



Preserving the Past...Preparing for the Future

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KSC Newsletter

Growth Mindset Leaders

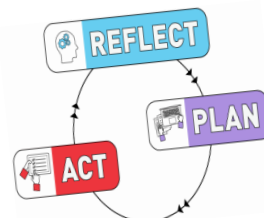
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The growth mindset theme for April is, "**I got this!**" and May is, "**I have shown personal growth this year!**"

Kids with a growth mindset view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow and not as roadblocks. They learn from their mistakes, and understand that hard work and dedication is what leads to success, and not just natural talent. They are usually more resilient when faced with any setback and do not give up easily. It is important for parents and teachers to teach and model a growth mindset so that the children can grow up to become successful adults.

Ms. Chauhan (KG-A) - Armaan Singh Toura/ GurRaj Singh
Ms. French (KG-B) - Kainaat Dullat / Sukhneet Bajwa
Ms. N. Sandhu (KG-C) - Wahenoor Gill
Mrs. P. Sandhu (KG-D/1D) - Serjan K. Grewal / Hargurmehar K. Toor
Ms. Dhugga (KG-E) - Sanjh Buttar / Amitoj Singh Dhaliwal
Ms. G. Sandhu (Gr.1A) - Samraj Singh / Gurnaaz Sodha
Mrs. Maan (Gr.1B) - Mehtaab Marok
Ms. Carol (Gr.1C) - Japji Sidhu / Prabh Jee Panesar
Mrs. Aujla (Gr.2A) - Gurjaap Gill / Jagjot Singh Bola
Mrs. Huang (Gr.2B) - Samaira Ghanghas
Ms. Lavender (Gr.2C) - Jasnoor Josan
Mrs. H. Brar (Gr.3A) - Pahul Boparai / Shamraipal Gandey
Mrs. Khehra (Gr.3B) - Samar Bal / Harfateh Boparai
Mrs. Khatri (Gr.3C) - Riaaz Kaur Sidhu / Harfateh Singh Sidhu
Mrs. Dhanjal (Gr.4A) - Samar Mann / Rangreet Brar
Mr. Miles (Gr.4B) - Anhad Dhillon
Ms. Hasni (Gr.5A) - Sahib Sekhon / Manteshwar Khaira
Mrs. Y. Sandhu (Gr.5B) - Kaytia Kaur Saroya
Mrs. S. Sandhu (Gr.6A) - Satvir Deol / Sartaj Sidhu
Mrs. Kahlon (Gr.6B) - Baneet Gill / Samaira Deol
Mrs. Parhar (Gr.6C) - Manseerat Gill / Keerat Think
Mrs. Bedi (Gr.7A) - Khushi Panesar / Naunidh Mahal
Mrs. Obhi (Gr.7B) - Seerat Gill / Rehmat Sekhon
Ms. Jones (Gr.7C) - Tejveer Sat / Seerit Gill
Ms. Hoang (Gr.8A) - Harpaj Bains / Armeet Dhaliwal
Ms. Nelson (Gr.8B) - Himmat Dhami / Brahmjot Singh
Mrs. K. Brar (Gr.9A) - Aikam Ghuman
Mrs. Aulakh (Gr.9B) - Jogeshwor Mundi



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Vaisakhi Break from April 7th to April 21st!

Vaisakhi is a significant festival celebrated by the Sikh community, marking the founding of the Khalsa in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. It is also a time to celebrate the harvest season and reflect on values such as community, gratitude, and equality.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the importance of Vaisakhi and the values it represents. We encourage students to:

- Explore the history and traditions of Vaisakhi through books or online resources.
- Reflect on the importance of giving back to the community and helping others.
- Discuss the values of unity, courage, and gratitude with family and friends.

We hope this break brings you time for rest, reflection, and meaningful connection with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, April 22nd refreshed and ready for the remainder of the school year!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Vaisakhi!



A friendly reminder to please be mindful of our neighbouring residents and properties.

- Do NOT block access to driveways**
- Obey speed limits**



SAVE THE DATE



Spring Pictures and Kindergarten / Gr. 9 Graduation Pictures—April 28

We will be holding the Kindergarten and Grade 9 graduation pictures on April 28. We are asking all students to dress up in their best outfits for the occasion, as they will get two pictures taken - one in their regular clothes and one in a graduation gown. Girls are asked to bring a collared shirt to wear under the gown for the second picture. Meanwhile, boys are requested to wear a dress shirt with a collar. It's an exciting day for all students, as it will also be the day for spring pictures. All other students can wear their choice of clothing to take one picture. We can't wait to capture these moments and celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our graduating students!

Picture



Monday (March 31) - Jersey Day

Tuesday (April 1) - Backwards Day (wear clothes inside out or front to back)

Wednesday (April 2) - Twin Day (wear same color or style of clothes with a friend in school or actual twin)

Thursday (April 3) - Khalsa Spirit (blue/orange/KSC t-shirt or hoodie)

Friday (April 4) - Bana and Dastaar Day



Looking Ahead: **SCHOOL UNIFORM OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, June 5th

More information will be sent home closer to the date!



Sikhi Fair—May 2

We are excited to host our Sikhi fair on Friday, May 2nd. The event will showcase the hard work and dedication of Division 2 and 3 students, who have been working diligently on their Sikhi projects.

Students were provided with topics related to the Sikh faith and culture, and have been working on their projects in Punjabi class with the support of their Punjabi/Gurmat teachers. With the Vaisakhi break coming up, students will continue to work on their projects at home and will then present them in class to their Punjabi teachers.

A selected few students from each division will be chosen to present their projects to all parents who attend the Sikhi Fair on May 2nd. Division 2 students will present in the morning, while Division 3 students will present in the afternoon.

All parents are invited to attend the Sikhi Fair, which promises to be an exciting and educational event. Parents will have the opportunity to walk around and check out the projects.

This event aims to celebrate Sikhi and exhibiting the students' hard work. The school takes great pride in giving the students a chance to celebrate and learn more about their own heritage.

The upcoming Sikhi Fair is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the school's teachers and students, who have worked together to make this event a success. It is sure to be an exciting and memorable day for all involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calgary Youth Science Fair

This event will be held at the University of Calgary. One teacher from Division II and one from Division III will attend, if permitted by CYSF.

Please mark your calendar for some important dates:

April 10 - CYSF Project Set-Up (Trifold set up, no experiment set up)

April 11 - CYSF Judging Day

April 12 - CYSF Medal and Award Ceremony

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's science teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your support in nurturing your child's love for science!

Speech Competition

We are excited to announce the upcoming Speech Competition!

Here are the essential details:

PRELIMINARY ROUND (in-class): March 24-28)

> 2 semi-finalists from each class shall be chosen and finalized by April 1

SEMI FINAL ROUND (with assigned teachers): April 23—29

FINAL ROUND (gymnasium): April 30, 2025

> Only parents of finalists may join us in the gymnasium at the time scheduled for their child's speech delivery. Homeroom teachers will communicate this information closer to the event.

Good luck to all of our semi-finalists and finalists!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test (PAT)

Throughout the province, students in Grade 6 and 9 write provincial achievement tests in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The purposes of the provincial achievement tests are to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn; to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling; and to assist schools, school authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

In May, Grade 6s and 9s will be writing the first part of the ELA PAT, which consists of two writing assignments—one **narrative** and one **functional**. The official time for the test is 2 hours; however, students may have up to 4 hours to complete the tests. The official test time provides students with time for discussing, planning, drafting, and revising both the narrative and the functional writing. They may use commercially published dictionaries, and thesauri only when completing Part A.

How can parents help their children prepare for the tests?

It is important that children feel relaxed and comfortable when they write any test, including provincial achievement tests. Children's feelings about a test are very much influenced by what adults close to them say about those tests. Parents can be of most help to their children by encouraging them to relax and do their best, just as they would when writing any test.

Test Dates (morning):

May 28—Grade 6 ELA Part A

May 29—Grade 9 ELA Part A

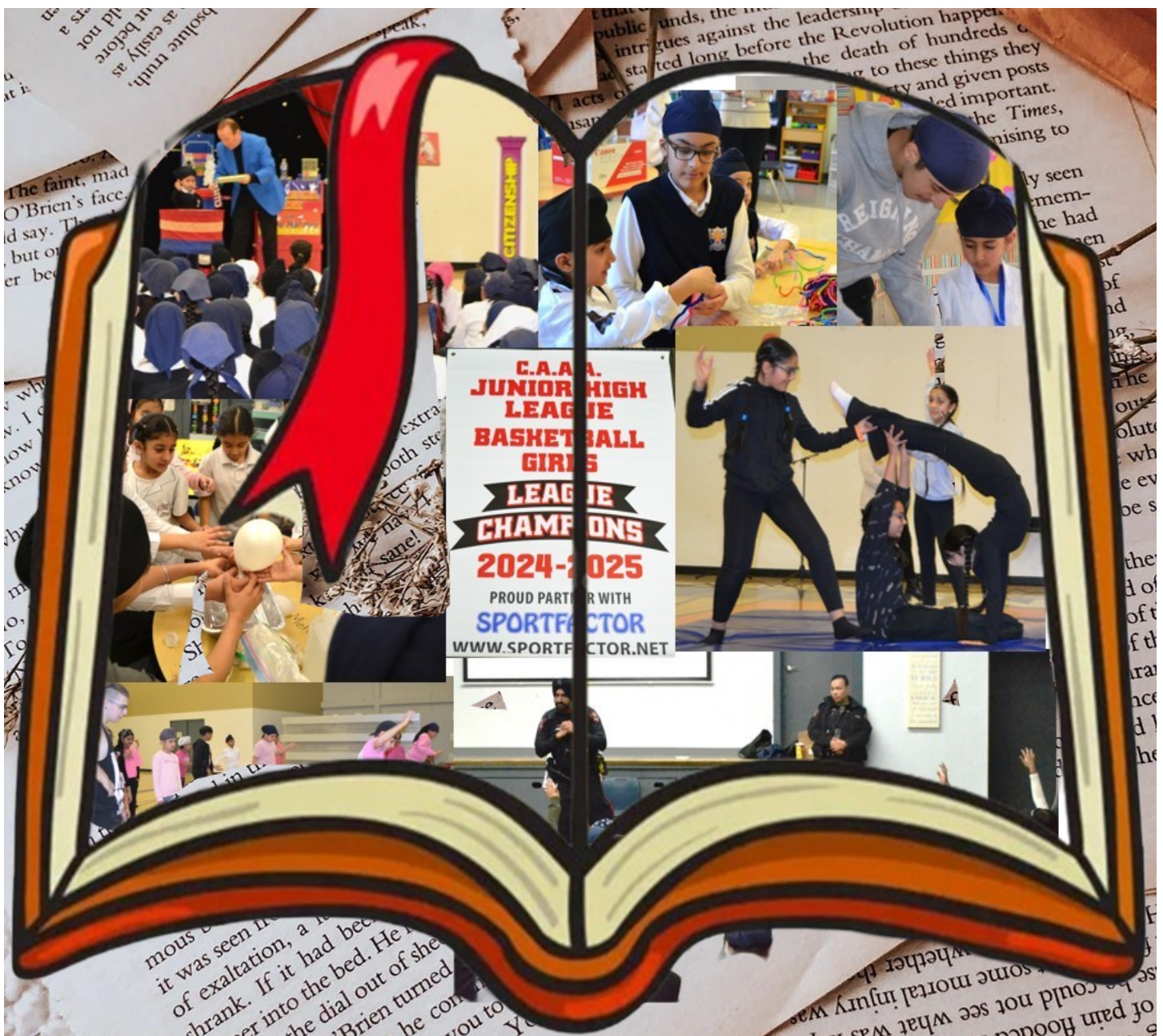


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Looking Back: Education Week

At Khalsa School Calgary we celebrated Education Week in March. Students had special activities planned each day, including a special presentation from Mad Scientist to kick off the week, guest speakers and a Hola Mohalla presentation in which some of our students participated in the Gatka performance. Students in each division participated in a physical literacy session, and talked about healthy snacks. Education Week wrapped up with a spectacular Talent Show, showcasing a number of our students' unique skills.

A big thank you to the Education Week Committee for organizing so many great events!



Vaisakhi Break

Please note that the school will be closed for Vaisakhi Break from April 5 - April 21.

On behalf of KSC staff, we wish everyone a restful break, and look forward to seeing everyone when classes resume on Tuesday, April 22.



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Here at Khalsa School Calgary we are looking forward to celebrating Nagar Keertan with the community on Saturday, May 10. We will be providing more information to KSC families on Nagar Keertan in the weeks to come.

photo credit: Shabad Gurbani. (2022, December 30). Nagar Keertan | Sikh Devotional Song | Satwinder Bitti | Audio | Dhan

April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|--|---|----------|
| | 31 Jersey Day | 1 Backwards Day | 2 Twin Day | 3 Khalsa Spirit Day | 4 Bana & Dastaar Day Vaisakhi Assembly & Celebration LAST DAY of CLASSES | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Vaisakhi Break—School Closed | | | | | | |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Good Friday | 19 |
| Vaisakhi School Break—School Closed | | | | | | |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 CLASSES RESUME | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Vaisakhi Break—School Closed | | | Speech Competition (Semi Finals) | | Casual Day | |
| | | | | Healthy Hunger Papa Murphy's Pizza | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| | Speech Competition (Semi Finals) | | SPEECH COMPETITION FINALS Full Uniform | | | |
| | Casual Day -Spring Photos -KG/Gr.9 Graduation Photos | | | | | |

May

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 Bana Day Sikhi Fair | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Bana Day | 10 Nagar Kirtan |
| 11 Mothers' Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 PD Day NO CLASSES | 17 |
| 18 | 19 VICTORIA DAY School Closed | 20 PAC Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 Bana Day | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | Human Sexuality (Gr. 4—9) | | | | | |
| | | | Gr.6: Part A ELA PAT | Gr.9: Part A ELA PAT | Casual Day  Papa John's | |