



CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday, May 7
Early Dismissal

Friday, May 15 - Monday, May 18
Victoria Day Long Weekend
No School

Thursday, May 28
PA has Talent

Friday, May 29
Non - Uniform Day

Thursday, June 4
Early Dismissal

Friday, June 5
JK Spring Tea
2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 11
K - Grade 4
Year End Celebration
6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 19
Internship Showcase
5:00 p.m.
&
Graduation Ceremony
Grade 5-9
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24
Sports & Water Day

Thursday, June 25
Last Day of School
Non - Uniform Day

Monday, August 31
First Day Back
Formal Uniform

OPCOM ROBOTICS TEAM



Progressive Academy's high school robotics team, Opcom, participated at the Western Canada Regional

competition in Calgary during spring break, and placed 5th out of 32 teams! Not only that, but we also won this year's Creativity Award!

After three months of non-stop work, Opcom Team 5064, (our team name for the competition) spent four days during spring break in Calgary participating in the Western Canada Regional FIRST Robotics competition. We were Edmonton's only team in the competition which hosted teams from as far away as Idaho, Ontario and even Mexico. The competition was fierce. We were very pleased with our results, finishing in fifth place and missing the semi-finals by only one point!

Team 5064 has been making quite a splash in Edmonton! This amazing educational program, for which students receive high school credits, has participated in several community events to promote science and technology education. The University of Alberta's Faculty of Education included our team in their Makerspace event which showcased concepts of design thinking and project-based learning. We also took our robot to the Telus World of Science premier release of the CBC documentary Roboticize Me, and were acknowledged at this event for our great robotics program.

Yet again, we lead educational innovation in Edmonton!

C-Anne

S T R A T E G I E S F O R B E H A V I O U R S

Children tend to act out at various times in their lives. They may be testing an adult; they may be tired or moody and not want to comply. Whatever the reason, it is good to have some strategies to handle unwanted behaviour. The following are some ideas to help parents get the desired behaviours:

- Use natural consequences whenever possible. For example: if a child throws their lunch then they must wait until the next meal to eat.
- Say what you mean and mean what you say – if you set a consequence for your child’s actions then follow through.
- Be consistent. Children need rules and they need to know the expectations.
- If you know that your child has difficulty with another child then be close by to intercept before the behaviour happens.
- Use “Stop, Walk and Talk” (keep it simple) – If a child does not like something they “Stop (hurting my body)”, if the other child continues then teach your child to “Walk Away”, if they are still being bothered then “Tell an adult”.

Tracey

S U N F L O W E R R O O M

In the Sunflower Room, we are very excited to have our very own class pet, Rio. He is a beta fish that the children love and care for. We are currently working on sink and float activities with the students in the month of April. The students are enjoying sea animals and are now interested in building ships and rafts to float on the water. The teachers are working with Dr. Ingrid Crowther to create a math center that can meet all the needs of the students. Ingrid is the presenter of Creating Effective Learning Spaces for Early Childhood Cognitive Development and earned her Doctor of Education in Early Childhood and the Middle years. Teachers are very excited to work with her to make the best Junior Kindergarten program for our students. The Sunflower Room is continuing to work on the Jolly Phonics program and is now moving into the Read and See books. Student will transition from learning individual sounds into reading three to four letter words to build their vocabulary. This is a great literacy program that will prepare the students for Kindergarten and Grade One as they continue their education here at Progressive Academy.

Soraya



H U M I L I A T I N G E X P E R I E N C E

When I came home, the first thing I did was open the door and pull out the garbage can to search for them. Because deep inside, I still had hope that I could find them somehow. I had thrown out the fake eyelashes because I forgot the dress rehearsal for my dance recital wasn't the real performance. I was in trouble.

The garbage had a strong acid smell. I found the first fake eyelash easily, it was stuck on the inner side of a yogurt box. Kitchen garbage is mainly composed of organic stuff like vegetable peels and fruit cores. I also found hair, a small dust bunny, and sand. I rejoice that I didn't need to search the bathroom garbage can! The good thing is there was no phlegm or other gross things I expected to find.

If someone was there, he/she would have seen a girl kneeling down on the floor, one of her hands searching in the garbage bin; and she hadn't even taken her jacket off. After she found one, she searched for the other. It was not smooth. She tried to give up several times, thinking maybe she'd find another way. But she didn't, she self-couraged: don't give up, you will find it eventually! She looked in every corner of the garbage can carefully, she did not miss a single place, finally she found the other one! And it was not a simple find, it was a result of not giving up.

There is a very famous chinese saying, and it is often quoted by teachers or scholars. Its common English translation is: It's never too late to learn. But I think there is another translation that accords more to the original text: Live and learn. In my definition, learning is not just about rigid information in textbooks or classes at school. It can be from your experience too. No matter if it (experience) is big or small, important or unimportant, serious or just a joke, we see and absorb new things everyday!

If I could go back, I would definitely not have thrown away the fake eyelashes. There is another very good quote that says "Don't give up and keep trying because you never know what is going to happen." This is the big lesson I learnt from this experience and that I won't forget.

Alice Gr. 9 Student

Dear Parents,

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All the proceeds will go towards technology in the classrooms!

Please see the attached documents outlining the ordering process and for a list of participating retailers.

You may begin ordering now by clicking on the link below. The order closes on Monday, May 4th at 7:15 am. The gift cards will be available for pick up at reception on May 7th & 8th. Perfect for a Mother's Day gift.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
Joyce Van Rootselaar

JUNIOR & SENIOR BAND

The Junior Band is composed of nine students from Grade 5/6 and two teachers - Connor and Allan; meets at lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays with great enthusiasm. Our performance in February to the school population met with great success, which spurred the band onto more challenging ventures. Our future venues include PA's Got Talent and a full length concert in June featuring nine new songs. Our band program has been well attended and supported by our members this year. This is the first year that we have had a band like this and we plan to continue it from now on.

The Senior Band started up again in January with much excitement, continuing its second year. This year we have expanded our membership to five, which includes Karen, Reinette, Russell, Connor and Allan. We have added vocals from the likes of Russell and Connor and expanded our variety of instruments and repertoire of songs. The Senior Band will also perform in June for the school body.

Allan

HAPPY SPRING

The students of Progressive Academy have celebrated the beginning of spring by filling the halls with Monet inspired flowers and landscapes! Together we learned about Monet's love of his garden and how he painted outside following the changing light! I was very impressed by the quality of work the students did on this project...I think some of the students were surprised by the beauty of their completed work! Please take a look at our 'magical garden' in the hallway across from the art room, because just like spring flowers, it won't be there for long!!

Donna

**C - A N N E R O B E R T S O N**

Clara Anne Robertson is the Executive Director of the school Progressive Academy. The school is in Edmonton, Alberta, Glenora. She is the mother of 4 kids. Her favourite staff member is all of them because all of the staff do their best. C-anne said that the best students are the ones that try their best on their own work. Her favourite trip was to India and China. One of her favourite singers is Leonard Cohen. Her dream for the school is to help every student the best they can be. Thank you C-Anne for such a good school!

THE END

Written by Julian Ammar in Grade 1



D R . I N G R I D C R O W T H E R

I have known Dr. Ingrid Crowther for the last four years. She has worked to develop Junior Kindergarten curriculum and assessment as well as facilitate Kindergarten programming objectives. This year she has offered to assist me in merging project based learning and Kindergarten numeracy goals. Through the children's interest in learning about dinosaurs, we are integrating a unit on measurement. While she is part of the classroom, she will use photography to express each child's learning experience. Photographs and observations will track their learning journey in individualized books. Dr. Ingrid Crowther brings both years of early childhood experience and classroom learning resources to this project. I have come to respect her abilities as a front line classroom teacher and am also taking this experience as a form of professional development for myself.

Nellie



“PA’s Got Talent”

Students and families (K-Gr.9) of all aptitudes and abilities are welcome to showcase their amazing talents in this popular and thrilling event! The performance will be on **Thursday, May 28, 2015**. Forms have been sent home and auditions are in progress. Students who are interested are encouraged to talk to their family on what materials they will need from home as well as the amount of practice and support required. Whether it’s a sport (martial arts, gymnastics), a fine art (dance, music) or entertainment (magic show), Progressive Academy is ready to show appreciation!



General Information for Summer Camps

Programs run from 9 am to 4 pm

Early drop off from 8 am

Late pick up to 5 pm

Programs for Age 3 to Grade 5

What to Bring to Camp

- Backpack or bag
- Healthy lunch
- Snacks for morning & afternoon
- Hat
- Indoor shoes
- Spray-on sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Water bottle
- Swimsuit and towel
- Outdoor clothing (jacket if necessary)

Register Now!

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SUMMER 2015 PROGRAM GUIDE



Week 1: Talent Search Extravaganza (July 6-10)

Do you have a hidden talent that is just waiting to come out? Students will explore skills they never even knew they had. Through drama, music, and art, the children will get a chance to perfect their existing talents or learn a new one! At the end of the week, everyone will impress their camp friends by performing in the main-stage talent show!

Week 2: Fun and Fitness (July 13-17)

Are you a sports fanatic? Do you have trouble keeping still? If you answered yes, then Fun and Fitness is for you! This week students will have fun playing different kinds of sports and learning new activities. Spend days filled with indoor and outdoor sports including soccer, hockey, yoga, jogging and so much more. As an exciting fieldtrip, students will also be going to the indoor Trampoline Park!

Week 3: Cooking up a Storm (July 20-24)

Is your child a budding culinary genius? Are they constantly asking to help you in the kitchen? In this week of summer camp, students will learn how to bake, mix, measure and pour – all in someone else's kitchen! Students will take a trip to Taste of Edmonton, where they'll get to sample foods from around the world, then prepare their own food for the Taste of PA on Friday!

Week 4: Science Discovery (July 27-31)

Looking to investigate the nature of things? This week will be filled with fun educational activities guaranteed to increase your child's enthusiasm for science! Students will engage in hands on activities and participate in exciting experiments that will inspire the young scientists in your family. There will also be an "explosive" field trip to the Telus World of Science!

Week 5: Amazing Race (August 4-7)

Are you ready for some exciting adventures? Do you love deciphering puzzles and playing detective? This week students will compete in fun challenges, deciphering codes and following clues to find hidden objects and clues. Students will work on mapping challenges to complete tasks in record breaking time and try to get to the finish line! Join us on the race of your life!

Week 6: Animal Planet (August 10-14)

Bring out the animal lover in your child! Animal Planet will have students learning about different animals from all around the world, where they live, what they eat, and what their behaviours are. There will also be an exciting and educational trip to the Valley Zoo, where kids will get to see, up close, animals that they learned about! This week will be a great opportunity for children to explore and learn!

Progressive Academy summer camps combine academic and practical experience to create unique learning opportunities for students. Designed to strengthen the students' natural curiosity and desire to learn, each week is based on a specific focus and includes field trips and presentations to enrich learning. Our relaxed and interesting programs, combined with wonderful teachers, challenge our summer students to have fun, gain confidence and really enjoy learning.



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