapped up the science unit "Waste in Our World" and are moving to explore how simple machines impact our lives. In Humanities we are focusing on the story of Alberta and posing the question "What makes Alberta unique?". We have begun to build a topographical map of Alberta that demonstrates its diversity of land. We are also writing expository pieces by using the writing process and the 6 traits of writing. In math we are working on estimating sums and differences, as well as using personal strategies for addition and subtraction. In art we are beginning to look at lines and how we can convey a message through art.

Grade 5: In grade 5 we continue to focus on learning through the conceptual lenses of Balance and Perspective. In Humanities, we are beginning to form an understanding of the perspectives of Canada's First Peoples as we analyze myths and legends. The concept of Balance is guiding our learning in Math as we dive into Patterns and Relations and Multiplication and Division. In Science, we are beginning our exploration into electricity and are so excited to begin some hands on learning through demonstrations and experiments.

Grade 6: The grade sixes have just finished a unit on municipal government and even participated in a vote that mirrored the results of our actual municipal election. We have also just finished our unit on Trees and Forests and are about to take to the skies in a study of Air, Aerodynamics, and Flight. One of the highlights so far is that we tweeted a picture of our work on the novel *Skellig* and the author, David Almond, replied to us. He said hi and told us how much he liked our work. How cool!

Grade 7: In science the grade 7s have just finished designing 'Planet X' and are in the process of creating creatures to live on their planets. In humanities we recently finished reading *The Breadwinner* and are looking forward to comparing the novel to the new animated film.

Grade 8: From now until the winter break the grade 8's are excited to dive into our City Quest inquiry. Girls are exploring the renaissance and human health by carefully considering the complex task of building a city. We will be using our knowledge of ratio, rates and percents to make informed choices as consumers and city planners.

Grade 9: The 9s have been exploring our core curriculum areas through the lens of *Cause and Consequence*. This powerful concept has allowed for students to look at the Youth Criminal Justice Act through discussion based experiences and debate various issues. Additionally, they are playing the role of scientists working through experiences in the science lab to explore different chemical changes and matter. We are also connecting science to math, thinking of the linear relations and the physics behind the ways we move.

Analyzing historical and contemporary implications of "women's work" has been another strong connection to the concept *Cause and Consequence*. Connecting with scientists is central to this inquiry and we are excited about our upcoming speaker series [on Dec. 5](#), as well as the women that we have connected with virtually via FaceTime. Examining how "women's work" has shifted over the past century is ongoing and brings significant opportunity for unpacking and decoding artifacts, articles and recorded history.

Griffins sports

Basketball

Basketball tryouts have started! The first tryouts were on Tuesday, November 28th for grades 6 and 7 and Wednesday, November 29th for grades 8 and 9. The next tryouts will be on Tuesday, December 5th for grades 6 and 7, and Wednesday, December 6th for grades 8 and 9 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Basketball games will be starting in January on mostly Thursdays but sometimes Tuesdays after school. We here at the CGS NEWS wish good luck to everyone trying out!

Volleyball

On Thursday, November 30th the CGS teachers competed with all 3 Griffin volleyball teams! It was a great couple of games. Make sure to look at the “photo gallery” for some pictures of the action! The series of games was a fantastic way to end the successful season. Great season volleyball players!

Wrestling

The wrestling season has started! Practices are on Monday and Wednesday nights at Connect Charter School, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. There will be a schedule for wrestling tournaments available shortly. The season started on November 15th and is ending on January 23rd.



*** Just a reminder to all students to please bring in their Physical Literacy photos for Mrs. Bentley. Thank you!**

How does the moon ⁴
cut his hair?

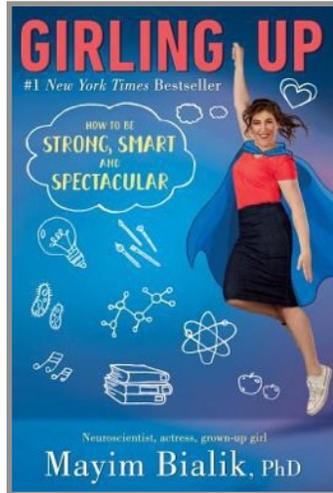


**Men and woman are like right and left hands;
There's no reason not to use them both.**

- Jeannette Rankin

**Here is a list of clubs
that students from
grades 6-9 can
participate in!**

- Book club
- Harry Potter club
- Cheer squad
- Debate
- Gay-straight alliance
- Science fair
- Disney cartoon drawing
- Running club
- Mindfulness
- Year book club (only grades 7 to 9)
- Badminton



Girling Up is a fantastic book about being a strong and smart girl and how we grow up to be women. Mayim Bialik is a fantastic neuroscientist, actress, and author.

- Kate Glenn

It's Time To Stuff A Bus CGS!



Make sure to bring in non-perishable goods and baby products. All items must be in by the morning of December 21 2017!

Jokes!

Why are elephants so wrinkly?

What do you call a fly without wings?

Answers: 1) Have you ever tried to iron one? 2) A walk! 3) Eclipse it!

CGS Photo Gallery



Franklin (left) and Benjamin (right) are class 6C's new skinny pigs (hairless guinea pigs)!



Teachers vs Griffins volleyball game!



Basketball tryouts for grades 8 and 9!



Grade 8 band practice

We want your feedback!

What did you think of the first edition? If you have any suggestions or comments about the CGS NEWS tell us!

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Have any ideas for articles, riddles or more?

Email us your idea, and maybe you will see it in the next edition. We are always glad to have guest writers and great ideas!