

CAMPBELL CONNECTS

PRINCIPAL'S GREETINGS

Icilda Elliston

As we come to the close of 2025, it is my honour once again to write this submission on behalf of Albert Campbell. I reflect with gratitude on our many accomplishments and challenges that we have overcome. To our staff who have demonstrated great care and unwavering commitment to our students, we thank you. As for our students, I am very proud of your efforts, resilience and the progress you continue to make while supporting and caring for each other, every day. These are the qualities that make our school such a special place.

We appreciate our parents, guardians and families for your partnership, collaboration, and support throughout the year. These attributes will always strengthen our school community. We recognize that our school council play a major role in helping to guide Campbell, and for that, we are thankful.

Thank you to our two vice principals, Ms. Sukhram and Mr. Devanabanda, who work as part of a vibrant admin team, and who ensure our school remains safe and caring, regardless of any challenges that come our way. Our goal at Campbell is to continue to work together to build a respectful community where we will celebrate our achievements with a shared purpose.

We remain optimistic as we look ahead to the opportunities that the New Year will bring.

We wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

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UPCOMING DATES

Winter Break	Dec. 22 - Jan. 2nd
Late Start (PLC)	Jan. 7th
Late Start (Staff Meeting)	Jan. 14th
OUAC deadline to apply for September 2026 start date	Jan. 15th
Exams	Jan. 21st - Jan. 27th
School Council Meeting @6:00pm	Jan. 22nd
Exam Review Day	Jan. 28th
PA Day	Jan. 29th
Semester 2 Term 1 Starts	Jan. 30th
OCAS deadline for equal consideration for 2026 start date	Feb. 1st

CAMPBELL AWARDS

FEEDER SCHOOL OUTREACH - HANDS ON PHYSICS

Tasha Richardson, PhD

“As part of this semester’s Grade 12 physics program at Albert Campbell CI with Dr. Richardson; students designed and delivered a hands-on workshop for more than 70 Grade 7 students at Henry Kelsey Sr. PS. The goal of the initiative was to build community, to spark curiosity in physics while exploring scientific concepts through interactive activities, and to learn about possible pathways connected to each theme. The workshop featured four major physics themes—flight, electromagnetism, light, and structures. Throughout the morning, the Grade 7 students rotated through four 20-minute stations. At the flight station, they reviewed the forces of flight and launched flying cups. At the structures station, they assembled a tensegrity model to learn how tension and compression, combined with the centre of mass, create stability. In the electromagnetism station, students constructed a simple homopolar motor to observe the interaction between magnetic fields and electric currents. At the light station, students explored the transverse wave nature of light using their own tape art.



CHEM CLUB

Mr. Law

Our ACS - Chem Club has been officially recognized and granted an official charter as a ChemClub by the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) and the American Chemical Society (ACS) four years in a row!

This prestigious recognition confirms that our club meets the high standards set by these national organizations. It acknowledges the positive impact our Chemistry Club has on our students’ educational experience.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. Kil

Campbell Awarded “All Province” Banner for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

On behalf of the entire Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute community, we are deeply honoured and proud to receive the Unified Champion Schools “All Province” Banner for the 2024–2025 academic year. Being named one of only seven schools across Ontario—and the first group ever to receive this distinction—validates our shared commitment to building a school culture rooted in inclusion, leadership, and meaningful engagement for all students. This recognition reflects the dedication of our staff, the passion and leadership of our students, and the unwavering support of our wider school community in fully embedding Inclusive Sport & Health, Youth Leadership, and Whole-School Engagement into our daily practices. We are grateful to Special Olympics Ontario for this honour and for recognizing our belief that inclusion is not just a program, but a core value that shapes who we are as a school.

TDSB and Team Canada at the first-ever Special Olympics Unified 3x3 Basketball World Cup in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Albert Campbell is incredibly proud to have represented the TDSB and Team Canada at the first-ever Special Olympics Unified 3x3 Basketball World Cup in San Juan, Puerto Rico in December. Competing on the world stage was a historic and unforgettable experience, highlighted by our boys’ team earning a bronze medal and our girls’ team finishing an impressive fourth against top international competition. These achievements reflect months of dedication, teamwork, and perseverance from our students, parents, and educators, who embodied the true spirit of Unified Sports both on and off the court. We are deeply grateful for the leadership and support of our coaches, Ms. Kil and Ms. Waller, as well as the guidance provided by Special Olympics Ontario, and Jayden Miller-Booth who supported our athletes and helped prepare us for success at this global event. Representing our school, our community, Special Olympics Ontario and Team Canada on this international stage will forever stand as a source of pride and reinforce our belief that inclusion, leadership, teamwork and unity have the power to bring people together and inspire change around the world.



SCHOOL EVENTS

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

Ms. Pazin

ACCI's Post-Secondary Fair was held on October 9th and was a tremendous success, bringing together over 35 post-secondary institutions – from Brock University to Centennial College – as well as community partners such as Toronto Police Services and CN Rail. The event provided students in Grades 9 – 12 with valuable opportunities to ask questions, explore programs, and research future pathway possibilities, helping them make an informed decision about their next steps. We look forward to an even more successful event next year in 2026!

Upcoming important dates for our 2026 graduating students to remember:

OUAC deadline to apply for September 2026 start date – Thursday January 15, 2026

OCAS deadline for equal consideration for 2026 start date – Sunday February 1, 2026



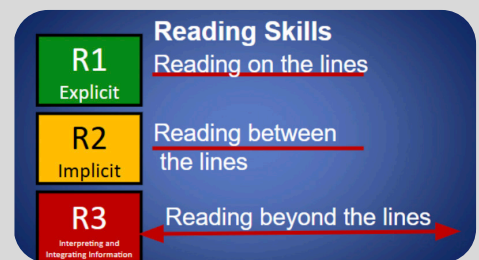
OSSLT

Ms. Sukhram

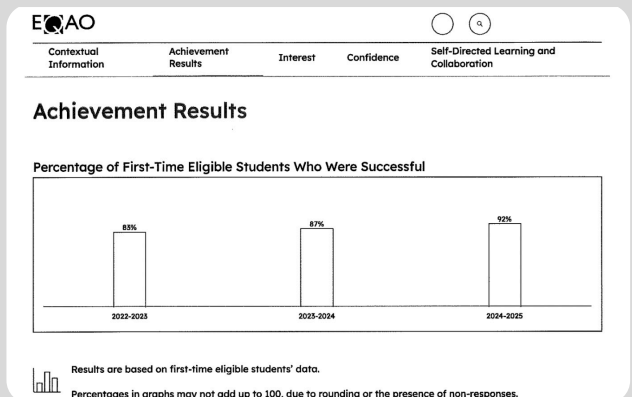
This semester, Albert Campbell CI had approximately 220 students participate in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), all of whom are in Grade 10 or above. As many students and families may know, this is a Ministry of Education mandated Test that measures literacy skills in reading and writing, as they are applied to all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. The test is a graduation requirement for students earning an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Many students experience some anxiety about writing this test, and educators at ACCI were instrumental in preparing students to write this test and dispelling some of this anxiety. Ms. Seevakireedam, our, ESL Lead teacher, planned a number of OSSLT preparation activities in Grade 10 English classes, to support students.

These include:

1. Information on the general structure of the test, permitted aids and how responses are evaluated
2. EQAO key words and what they mean
3. How to approach multiple choice questions
4. How to read passages for explicitly and implicitly stated ideas, as well as making connections between the content of the reading and personal experiences and knowledge
5. A framework for answering short answer questions
6. A framework for writing an opinion essay
7. Grammar and writing conventions



In addition to these preparation activities in class, Ms. Cheung, our Student Success Lead teacher, offered after school sessions on these topics for previously eligible students. She also worked with Ms. Seevakireedam to offer one on one support for students who wrote the test last year, and were just a few points shy of passing. It is our hope that these targeted supports and preparation activities will have a positive outcome on our results. A sincere thank you to all teachers, who helped on the day of the test and the days leading up to the test: Ms. Blanco, Ms. Capuano, Ms. Scott, Ms. Bourne, Ms. Seevakireedam, Ms. Williams, Ms. Kavianpour, Ms. Shehata, Ms. Borch, Mr. Nash, Mr. Kalisz and Ms. Cheung. We are so grateful for them going above and beyond to prepare students for this test. All the very best to our students who wrote the test.

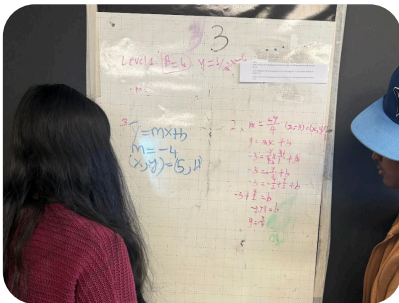
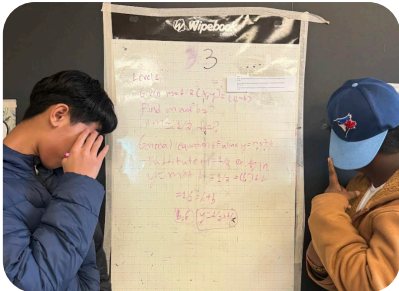


SCHOOL EVENTS

NUMERACY

Mr. Mantegh

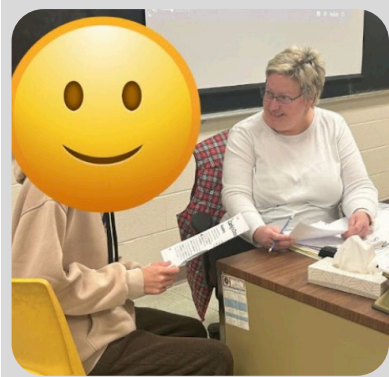
Numeracy is off to a roaring start. With our emphasis on collaborative work, vertical classrooms (see photo) and our after school activities, ACCI's learners are pushing their limits. The school also had a very strong showing at the Waterloo and Canadian Open Math Competitions this semester. And it's just the beginning, there is more to come in semester 2! If you would like some support in your math learning, please see your teacher as the department holds math help almost every day after school.



ESL

Ms. Seevakireedam

ESL students at ACCI are hard at work learning the fundamentals of reading, writing and speaking skills. Students learn skills such as: basic conversation skills, how to write a paragraph and how to be a good English reader.



LITERACY

Ms. Seevakireedam

The ACCI Literacy Team has been hard at work this semester ensuring that students have access to support and resources so that they may be successful in their learning journeys. Students participating in the Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT) were given the opportunity to take part in 3 BLITZ Day activities where they were able to focus and practice their literacy skills in reading and writing. In addition, every Tuesday and Thursday, After School Literacy Support from 3:15pm-4:15pm in Room 208. Students can drop by or take part in literacy development classes and activities.

FRENCH

Ms. Seevakireedam

French classes at ACCI focus on a variety of different units including learning about other French Speaking (Francophone) Countries around the world. Students also participate in activities and learning that incorporate Indigenous Teachings such as learning about Turtle Island and Orange Shirt Day. In some French Classes, food and culture is explored as well where students get the opportunity to make Waffles and French Fries.



ENGLISH

Ms. Seevakireedam

The ACCI English Dept. has been busy further developing our Grade 11 NBE: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis and Inuit Voices English Course. This mandatory English credit focuses on Indigenous themes, forms, and stylistic elements of a variety of literary, informational, graphic, oral, cultural, and media text forms emerging from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures in Canada. It also examines the perspectives and influence of texts that relate to those cultures.

This semester, NBE Courses had the opportunity to complete some work around the teachings of Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald and the Idea of Holism.

In addition, Grade 11 English teachers had the opportunity to take part in Professional Development Workshops at Woburn Collegiate Institute and the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) in order to continue fostering community connections and collaborations with other schools and the UIEC.

In our Grade 10 English Classes, students have had fun reading, analyzing and interpreting the classical Shakespeare play title Romeo and Juliet.



SCHOOL EVENTS

STUDENT COUNCIL Mr. O'Brien

In November, Campbell celebrated our annual Food Week, and it was a fantastic success! This year, 32 of our 50 clubs and associations hosted lunchtime booths to raise funds and share their unique flavours with the school community. It was wonderful to see students and staff come together to support our clubs while enjoying a wide variety of delicious food options.



ROBOTICS CLUB Mr. Cheung

It was a massive month in November for our Robotics club, tackling two major competitions across the GTA.

On Saturday, November 15th, we had a huge turnout at Ontario Tech University in Oshawa for the LEGO Mindstorms competition. We had over 30 students across 6 teams working hard to battle it out against 70 other squads from across the province. One team reached the playoffs and achieved an impressive Top 8 finish, along with the best sportsmanship award across the competition!

Then, on Saturday, November 22nd, our team travelled to Woburn CI for our return to VEX V5 competitions in over 5 years! The team started off with a 3-0 score, sitting in 2nd place for the first half of the tournament and qualifying for the playoff rounds. We are super proud of the skills the team showcased, and they are already back in the lab getting ready for the next round in January.

A huge congratulations to all our members for their creativity and dedication this semester!



SCHOOL EVENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



DUNGEONS AND DRAGON WELLNESS DAY

Mr. Liscum



Adventure Awaits!

ACCI Hosts First Biannual D&D Wellness Day

The ACCI school library transform into a thrilling fantasy landscape on Monday, November 10th, 2025, for our first-ever Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Wellness Day. Twenty-one students participated, proving that rolling dice and battling monsters can be a powerful way to support student wellbeing.

Level Up Learning and Literacy

This initiative was more than just fun; it strategically harnessed the academic benefits of Table-Top Role-playing Games (TTRPGs). D&D actively promotes enhanced literacy as students must read and interpret complex rule sets and narratives. Similarly, the constant need to calculate combat damage, track resources, and manage inventory sharpens numeracy and quick mental math skills.

Playing also boosts spatial awareness as students visualize battle grids and map out tactical movements. This engaging, collaborative format provides a fun, low-pressure environment for developing essential communication and critical thinking skills.

Stronger Bonds, Better Health

Perhaps the most significant benefit was the boost to student mental health. The game's collaborative storytelling builds a strong sense of belonging and teamwork. It offers a safe space for students to practice social skills, express themselves creatively, and build confidence by stepping into heroic roles, which is key for reducing stress and anxiety.

The D&D Wellness Day was a resounding success, demonstrating that active imagination and teamwork are vital components of a healthy student life. Look for future opportunities to join the adventure!



SCHOOL EVENTS

DIWALI



TERRY FOX



SPECIAL INITIATIVES

COMBATING HATE AND RACISM

Ms. Lang

Staff and students at ACCI are working together to ensure a safe and caring school for all. In accordance with the TDSB's goals for addressing hate and racism, staff have recently been trained to utilize a framework - Interrupt, Question, Educate, Echo - to disrupt hateful language, actions, and attitudes, and to educate students about the historical context and contemporary realities of hateful speech and attitudes. Teachers encourage students to think about their words and actions, and to learn alternate ways to communicate that support the inclusion and well-being of all staff and students. and attitudes, and to educate students about the historical context and contemporary realities of hateful speech and attitudes. Teachers encourage students to think about their words and actions, and to learn alternate ways to communicate that support the inclusion and well-being of all staff and students.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Scott

All incoming Grade 9 students completed an initial literacy assessment. The results help guide the Students Success, Academic Resource, and classroom teachers in supporting students' literacy development at Tier 1 (whole class), Tier 2 (small group), and Tier 3 (Supporting Readers Program) intervention levels. Since October, striving readers have been receiving Tier 3 support in the Supporting Readers Program to develop their reading and literacy skills for further academic success, as well as to develop a joy for reading. The support has resulted in increased reading level and overall confidence, and this support will continue for the remainder of the semester. Congratulations to the students who have demonstrated commitment to their learning, and thank you to classroom teachers for accommodating students to attend these sessions!

LIBRARY UPDATE

Ms. Seevakireedam

The ACCI Library is always hard at work curating books and lessons to support teachers and students with reading and literacy development.

On Dec 5th, The ACCI library began the White Pine Book Club. Interested students chose to read from 10 Canadian books that span from science fiction to history fiction. During the next five months, we will participate in virtual author visits, vote on their choice to win the award and finally come on a field trip to Harbourfront to meet the authors and get free books or signatures. All grades are welcome to join!

In addition, there will be a winter bookmark decorating competition being held from Dec 8-10 in the library. The winning bookmark will be posted on our Instagram and the winner will be awarded a gift card to Tim Hortons!



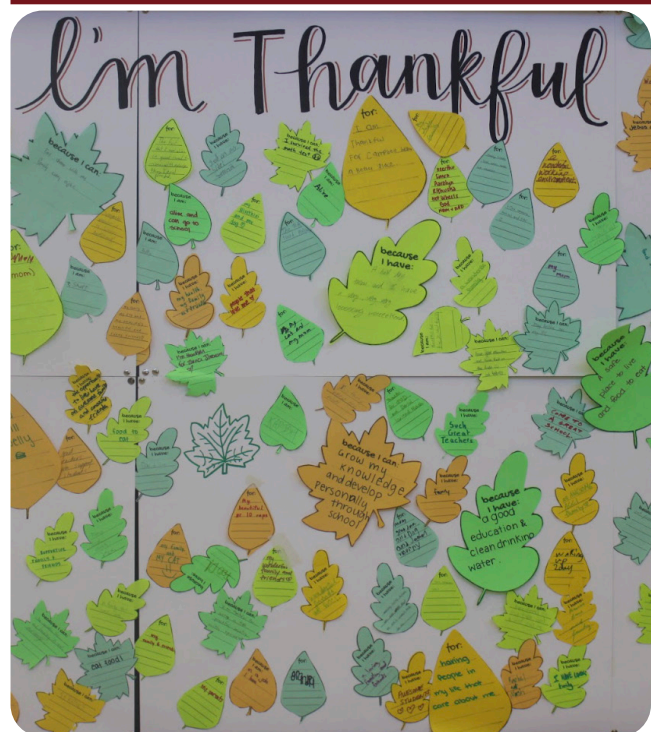
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Ms. Lang

Staff and students at ACCI continue their work in learning about and acting on recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In November, the TDSB recognized Indigenous Education Month to center First Nations, Métis, and Inuit voices, histories, and knowledge through school activities and learning. Students listened to daily informative announcements, had a chance to read about specific Calls to Action and leave their own message of hope on a central display, and even tested out their knowledge about treaties, Truth and Reconciliation, and the 94 Calls to Action by competing in a school-wide Kahoot quiz with a pizza lunch for the winning class. Staff and students are excited to continue this important work and learning at ACCI.



THANKSGIVING WALL



SPECIAL INITIATIVES

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS ENGAGEMENT BRUNCH



BLACK STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BSA) Ms. Shehata

Stand with Jamaica Campaign

The Black Students' Association (BSA) spearheaded a hurricane relief campaign for those afflicted by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. The students conducted home form visits to explain a school-wide drive collecting school supplies and hygiene products. We had so many boxes, we needed two cars to deliver them to the Jamaican Canadian Association! We also had a number of home forms and students in the wider Campbell community who wrote heartfelt notes of encouragement which will be delivered to Jamaican students. Lastly, the school raised \$472.50 which will be donated to the Red Cross to support relief efforts. We want to thank the Christian Fellowship, Caribbean Club and Parent Council for their support, contributions and partnership in supporting our Stand with Jamaica Campaign. This campaign was an inspiring reflection of the heart and spirit of the Albert Campbell community!



THE ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS

Mr. Cheang

It has been a busy and rewarding semester in the Albert Campbell Music and Drama Departments, filled with hard work, creativity, and plenty of fun for both students and staff. In December alone we had 9 performances including Performing Arts Assemblies, Feeder School Concerts, Grade 8 Parent Night and our Winter Music Night. Our drama and music students performed with passion, courage and technical brilliance. We are very proud of their dedication and artistic development! Other events this semester included our Wind Ensemble Band Retreat at YMCA Cedar Glen, a trip to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, our annual Practice-o-thon, a pumpkin carving contest and several amazing music clinics with some of Canada's best concert band educators. Congratulations to Mr. Cheang for winning the second prize in Concours International de Orchestra D'Harmonie - Belfort, France with his concert band piece Sharp Corners. There is always a lot going on in the performing arts departments at Albert Campbell. See you at our next show!



ART SHOW

Mr. Young

ALBERT CAMPBELL C.I. ART SHOW

**THURSDAY
JAN 8th,
2026
6pm - 8pm**

Albert Campbell C.I. will be opening their doors to the community to showcase all the artworks from the Grade 9 to 12 Visual and Media Art students.

Come see the outstanding works in painting, drawing, ceramics, crafts, photography, graphic design, and media arts.

