

NCA Advance

A LITTLE TASTE OF UNITY

MAY 2023 EDITION



Our Dear NCA Community, with all we've had going on in our final weeks, we've been moving at lightspeed, almost spinning off our axis into May-hem but never fully, as we continually aim for a balance between extracurriculars, service, and academics at NCA. May has been a time of growing brighter futures through showcasing our talents at Spring Festival, developing new school traditions, seeing life-changing theatre, excelling in a Ministry inspection, performing at a community diversity event, planting shrubs along the river, preparing for exams, among other things. Buckle your seatbelts and get ready for an exhilarating ride towards our final destination.

Summer. Ahhhh.

Becoming Our True Selves



This year's spring showcase was a sight to behold! The school spent a week at Wildfire in different arts groups preparing a show following the theme "finding your true self." It was a spectacular show with

a wide variety of performances that astonished and amazed. The visual arts group created a series of guitars that reflected their inner selves, decorating the guitars with things that represented them and who they truly are. This semester the showcase also included a dance group, where dedicated stu-

dents choreographed and performed a dance to a music medley from various pop artists, showcasing what it means to find your true self. We were all taken on a wild ride when the videography group presented SAP, the final installment of the maple syrup trilogy. The mystery, action, and suspense had us all sitting on the edge of our seats! The photography group presented a slideshow of portraits of students and staff displaying different emotions that our true self might exhibit. Each student in the creative writing group composed a trilogy of poems about the journey and exploration of finding their true self.



The poems were very moving and thought-provoking. Last, but certainly not least, the music group produced catchy music “earworms” that stayed with the audience members long after the last note rang out! The audience felt that the students were united and worked

hard to put on the show, and the students overcame their stage fright and nervousness to put on a performance to remember! – Mona R.



Family Dinners

The dinners were more than just a meal; they were a time to connect and cherish the moment and create amazing lifelong memories.

– Britney P.

Good food and good company are the perfect recipe for a happy family. NCA strives to create a family like environment for all the students to feel safe and welcomed. During the first week of May, we had a series of dinners from each house: Red Lions, Green Kings, and Black dragons. The teams were set to host a dinner for everyone on different days. Everyone in their groups worked together to create the perfect environment for the students. The red lions created an Italian restaurant themed experience with spaghetti and classical dining music. Green Kings recreated a lovely royal castle themed experience with live sword fighting and the queen knighting

a commoner. The Black dragons created a nice theme of medieval dining and a buffet styled experience.

During the dinners, nobody was allowed to use their phones. This was done so to encourage everyone to communicate and get to know each other. It was very heartwarming to see everyone engaging in conversation and to see the teams really putting in the hard work to serve all of the students. It was also touching to see them set up for their dinners and clean up. What was even more touching was the participation of people from other teams working together to help other teams produce a successful dinner.





Little Lakes Machine & Tool Co.

On Monday May 15th, members of the robotics team and students interested in learning more about engineering and the field of machining were generously invited to attend a presentation and tour of Little Lakes Machine and Tool Co's machine shop. Mr. John Window, the VP of Business Development started off our visit with a welcome and a presentation on the history of Little Lakes and what the company does. We were given the opportunity to ask many questions which he graciously answered.

The experience was wonderful, and we at Parallel Units are excited to keep our partnership with Little Lakes Machine and Tool Co and Mr. John Window for many years to come!

– Amin R

After the short presentation, we were taken on a tour of the facilities and were able to see the shipping and handling area, different automated cutting tools, their quality control lab, and even the 3D printer which was used to create parts for our robot! To close off our visit, we were given the opportunity to see and touch some different parts that were machined for satellites, and Mr. Windows explained to us which machines in the shop were used to make each of them. As we left the building, we were each given a Little Lakes mug and a pen machined in-house, a very generous gift.





Lear King

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Mam-Mary S. F.

The entire school attended a production of one of Shakespeare's most compelling tragedies at Stratford Festival on May 15—King Lear, starring acclaimed Canadian actor and film director Paul Gross. The Grade 12s studied the play this term, and a few students had the following to say about the festival's stirring production:

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and exited directly through a revolving door set up at the back of the stage. This is a very innovative stage set up. Then there is the lighting. When the lights on the pillars flash with the sound effects, it feels like the theater is really playing lightning, very realistic." – Mia H.

"Another notable moment for me was where the column was toppled. I cannot remember exactly when it was or what caused it, but the column falling over had me thinking that it was actually going to fall; I covered my ears in preparation for it! The sneakiest part, and another really creative idea in my opinion was the way that the props were hidden; the platform with the moving door below had created a hidden pocket in which nothing was visible, and all the chairs, maps, sticks, etcetera were hidden there in such a way that no one in the audience could see them." – Amin R.



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Bring on the Good Eats!

sils ready, we were ready to dive into this cooking adventure. But you know what? The Cooking Club is not just about the food. It's about all the fun we had together! We laughed, shared cooking tips, and cheered each other on. It felt like a big food-loving family. We learned so much and made some awesome friends along the way.

Hey there, fellow foodies! Guess what? Our incredible Cooking Club had a blast making a super tasty rice and meat dish that made our taste buds go wild! Let me tell you all about it!

A group of plates of food

The kitchen was filled with amazing smells and the sizzle of meat cooking in the pan. With our aprons on and uten-





So, if you're into food and want to have a blast, you've got to join our Cooking Club! We're all about trying new recipes, exploring flavors, and having a great time. We can't wait for our next cooking adventure, and we want you to be a part of it!

Get ready to unleash your inner chef and create some tasty memories with us. Stay tuned for more delicious recipes and exciting updates from our amazing Cooking Club!

Happy cooking, everyone!

– Zodeet A.



C ommunity F estival!



Hey there, parents and young adventurers! Our incredible Community Festival was an absolute blast involving a evening filled with fun activities that left us with laughter and unforgettable memories. Let me take you through the highlights!

First things first, let's talk about the delicious pizza that had all the kids grinning from ear to ear. We served up piping hot slices of cheesy goodness, with a variety of toppings to suit

every taste bud. From classic pepperoni to veggie-loaded delights, it was a pizza feast that left everyone wanting more.

But wait, there's more! The excitement continued with face painting, where our talented artists transformed the children into their favorite superheroes, animals, and whimsical characters. The giggles and smiles were priceless as they looked at their painted faces in the mirror, ready to embark on imaginative adventures.

We also had engaging videos on cleanliness and hygiene, teaching the importance of handwashing, dental care, and keeping our surroundings tidy. Through animated stories and catchy tunes, the children learned valuable lessons while having a great time.

And what's a festival without some energetic sing-alongs? We gathered around and sang lively tunes that filled the air with joy. The children's voices united in harmony, creating a

sense of togetherness that will be cherished forever.

Our Community Festival and children's camps are more than just activities—they're about building friendships, nurturing creativity, and creating a safe and inclusive space for young minds to flourish. We believe in fostering a love for learning, exploration, and fun in a supportive environment.

So, parents, if you want your children to have an adventure they'll never forget, join our next adventure! From delicious pizza and face painting to educational videos and joyful songs, we offer an experience that sparks imagination and creates lasting memories.

Get ready to embark on a journey of laughter, learning, and friendship. Stay tuned for more Children's Camps!

– Zodeet A.

Sports Day



Score a goal with the latest news about sports day! During the spirit week, we held a sports day. All students donned sports clothing representing their favourite teams and later went to a field to play sports. Everyone was super pumped to head

out to the field, especially because we were going to play football, aka soccer!

We had a few different games happening, including football, volleyball, badminton, and American football. The school was divided into different groups and everyone

divided to play the sport they were most interested in.

It was such a hot day that by the time we were done, we were all hot and tired but luckily Ms Tammy provided us with popsicles and water to cool off after the games and we headed back feeling refreshed. What a great way to end the day off!! – Britney P.



More than Making the Grade

Every other year, the Ontario Ministry of Education inspects private schools to make sure that they are fulfilling all guidelines and standards of “Growing Success”, the Ontario Curriculum. NCA’s inspection went better than ever this year. The visiting inspector, a former Principal and consultant from the Toronto area, pored over

the binders and files of Grade 12 Chemistry teacher, Ms. Soderstrom, Grade 12 Math teacher, Mr. Lippai, and Grade 12 English teacher, Dr. Walker, and noted their excellent compliance to all criteria laid out by the ministry. She also sat with our dedicated team of administrators, Mr. Naylor, Ms. Wang, Ms. Rowhani, and Ms. Schaefer and gave their documents the seal of approval. Though only with us for the afternoon, the inspector took time to compliment each of us on our strengths and to inform us of the latest teaching strategies to help continue growing our students’ bright futures.



Diversity Night at Anne Hathaway

On May 31st, eleven Nancy Campbell students headed over to Anne Hathaway to perform for their Diversity Night. Immediately when we walked in, we were met with beautiful displays of different cultures showcased in stands and booths, as well as an array of families all there to support the event. We then went on to perform step, poverty, and the equality danc-

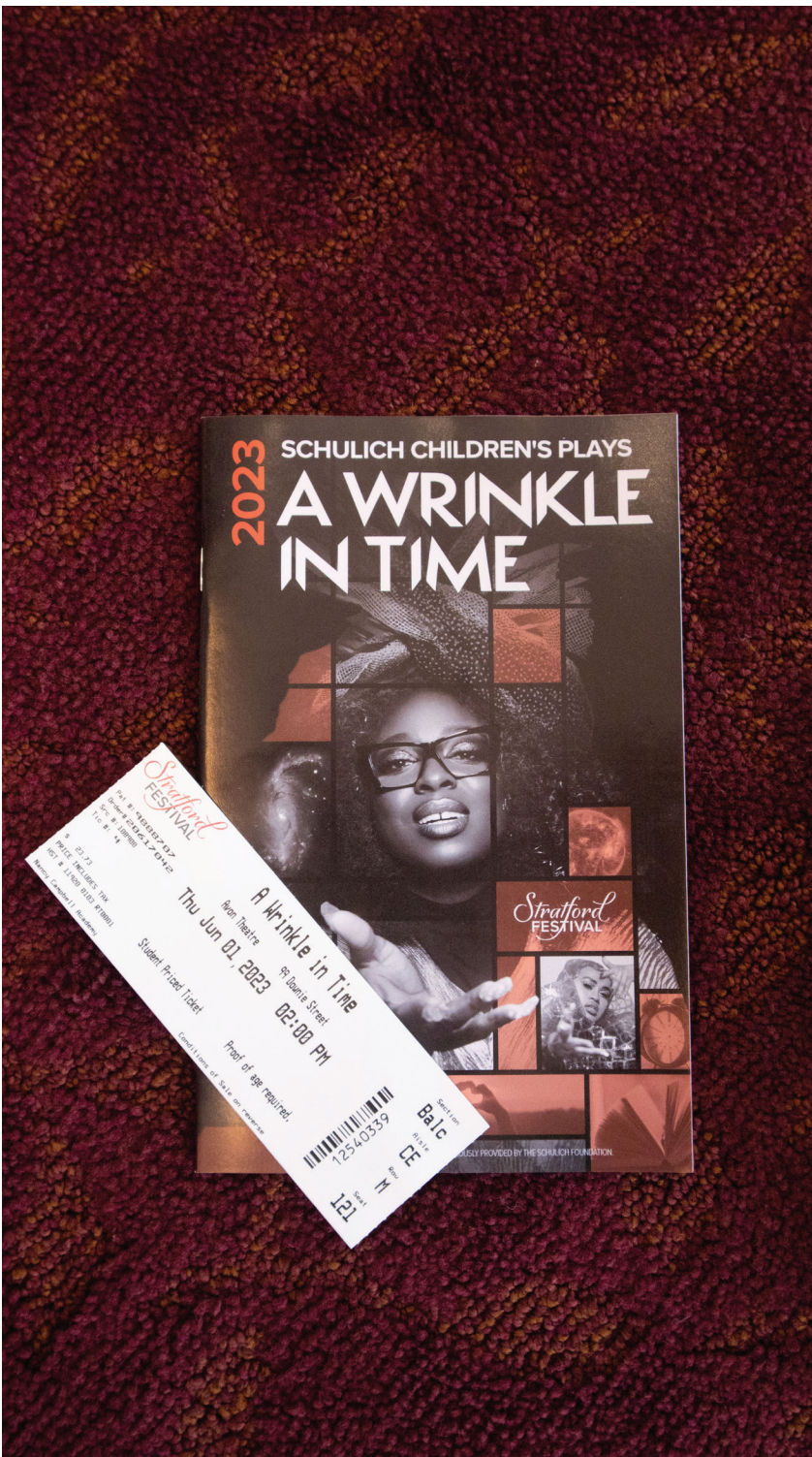
es. As we changed, we found ourselves backstage in the coolest music room, filled with a bunch of drawings and inspirations! It was definitely the dose of serotonin we needed to put on our best performances.

The kids all sat in a line at the very front of the gym mesmerized by the dances which made it all that much harder to not smile at their

Later, we were told that when we left our dances inspired a lot of families in the audience to show their own dances from their own cultures! Amazing! Inspiring diversity and putting smiles on faces—what a wonderful way to spend a Wednesday afternoon!



A Wrinkle in Time



Our school went to the Tom Patterson theatre to watch *A Wrinkle in Time* on Wednesday, June 2. Although most of the school was older than the target audience, it was a very enjoyable play that brought back

nostalgic memories to many students who had enjoyed the books and movie as young children. The stage was very interesting with just two rotating rectangular blocks for a background, but this simplicity was counterbalanced by intricate costume design. After the show, some students stuck

around for a special conversation with two actors about being in the play and maneuvering around the stage in their elaborate costumes.

The talk enriched on the entire experience. All around there were no wrinkles in the day, just pure enjoyment.

– Fahm A







Making the World a Little Greener

Planting small trees and shrubs was such an incredible experience for us! As soon as we arrived, we were amazed to see how many people had gathered with a shared purpose of doing something good for our planet. It was truly heart-warming to witness everyone coming together like that.

To be honest, we thought it would be

a breeze, but boy were we wrong! Digging the holes required so much physical strength. Thankfully, the older folks in our group were absolute lifesavers. They shared their wisdom and gave us valuable tips on how to dig when the ground is stubbornly hard or filled with rocks. We couldn't have made it without their guidance!

Within just five minutes, we could feel the exhaustion creeping in. Our hands were aching, and even now, we still feel a twinge of pain. But you know what? It's totally worth it. These are just normal things that come with the territory, and we're genuinely grateful for everyone who helped us along the way.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted with watering the plants, carrying stuff, and digging. With-



out their support, the task would have been even more challenging. It truly takes a team effort to accomplish something meaningful.

Plus, let's not forget about the swarms of mosquitoes buzzing around us. They were like our mischievous little enemies throughout the whole process! But we persevered, knowing that our actions were making a positive impact on the environment.

At the end of the day, the feeling of knowing we've made a positive impact outweighs all the challenges. It's a reminder that every little effort counts, even if it means battling fatigue, enduring some pain, and putting up with those pesky mosquitoes. We're proud to have been a part of such a meaningful endeavor, and we're grateful to everyone who made it possible.

En Français, S'il Vous Plait

I was delighted to be invited by Mme. Thimm and our grade 7/8 class to view the play *Comment y aller* by Wendy Maxwell. What FUN! Each member of the class was involved and everyone played their part to perfection. Marie was hysterical. The narration was impeccable. Each vehicle that offered Marie a ride was exceptional. The busiest tow guy in town was a riot and Pierre's mother delivered the bad news twist ending with flair. How do you say well done, en francais?

– Ms. Schaefer



On Tuesday May 30th 2023, Afsaneh Saberi visited our school. She is the niece of Simin Saberi who was killed for her Baha'i beliefs 40 years ago in Iran. Afsaneh shared her stories and thoughts with us. Mr. Naylor hosted this moment in an interview style assembly. There was time for questions and answers and some of our students asked very poignant questions. Afsaneh was very impressed with the level of respect and love shown to her by students and staff alike. In her own words:

“Thank you, Nancy Campbell Academy, for inviting me to your school assembly to tell the story of my aunt Simin Saberi and thank you for listening with so much love & admiration. Thank you all for the beautiful writing (card) and the roses. I am most grateful and I hope each one of their life's sacrifices inspires the life of kids all over the world”

We are eternally grateful to you Afsaneh. You have definitely inspired all of us to contribute to the call for artistic creations honouring those ten women as well as the fight for gender equality all over the world. Some of our students are already working on original songs for this #OurStoryIsOne movement.



Have a wonderful summer!

Residence re-opens Saturday, August 26th at noon.

Principal's BBQ to welcome everyone back on Sunday, August 27th at noon. Meet the teachers, admin team, residential advisors and your new class mates. Enjoy great music, great food and great company!

First Day of School, Monday, August 28th at 9am.



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Why Choose Nancy Campbell Academy?

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