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*The world is so full of
a number of things,
I'm sure we should all
be as happy as kings.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

Important Start Dates

July 4 to August 11:
Summer Camps

Aug 24 Orientation BBQ

August 28 First day of classes

August 30 to Sept 1:
Grades 4 to 9 Team Building Camp

September 4: Labour Day

September 6 4 to 5:30 Jolly Phonics workshop for JK to Grade 1 parents

Sept 7: Early Dismissal

September 14: 7 PM Teaming Up to Achieve Success Parent Session

DIVERSE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE STUDENTS

The diverse programs offered at Progressive Academy allow students to discover their passions and create without limit! Our exceptional fine arts program finds the students engaged in all aspects of a major production each year. The halls display incredible art, we all love hip hop, and music of every genre fills the air. But the creativity doesn't stop there! In the robotics program students put their minds to complex prob-

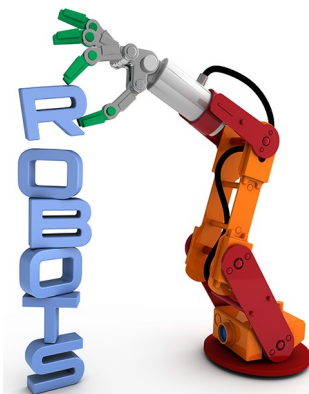


lems, we offer educational travel, the student's poetry speaks, and they find magic in math.

Tech, Tennis/Golf, Stage Design and many more. In electives students are exposed to many varied experiences. Through their interests they develop teamwork and leadership skills, persistence in achieving their goals, project management and many other vital life skills.

Oh! The joy of learning!

In the 2017 - 2018 school year electives will be offered twice a week. Students can choose from a wide range of options including Robotics, Programming, Photography, Cosmetology, Food Studies, Lego Construction, Graphic Design, Drama, Dance, Light & Sound



ORIENTATION BARBEQUE THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 2—6 PM

Join us for a hot dog at our Open Classroom Event!

Drop in to meet your children's teachers and take a tour of the classrooms. Teachers will be on hand to answer questions, to discuss plans for the new year, and to coordinate us all as a team to maximize learning for each of our students. Pick up a hot dog compliments of the Administrative Chefs and chat with Progressive families. Education is a team sport, so let's take the time to get to know each other right at the start!



SPRING BREAK CHINA TOUR

As you are planning for the 2017-2018 year, please note that our Spring Break has been extended to 2 weeks. This was done for two reasons - firstly, the Easter weekend falls during Spring Break, so that naturally adds several days to the Spring Break. The second reason is that a longer Spring Break provides the opportunity for an extended Educational Travel Opportunity, without students having to miss class time.

During Spring Break 2018, Progressive Academy will once again take a group of students and parents to China to visit several of our partner schools and to experience the many historical and cultural wonders of the "Middle Kingdom". Our itinerary will involve visits to three schools, with opportunities for our students to partake in classes and special activities, as well as present about life in Canada and Progressive Academy. In addition, we will see such World Heritage attractions as the Great Wall, The Forbidden City, The Summer Palace, The Terra Cotta Warriors, and experience many culinary and cultural events. Many of the participants from 2016 are planning to come again, as they so enjoyed the experience.

The trip will be open to students from Grades 1 to 6 who are accompanied by at least one parent and to Junior High students. Please use this link <http://progressiveacademy.ca/news-events/> to view the detailed trip description on the PA website. Information sessions for students and parents will be held early in the new school year.

Spring Break is two weeks long in the next school year. It will run from March 26th to April 6th!

Our Out of School Care Program will operate during Spring Break for

Uniform Notes:

Be sure to order your uniform on time!

Uniform standards are posted on our web site.

Monday of every week is formal uniform day.

The last day of each month is a non-uniform day.

Proper school uniforms demonstrate great team spirit!

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

I am excited to announce that I will be continuing the private music lesson program at Progressive Academy for the 2017/2018 year. The lessons mostly run during the day and the lesson time is coordinated with the student's classroom teacher. There is also an option for after-school lessons for

students in the surrounding community, for siblings of students enrolled at Progressive Academy, as well as for students who do not have an appropriate time to be pulled from class during the day. There will be a variety of instruments offered: Piano, Voice, Guitar, Drums, and Ukulele. I will have the

registration open in early August 2017. The registration is done online through the Progressive Academy website under 'programs' under 'music lessons'. If you have any questions, feel free to email me! Rei-nette@progressiveacademy.ca

PA PANTHERS CHEERLEADING!

The Panthers Cheerleading team is a competitive cheer team open to Progressive elementary students. No experience is necessary to join the team, which practices after school during the week (schedule for 2017-18 TBA). The team has already started practicing, but new students are welcome and final registration and tryouts will be in September. To get involved in this high intensity sport, please email cheer@progressiveacademy.ca



AMAZING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2016—2017 SCHOOL YEAR: DAVID

2016-2017 is quickly drawing to a close. For students and parents, each year will bring with it many memories. For me, I will remember some of those outlier experiences that made this year stand apart from others. Here is my list:

1. Robotics - A large number of our elementary and junior high school students were involved in Lego Robotics. Our teams won first place for Teamwork and second place for Programming at the Northern Alberta FIRST Lego Robotics competition held at NAIT in January.

2. Chinese Partnerships. Progressive Academy hosted a second group of visiting teachers from HESA-BJIE, our partner school in Beijing. These teachers observed our teachers and students in action and many students had the opportunity to showcase their work and demonstrate their projects to these teachers.

Students and parents have the opportunity to visit HESA-BJIE for several days on the 2018 Spring Break Trip to China. Information will be posted shortly on the school website.

3. The Sound of Music. This was the third successive year that our students performed a major musical production, and this year's rendition was the biggest yet, involving almost all the

students from Kindergarten to Grade Nine. Audience members lauded our students for the quality of their singing and acting and many left with tears in their eyes as they were re-introduced to musical numbers from their own childhood. Stay tuned for the announcement of our 2018 production.

4. Canadian Heritage Tour. This year, our Spring Break tour took students to Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. Students discovered much about Canada's present and past through an engaging smorgasbord of travel, songs, dance, games and culinary experiences.

With your support, we will continue to find new ways to work with you, as parents, to provide students with engaging and meaningful learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.



Fortune 500 “most valued skill in 2015:

TEAMWORK

SUMMER PROGRAM

Progressive Academy is offering 6 weeks of summer camps. The camps this summer will begin July 4 and run until August 11. Each week the children will learn about a different theme and experience hands on activities, including weekly field trips.

Our camps encourage the children to try new things, learn about different topics and develop new passions or hobbies. Our main goal with summer camps is to ensure the children are having an unforgettable experience. Register today to secure your child's spot, limited spaces are available.

<http://progressiveacademy.ca/programs/summer/>

GRADES 4 TO 9 FALL TEAM BUILDING CAMP

Students in Grades 4 - 9 will be boarding the bus at 8:30 am on Wednesday, August 30th to start their outdoor education adventure at Camp Cadicasu in the majestic Kananaskis Country. Connecting with nature, learning outdoor skills and working together always puts each student's best foot forward

for the start of a new school year. Our fall camps are often considered a highlight of the year. Connections and relationships are made - on which all education depends!

Students will return to Progressive Academy on Friday, September 1st at about 5:30 pm.





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Volunteer Opportunities

Progressive Academy is looking for volunteers who have knowledge and/or interest in learning about hydroponic gardening. We have a Tower Garden in our Learning Commons and would like someone to help mentor interested student in this amazing agricultural project.

If you are highly skilled in 3D modeling and engineering and would like to pass on those skills in our robotics program, please contact Russell@progressiveacademy.ca

Love books?

We have a volunteer job for you! If you have a few hours each week stop by our Learning Commons to ask Mary how you can help in the library.

**Have a
wonderful
summer 2017!**

Teachers for 2017-2018

Many parents have been enquiring about the class arrangements and teaching assignments for the upcoming school year. While the school administration makes every effort to determine re-enrolment and teacher plans as early as possible each year, all of these factors can continue to change up until the day classes begin on August 28.

As of June 15, based on current enrolment and teacher plans, we will have:

Acorn Room: Lisa Bright & Jona Daymiel
Rainbow Room - Kathryn Quinlan & Jo Hauck
Sunshine Room - Gillian Felsing & New Teacher
Sunflower Room - Kiran Bhangu & New Teacher
Support Staff: Rita Terry and Chris Escobar

2 Kindergarten classes taught by Yan Zhong and Oakley Pennington

1 Grade 1 class: Nellie Sousa

1 Grade 2 class: Kelly Choi

1 Grade 3 class: Rachel Medhurst

1 Grade 4 class: Lisa Kaiser

1 Grade 5-6 class: Tasha Stoye

1 Grade 7-9 class: Jacqueline Richmond and Connor Byrne

Art: Donna Slupek

Music: Karen DeWee and Reinette Schabert

French: Christina Miranda

Learning Commons: Mary McKinnon

Educational Supports: Allan Howey

The enrolment in each class is currently in the mid to upper teens.

We are looking forward to a very exciting year of working together—the administrative and support teams, the teacher specialists, the home room teachers, the parents and the students— to achieve joyful learning and success for each of our students.

FIRST ROBOTICS PROGRAMS AT PA

Progressive Academy participates in competition robotics at four different levels. In school, students participate in both FIRST Lego League (Grades 4 to 8) and Jr. FLL (Grades 1-3). This exciting program teaches advanced problem solving skills through a research component and a lego model (Jr. FLL) or a fully autonomous robot (FLL). For more information about FLL visit <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/about-fll> No registration is required as these programs are run in-class.

For an even greater challenge, students can join our FIRST Tech Challenge (Grades 7-12)

or FRC (Grades 8-12) competition teams, which are open to students from any school in Edmonton. Both these programs run in the evenings and weekends starting in September, and

teach advanced programming and engineering skills in building highly advanced robots. <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc>

