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English

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Ελληνικά

Στο πλαίσιο του προγράμματος του Ελληνικού Σχολείου της Ελληνοκαναδικής Κοινότητας Εντοντον, οι μαθητές μας συμμετείχαν σε ένα ιδιαίτερο έργο αφιερωμένο στις ελληνικές παροιμίες, παραδοσιακές φράσεις που μεταφέρουν τη λαϊκή σοφία και τις αξίες που περνούν από γενιά σε γενιά. Οι μαθητές μετέφρασαν κάθε παροιμία στα αγγλικά και σε Greekish και στη συνέχεια δημιούργησαν τις δικές τους εικονογραφήσεις για να αποδώσουν το νόημα της κάθε παροιμίας. Η δημιουργικότητα, η σκέψη και ο ενθουσιασμός τους αποτυπώνονται σε κάθε έργο, και είμαστε ιδιαίτερα χαρούμενοι που μοιραζόμαστε αυτήν την προσπάθεια με το IHLA ως μέρος της συμμετοχής μας.

Hellenic Heritage

Holodomor Commemoration – Honouring the Past

In November, our students took part in the **Holodomor commemoration ceremony at City Hall**, standing in solemn remembrance of the **millions of innocent Ukrainians who perished during the man-made famine of 1932–1933** under Stalin's regime. Their presence was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering and educating others about this tragic chapter in Ukrainian history. Students paid their respects with dignity and helped raise awareness in the broader community.



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INCREDIBLE INDIA

News from Incredible India Hindi Language Academy

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Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our academy and continuing our proud membership with the **International Heritage Languages Association (IHLA)**. **Incredible India** wishes all IHLA Members a great year ahead.



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Language taught: Tamil

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Gabriela Mistral Latin American School

Gabriela Mistral Latin American School is committed to Spanish Language Education infused with Latin Dance and Music.

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Juneli School of Nepali

Juneli School of Nepali Language and Culture was established in 2004. It is operating under the guidance of the NECASE Board and the Juneli School Council. It is dedicated to promoting and preserving Nepali language, culture and heritage among the new generation of Nepali children and youths.

Currently, we are running Nepali language, music and dance classes. Experienced and skillful teachers alongside some student volunteers are devoted to teaching Nepali language and culture to children of different skill levels. The music class is running a collaboration with MusicBox (students volunteer from UofA) and an experienced music teacher. Students have a great opportunity for online learning from LUMASHA, an online educational resource such as story books, flashcards, games and fun activities related to Nepali language and culture. In addition, students will have opportunities to learn and participate in Nepali festivals and events such as Deusi Bhailo, Saraswati Puja, Phagu Purnima (Holi), Buddha Jayanti organised by the school.

Classes run every Sunday from 10 AM to 2:15 PM except long weekends. The class is held at NECASE Centre. New registration and admission starts from August 2026.

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Ramgharia Khalsa School



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TODAY HOT NEWS

News from Alberta Aspire Association Language Academy

By Fatima Rahhal, Principal

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Beyond the rituals, we focused on teaching our students the deep significance of prayer, fostering lifelong values of patience, empathy, and gratitude. The highlight for many was hands-on culinary lessons, where kids helped prepare traditional dishes like Fattoush, Fatayer, Kibbeh, Shawarma and Katayef. These activities turned Iftar into a truly nourishing and memorable experience for every student.



Our students had the wonderful opportunity to create a traditional **Різдвяний Дідух** with guidance from **Lesia Petriv**. This cherished Ukrainian Christmas decoration, made from wheat and other grains, symbolizes prosperity, family, and the spirit of the harvest. With patience and creativity, students learned the traditional techniques while connecting with Ukrainian heritage and customs. This hands-on experience not only strengthened their cultural knowledge but also highlighted the importance of keeping these traditions alive for future generations.



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Happy New Year 2083 (April 13, 2026)



Celebrating Nepali New Year

The middle of April marks a significant time for the Nepali community as we welcome the New Year. Following the lunar-based Bikram Sambat calendar, the official New Year's Day falls on April 13th this year. However, at Gurukul Nepali Pathshala, the spirit of celebration came alive early on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

Our community gathered with incredible enthusiasm and a deep sense of belonging to usher in the year 2083. It was a day dedicated to honoring our roots while building community connection, a third space for sharing and belonging.

Yes, it is the Year 2083 as per the Bikram Sambat Calendar followed in Nepal.

Our students recently visited the Ukrainian Museum at St. John's Cultural Center, where they had the chance to learn about Ukraine's rich history, cultural heritage, and traditions.

Through exhibits and artifacts, students gained a deeper understanding of the past and the importance of preserving Ukrainian customs. The visit was an inspiring way to connect with their roots and celebrate their cultural identity.



We are endlessly grateful to our students, families, teachers, and supporters who helped make this year so meaningful. Together, we are raising a generation that knows its roots, honors its past, and builds a hopeful future — for Ukraine and the world.



Ivan Franko School

A Year of Culture, Creativity & Community: Celebrating Ukrainian Traditions at Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies

As we look back on the first half of the school year, we are filled with pride at the incredible enthusiasm, creativity, and heart our students brought to every event and initiative. From fall through spring, the students of **Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies** have actively embraced their heritage, shared Ukrainian culture with the wider community, and shown unwavering support for Ukraine.

Our Students Care for Others

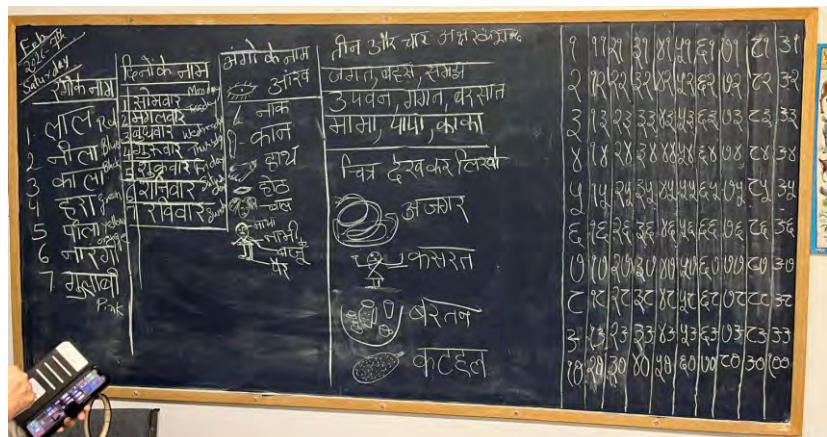
Our students continue to show that kindness, compassion, and solidarity are at the heart of our school community. Over the past year, they have taken meaningful action to support Ukrainian soldiers who are defending their country and freedom. Students wrote **hundreds of heartfelt letters** to Ukrainian soldiers, sharing words of encouragement, gratitude, and hope. These messages reminded the soldiers that they are not alone and that people across the world care deeply about their courage and sacrifice.



In addition to writing letters, our students organized fundraising efforts and successfully **raised thousands of dollars** to support Ukraine. Their dedication and generosity demonstrate a strong sense of global citizenship and responsibility toward others in need.

As a powerful symbol of gratitude, our school received **two Ukrainian flags signed by Ukrainian soldiers**. These flags are more than just symbols — they represent unity, resilience, and the meaningful connection between our students and those they chose to support. We are incredibly proud of our students for their empathy, initiative, and unwavering support for others. Their actions show that even small gestures, when done together, can make a powerful difference.

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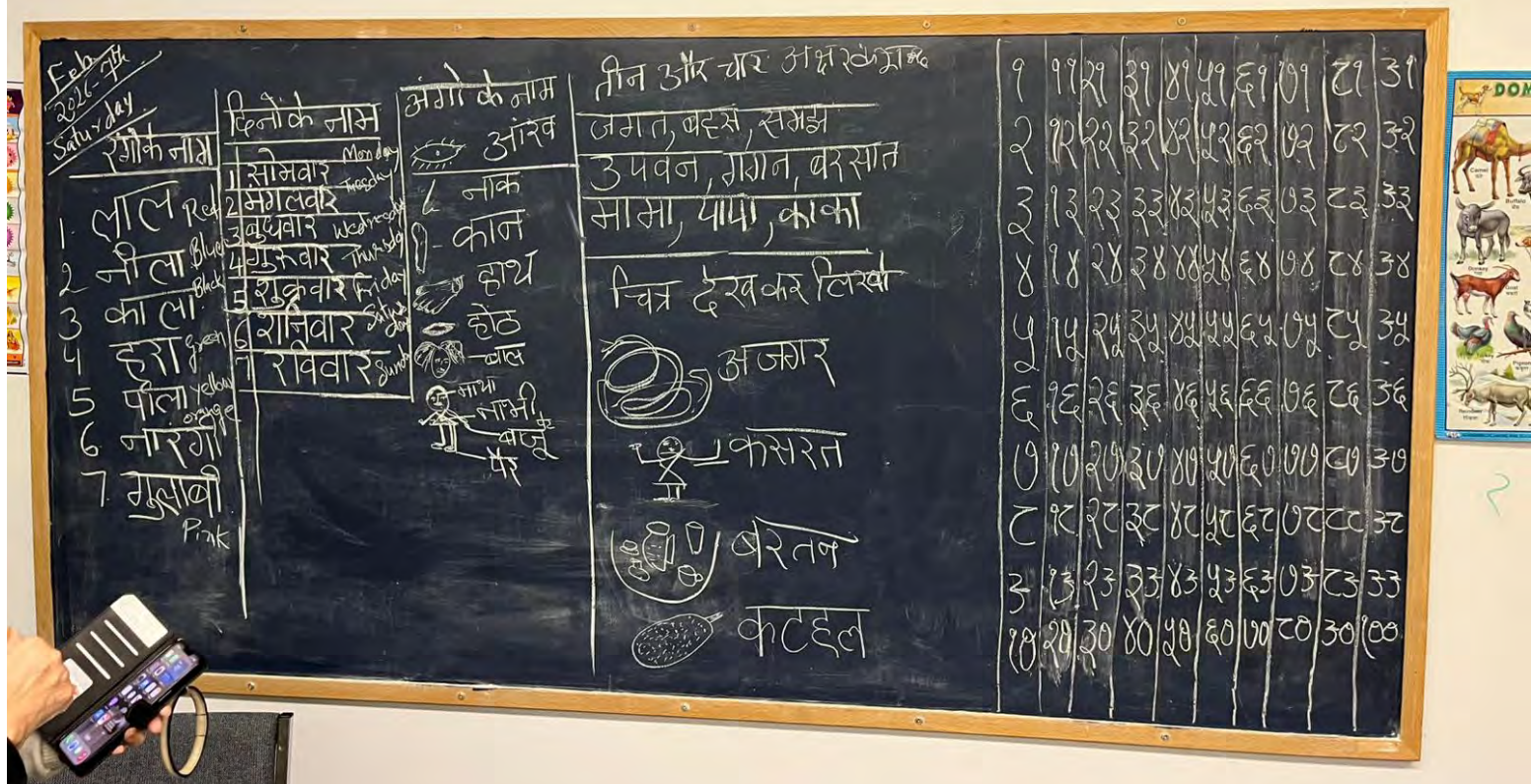
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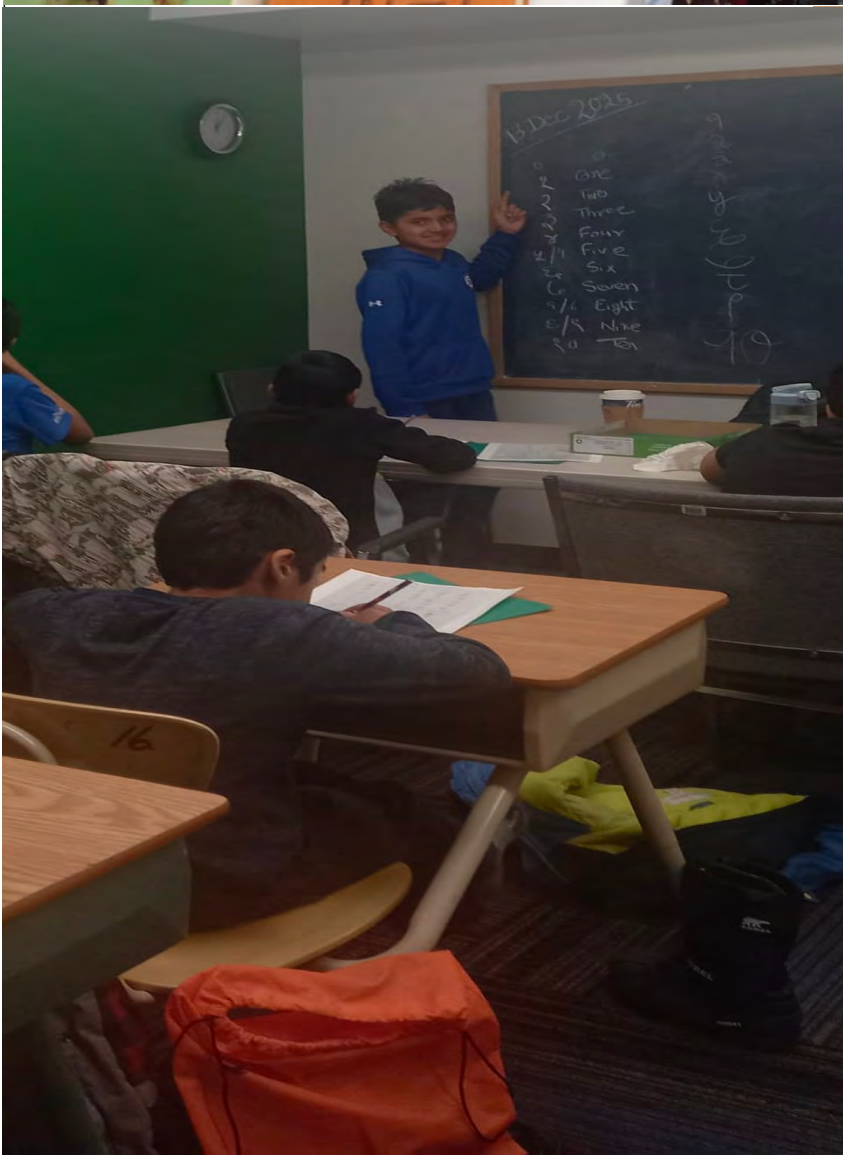


On April 8th, our Aspire Academy students traded their notebooks for jerseys for an unforgettable field trip: **Lebanon vs. Canada** at the **EDSA Heritage Cup**! In Lebanon, soccer is more than just a game; it's a powerful thread in the country's social and cultural fabric. As a reward for their incredible dedication every Saturday this year, our Academy treated the kids and families to this once-in-a-lifetime outing. Watching them bond over the beautiful game, explore new surroundings, and learn through the joy of play was the highlight of our season."











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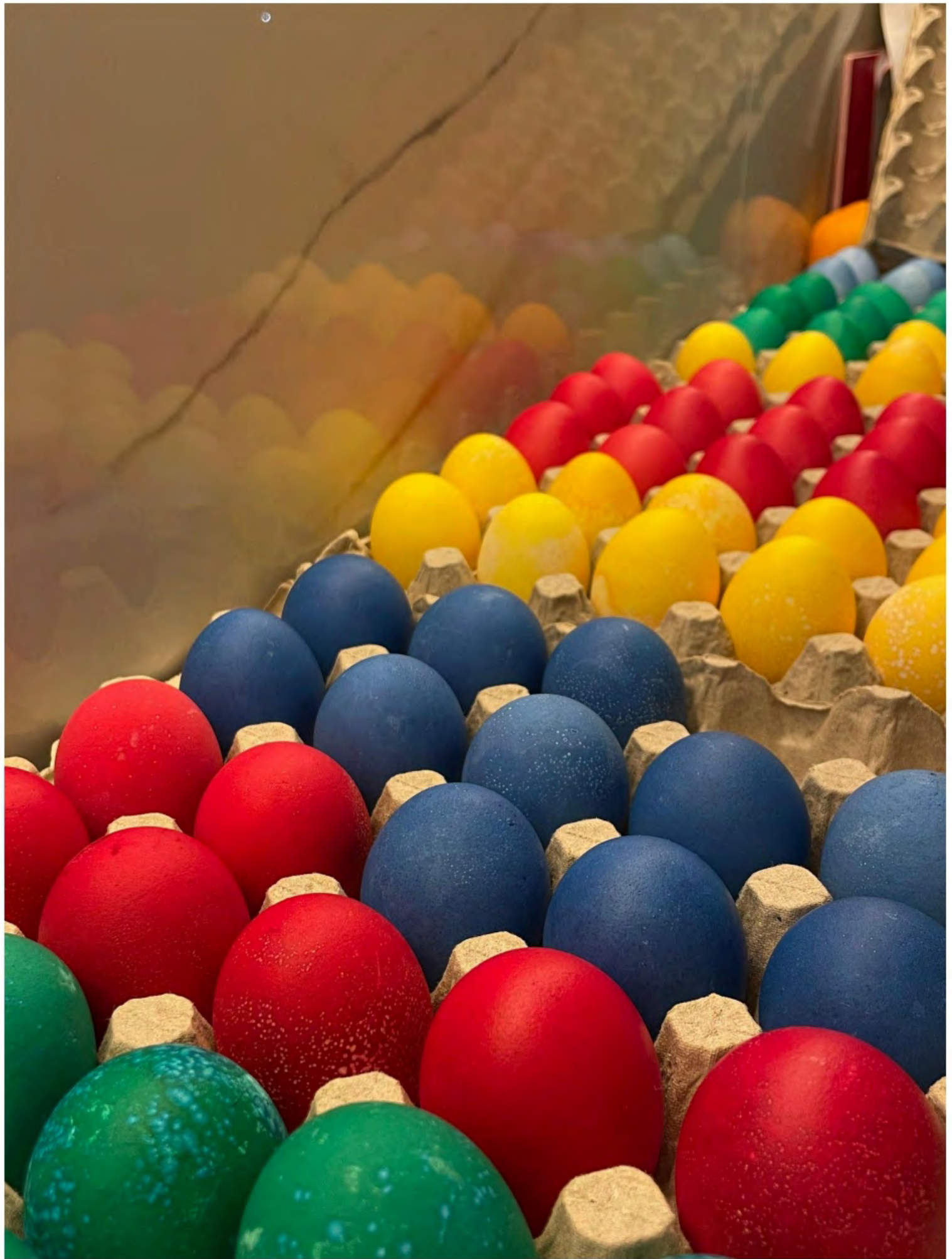
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About the School

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Teachers:

- Salma Jahan - Language Teacher
- Sabita Chowdhury - Music Teacher

Vision and Mission of the School

The overall objective of BCAE Bangla Schools is to help our children connect with their roots in Bangla culture by:

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Acknowledgment

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“Preserving our language today, empowering our future tomorrow.”

Bangla School Activities & Engagement – 2026

International Mother Language Day Event: February 21, 2026



BCAE Bangla School proudly participated in the International Mother Language Day celebration organized by IHLA, joining other heritage language schools in a multicultural setting. Students delivered excellent performances, representing Bangladeshi language and culture with pride. The event provided an important opportunity for cultural exchange and reinforced the significance of linguistic diversity. This participation was made possible through the collective efforts of teachers, parents, and BCAE organizers, whose dedication ensured meaningful representation of the Bangladeshi community within the broader multicultural framework.

BCAE Bangla New Year Celebration: April 18, 2026:



During a recent BCAE community event, special emphasis was placed on highlighting Bangla School students and local performers. Children actively participated in singing, dancing, and art competitions, demonstrating both talent and enthusiasm while strengthening their connection to Bangla language and heritage. The event reflected BCAE's commitment to providing a meaningful platform for youth and community artists, ensuring that cultural preservation is rooted in local participation rather than external performances alone. The dedication of teachers, particularly in guiding the students, and the support of parents played a key role in the success of these activities.



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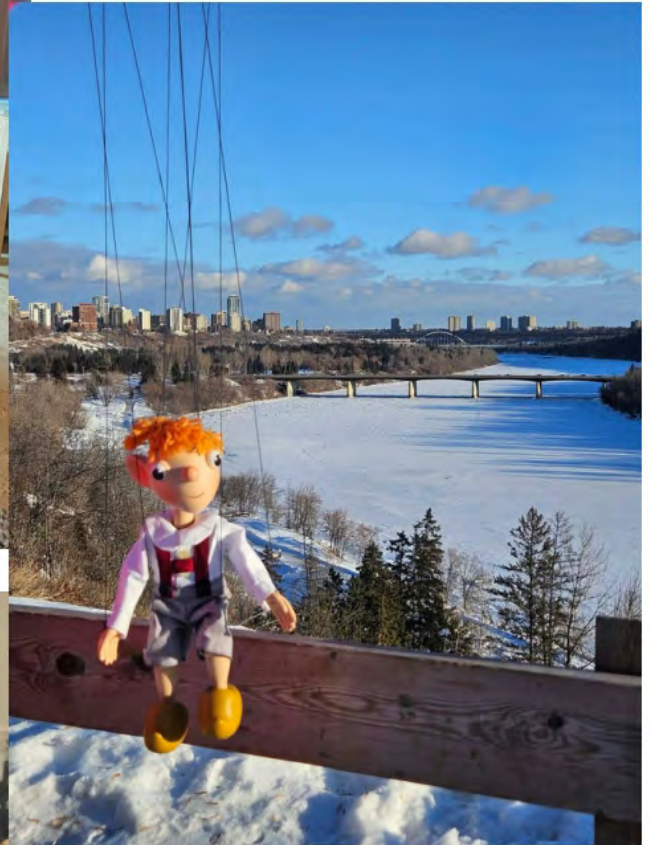
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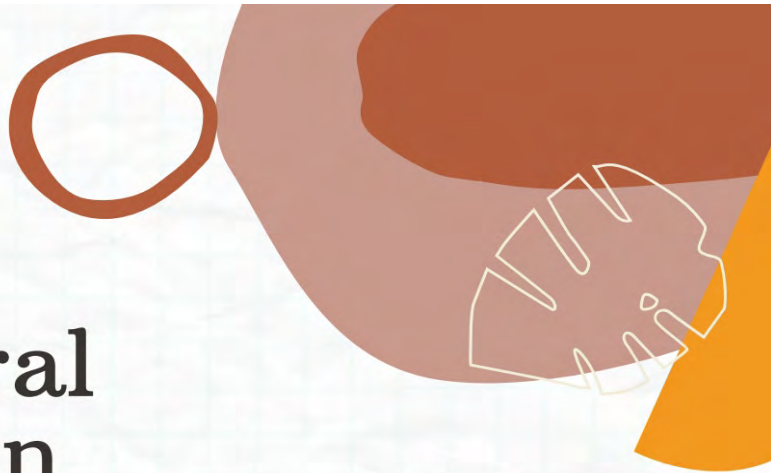
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SATURDAYS 9AM-12PM

Gabriela Mistral Latin American School
is committed to Spanish Language
Education infused with Latin Dance and
Music.



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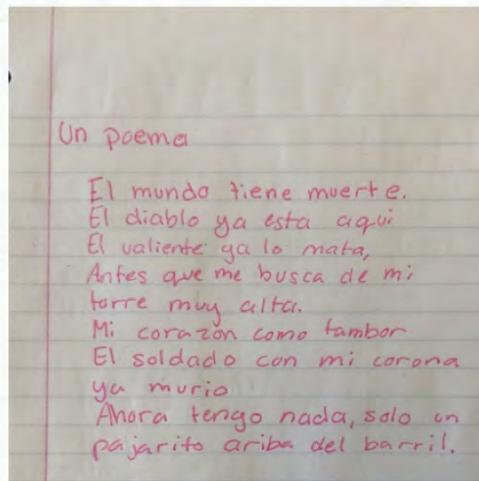
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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

DAY OF THE DEAD - THE STUDENTS LEARN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN TRADITION OF REMEMBERING LOVED ONES THAT HAVE PASSED!



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS - MAKING PAN DE MUERTOS (BREAD OF THE DEAD)



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - NAVIDAD

OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IS WHEN OUR STUDENTS GET TO SHARE SONGS, MUSIC AND TRADITIONS OF THE FESTIVE SEASON.

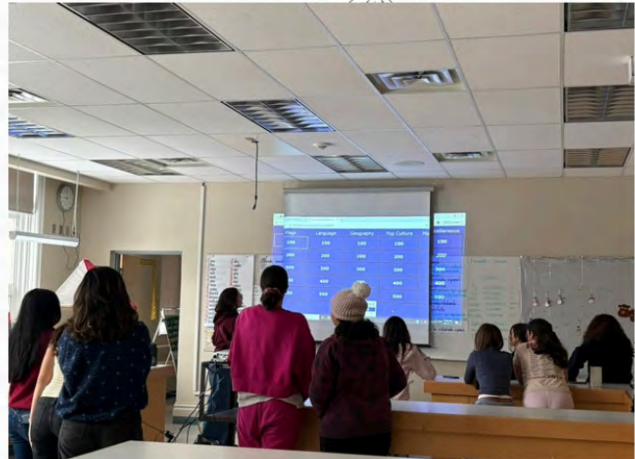
WE ALSO SHARE A FAMILY STYLE POTLUCK WITH ALL OF OUR FAMILIES - A TIME TO VISIT AND GET TO KNOW OUR FAMILIES.



CHRISTMAS - NAVIDAD



VISIT WITH STUDENTS FROM LASA - LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



IHLA - MLD 2026

A SMALL GROUP OF OUR GRADE 7-12 STUDENTS
PARTICIPATED IN IHLA'S MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY. MANY
OF OUR STUDENTS ALSO SUBMITTED WORK FOR THE MLD
BOOK THIS YEAR.



LATIN ELEMENTS

LATIN ELEMENTS IS OUR ANNUAL YEAR END SHOW.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND
SHOWCASE THEIR WORK FOR LATIN ELEMENTS.

THEY SHOWCASE A BLEND OF SONGS, MUSIC, DANCE, AND SPOKEN
PERFORMANCES.

WE COLLABORATE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE FOOD SALES FROM
LATIN AMERICA.

THIS IS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS

**COME SUPPORT OUR
STUDENTS!**

FOOD SALES
SILENT AUCTION
50/50 DRAW

**COME CHECK OUT LATIN
ELEMENTS 2026 - MYTHS &
LEGEND:**

**SATURDAY JUNE 13TH,
2026 AT 12:30PM**

**TICKETS ARE \$10 AT THE
DOOR.**

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नया वर्ष २०८३ को सुरुवात कुइज बाट गरियो , Youth Volunteers Aditi & Prasiddhi ले अति नै मनोरन्जनात्मक एवं ज्ञानबर्द्धक Jeopardy तयार गरेका थिए। सबै बिद्यार्थीहरु सक्रिय सहभागी भएका थिए। कमल समुहले बिजयी हासिल गरि पुरस्कार पनि प्राप्त गरे। सहभागी सबै बिध्यार्थीले केहि न केहि साना उपहार प्राप्त गरेका थिए। समग्रमा सबै जना हर्षित थिए।

Happy New Year 2083 (April 13, 2026)



Celebrating Nepali New Year

The middle of April marks a significant time for the Nepali community as we welcome the New Year. Following the lunar-based Bikram Sambat calendar, the official New Year's Day falls on April 13th this year. However, at Gurukul Nepali Pathshala, the spirit of celebration came alive early on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

Our community gathered with incredible enthusiasm and a deep sense of belonging to usher in the year 2083. It was a day dedicated to honoring our roots while building community connection, a third space for sharing and belonging.

Yes, it is the Year 2083 as per the Bikram Sambhat Calendar followed in Nepal.

English

As part of the Hellenic-Canadian Community of Edmonton's Greek School program, our students took part in a special project exploring Greek proverbs, traditional sayings that express cultural wisdom passed down through generations. The students translated each proverb into English and Greeklish and created their own illustrations to capture the meaning behind each saying. Their creativity, thoughtfulness, and enthusiasm are truly reflected in their work, and we are delighted to share this project with the IHLA as part of our contribution.

Ελληνικά

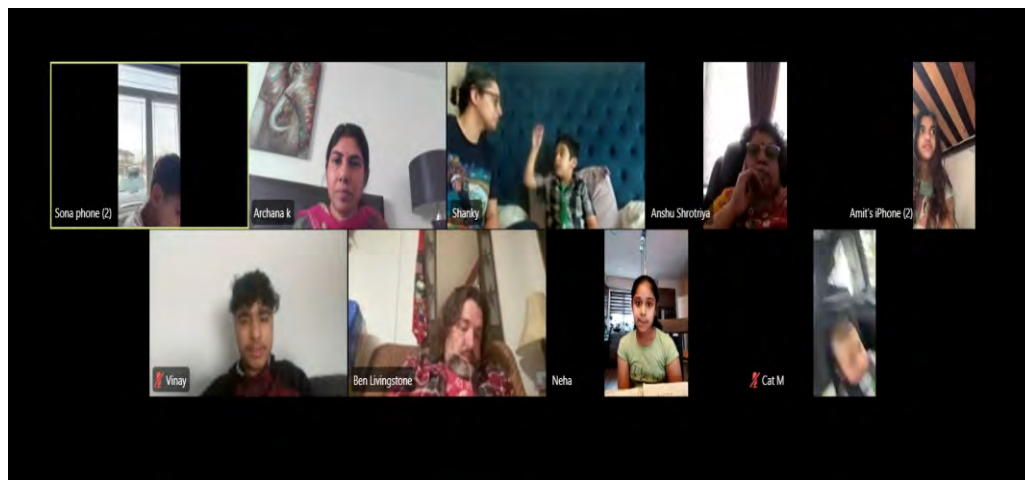
Στο πλαίσιο του προγράμματος του Ελληνικού Σχολείου της Ελληνοκαναδικής Κοινότητας Έντμοντον, οι μαθητές μας συμμετείχαν σε ένα ιδιαίτερο έργο αφιερωμένο στις ελληνικές παροιμίες, παραδοσιακές φράσεις που μεταφέρουν τη λαϊκή σοφία και τις αξίες που περνούν από γενιά σε γενιά. Οι μαθητές μετέφρασαν κάθε παροιμία στα αγγλικά και σε Greeklish και στη συνέχεια δημιούργησαν τις δικές τους εικονογραφήσεις για να αποδώσουν το νόημα της κάθε παροιμίας. Η δημιουργικότητα, η σκέψη και ο ενθουσιασμός τους αποτυπώνονται σε κάθε έργο, και είμαστε ιδιαίτερα χαρούμενοι που μοιραζόμαστε αυτήν την προσπάθεια με το IHLA ως μέρος της συμμετοχής μας.



News from Incredible India Hindi Language Academy

What an incredible journey it has been! This year marked the official debut of our **Hindi Language Academy**, and we couldn't be prouder of our progress. By adopting a **hybrid learning model**, we successfully reached students across four distinct levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Adult. Beyond the curriculum, our celebrations of **Holi and Diwali**—both online and in person—helped us forge deep, lasting bonds with our families. On Saturday, January 10, 2026, we proudly celebrated World Hindi Diwas online, promoting our language globally while commemorating the first World Hindi Conference of 1975. Highlighting Hindi's cultural significance worldwide, the event was a collaborative effort by students and teachers, with enthusiastic participation from parents. The celebration featured an interactive online quiz and a joint rendition of the Indian and Canadian national anthems, making learning both fun and engaging.

Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our academy and continuing our proud membership with the **International Heritage Languages Association (IHLA)**. **Incredible India** wishes all IHLA Members a great year ahead.



A Year of Culture, Creativity & Community: Celebrating Ukrainian Traditions at Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies

As we look back on the first half of the school year, we are filled with pride at the incredible enthusiasm, creativity, and heart our students brought to every event and initiative. From fall through spring, the students of **Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies** have actively embraced their heritage, shared Ukrainian culture with the wider community, and shown unwavering support for Ukraine.

Our Students Care for Others

Our students continue to show that kindness, compassion, and solidarity are at the heart of our school community. Over the past year, they have taken meaningful action to support Ukrainian soldiers who are defending their country and freedom. Students wrote **hundreds of heartfelt letters** to Ukrainian soldiers, sharing words of encouragement, gratitude, and hope. These messages reminded the soldiers that they are not alone and that people across the world care deeply about their courage and



sacrifice. In addition to writing letters, our students organized fundraising efforts and successfully **raised thousands of dollars** to support Ukraine. Their dedication and generosity demonstrate a strong sense of global citizenship and responsibility toward others in need.

As a powerful symbol of gratitude, our school received **two Ukrainian flags signed by Ukrainian soldiers**. These flags are more than just symbols — they represent unity, resilience, and the meaningful connection between our students and those they chose to support. We are incredibly proud of our students for their empathy, initiative, and unwavering support for others. Their actions show that even small gestures, when done together, can make a powerful difference.

Holodomor Commemoration – Honouring the Past

In November, our students took part in the **Holodomor commemoration ceremony** at City Hall, standing in solemn remembrance of the **millions of innocent Ukrainians who perished during the man-made famine of 1932–1933** under Stalin's regime. Their presence was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering and educating others about this tragic chapter in Ukrainian history. Students paid their respects with dignity and helped raise awareness in the broader community.



Christmas Concert – Honoring Sacred Traditions



In December, our students took the stage for a magical **Christmas Concert**, bringing the spirit of the season to life. They showcased **traditional Ukrainian carols, nativity scenes (vertep), and cherished customs**, sharing the beauty of Ukrainian culture with our community.



Through their performances, students honored sacred traditions while spreading joy and celebrating the richness of their heritage. The concert was a wonderful reminder of the importance of keeping our cultural roots alive and vibrant.



Students Supporting Ukraine Through Creativity

Our students showed incredible creativity and heart by creating **stunning Christmas stars (різдвяні зорі)** — a powerful symbol of Ukrainian Christmas — along with beautiful handmade decorations. Each piece reflected care, tradition, and a deep connection to Ukrainian culture.



These handmade creations were sold at our concert, and with the generous support of our community, we proudly **raised over \$940 to support the Ukrainian Armed**

Forces. This initiative showed how creativity, teamwork, and compassion can come together to make a real difference.

We are proud of our students for preserving tradition while using their talents to support an important cause.



Students Create a Traditional Різдвяний Дідух- Christmas Wheat Centerpiece



Our students had the wonderful opportunity to **create a traditional Різдвяний Дідух** with guidance from **Lesia Petriv**. This cherished Ukrainian Christmas decoration, made from wheat and other grains, symbolizes prosperity, family, and the spirit of the harvest. With patience and creativity, students learned the traditional techniques while connecting with Ukrainian heritage and customs. This hands-on experience not only strengthened their cultural knowledge but also highlighted the importance of keeping these traditions alive for future generations.





Students Explore Ukrainian History and Traditions





Juneli School of Nepali Language and Culture was established in 2004. It is operating under the guidance of the NECASE Board and the Juneli School Council. It is dedicated to promoting and preserving Nepali language, culture and heritage among the new generation of Nepali children and youths.

Currently, we are running Nepali language, music and dance classes. Experienced and skillful teachers alongside some student volunteers are devoted to teaching Nepali language and culture to children of different skill levels. The music class is running a collaboration with MusicBox (students volunteer from UofA) and an experienced music teacher. Students have a great opportunity for online learning from LUMASHA, an online educational resource such as story books, flashcards, games and fun activities related to Nepali language and culture. In addition, students will have opportunities to learn and participate in Nepali festivals and events such as Deusi Bhailo, Saraswoti Puja, Phagu Purnima (Holi), Budhha Jayanti organised by the school.

Classes run every Sunday from 10 AM to 2:15 PM except long weekends. The class is held at NECASE Centre. New registration and admission starts from August 2026.

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THE BLACKBUCK

ਕਾਲਾ ਹਿਰਨ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਵਿਭਿੰਨ
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ਵਿਲੱਖਣ ਹੈ।

The Blackbuck symbolizes
the beauty of punjab's
diverse wildlife. Unique to
the habitat, and beauty of
the animal.



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Russian School News

In my childhood I spent a lot of time playing chess against my siblings, classmates and neighbors. Later when I came to Canada, where I discovered I could connect with my coworkers by playing chess and sports with them on my lunch breaks and after job hours. We used these activities as one of the ways to help us build friendships in our new life. Now we are playing chess with kids of different ages. But surprisingly most of them pick up new things right away, as if it were a special language and their eyes would light up during every chess game. This is not just spending good time. These lessons are about passion and courage, strategy and taking risks, and connecting with other people.



On March 30, 2026 we had our





All participants were so happy that were asking just one question: when will be the next round? So, it will be during next school break which is summer break. We will continue our cooperation with IHLA schools (Armenian, Telugu, and Philippine schools are eager to participate). If you are interested in participating in our tournament, please email us avoloboev@hotmail.com Dr. Alexandre Voloboev, coordinator, Russian Educational Centre, Alberta Interscience Association <https://theintersciencecup.blogspot.com/2026/04/chess-classical-tournament-2026.html>