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Gleneagle bus fundraiser canvassing community for support

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staff reporter

The rubber is hitting the road as a group of Gleneagle volunteers campaign to replace one of the school's older buses.

Staff and student volunteers covered the school's parking lot this fall, actively seeking out parents who would be willing to donate money for a "new" five-year-old school bus that will replace one of our current ones.

They tapped on windows and stepped up to open vehicle doors as students were dropped off, trying to attract attention to pamphlets explaining the cause.

Kimberley Chang, grade 12, has volunteered several times to help out with the fundraiser, and says the feedback from the parents has been mostly positive.

Most parents accepted the pamphlets and some even stopped their cars in the middle of the street to read them over.

"We definitely contacted a lot of people," Chang said. Some parents refused the pamphlets because they already had one from the previous day.

Lisa Dube, an English teacher who is heading up the fundraising committee, agrees that the fundraising has been going well.

The school has raised \$2500 so far, and Dube "anticipate[s] it continuing until we reach our goal." She hopes to be able to replace one of our school buses by the end of this year.

Dube has received no negative feedback whatsoever from parents, only positive support and understanding.

Typical donation sizes ranged from \$5 to \$500. Dube was hoping to receive a lot of corporate sponsorship, and is "still hopeful that more [corporate] donations come forward."



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Replace Me: Student volunteer, grade 12, helps raise the Gleneagle community's awareness of a need to replace the school's aging buses. The campaign will be ongoing throughout the year.

Fundraising preparation began in the spring of this year. Approximately 20 teachers helped to prepare pamphlets and translated them into Mandarin Chinese, Korean, and Farsi.

Posters were created as well, and custom T-shirts were ordered for volunteers. A mail-out was distributed in August that advertised the fundraiser.

Official fundraising began shortly after

the start of school, with pamphlet distribution spreading awareness.

The school hopes to earn more money from the ticket sales of a community dance being held on November 26.

Chang believes the fundraiser is for a good cause, and is adamant about the need for a new school bus.

She recalls an incident two years ago when the basketball team went on a trip to Victoria and the bus broke down.

Dube confirms the need for a new bus, saying that our current buses are constantly breaking down and "are costing us [too much] to repair."

It is a matter of the safety of the students.

Many students and teachers helped with the efforts to raise money, and Dube would like to "thank the huge number of [people] who have helped get this on the road."

New staff members bring experience, energy to Gleneagle

EVANGELINE SHIH

staff reporter

As the school year progresses steadily into our first semester, Gleneagle would like to welcome 11 new teachers and two new student teachers who have joined our staff.

Joining us are **Andy Albright**, **Deana Fogstrom**, **Natalie Harder**, **Adam Hayes**, **Jennifer Johnson**, **Leah Kimura**, **Janna McCullough**, **Tammy Ough**, **Kimberley Pavan**, **Leah Sue-a-Quan**, **Martine Udell**, and our two student teachers **April Jones** and **Hilaire Ford**.

These teachers come from diverse educa-

tional backgrounds and teaching experiences, and step through these doors with different mindsets.

Before teaching in SD 43, Pavan taught at Dalian Maple Leaf International School in China, a BC overseas private school. She has also been taught by many of the teachers here at Gleneagle.

When asked of their impression of Gleneagle, most conveyed satisfaction with its community feel. "I feel both the staff and students are welcoming," said Kimura, who is returning to this school after three years at Riverside.

Udell, a French-Canadian from Quebec, has taught late French immersion in a se-

ries of schools before transferring here to Gleneagle. She said, "I am a hard worker, so I feel glad when I don't have a single 'lazy' student." She loves that "[her] students work hard, but play hard too. They know how to have fun and also get work done."

Many have come to Gleneagle looking for a change. Albright, who has recently taught at Summit Middle and Charles Best, said, "I like to keep a fresh perspective on teaching. It's fun to teach higher grades because they are more adept at handling ideas."

Fogstrom, who has taught at Banting and Montgomery Middle, "likes teaching mature students because [she] can teach more to them."

A few teachers have also come to our school because of the specific programs offered here.

McCullough, who has always taught hairdressing and has just transferred from Vancouver Technical Secondary, said, "My focus is for the students to work in high-end salons. I wish local hairdressers could mentor students in hairdressing to further their learning."

As an alternative to academics, McCullough hopes that Gleneagle's hairdressing program can become a number one program.

International students experience corn maze

MICAH LAO

staff reporter

Gleneagle's CON-X team and the international students toured Pitt Meadows' corn maze on October 7.

Split into eight groups, they helped each other locate ten stations throughout the maze.

The main focus of this trip was to help the international students to adjust to Canada and Gleneagle and make them comfortable.

"It was nice to get the kids outdoors, because the outdoors is a big thing in Canada," said Leah Sue-a-Quan, ESL teacher for international education.

This outdoor experience, organized by Sue-a-Quan, consisted of a search for ten cleverly hidden locations in the maze, a tour of the cranberry fields, a petting zoo, and a hay fight.

There was also a concession stand where students had a chance to make new friends and get comfortable with other Gleneagle students.

Jasmine Roh, grade 12 CON-X member,

described the hay fight as "kind of like a snow fight, but with hay."

Grade ten international student Tracy Zhou said, "I liked to find the places because each group has international students from a different country and we helped [each other] and talked together."

He also added that it helped improve his English because he was able to converse with some student leaders and ESL students.

"My students said that it was a nice way of people thinking together and cooperating," Sue-a-Quan said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 11

Remembrance Day

Friday, November 12

Non-Instructional Day

Monday, November 15

First Formal Report

High school students changing world one small step at a time

There is nothing more inspirational than a young person making the world a better place. Something relatively good is made great because of the fact that a child or a teenager accomplished it. Why is that?

Well, for the most part, adults want to believe that we, teens, are good people. They want to believe that we aren't just selfish, facebook-obsessed consumers. And quite a few live up to that expectation, but quite a few don't.

But why not? We see it all the time, even at our own school: youth taking initiative and making a difference. So why not every teen? Why don't we all do that?

As youth, we tend to shrug off responsibility and initiative onto adults because we think it's not our problem. Our attitude tends to be "Well, we didn't cause the problem, so why do we have to solve it?" Not only that, but we tend to have this attitude that we're way too busy all the time: we have homework, a job, we have clubs, extracurricular activities, driving lessons, tests, exams, and we have a *life*.

So how do these people handle it? How do they juggle their lives and do something great at the same time? Well, if you asked any of them, they'd probably tell you that they made it happen. They saw something that they didn't like and they wanted to do something about it, so they just *did*.

It takes a certain type of person to do this; to put themselves out there and take risks to better the lives of people around them, and not everyone is up to that challenge. Not everyone is going to make a difference.

But if everybody started small (or even stayed small) and vowed to do something; something that benefits someone other than themselves, then they would be contributing. It may not be inspirational, or huge, or spectacular, but it's still something, and that's *always* better than nothing.



Me, myself, I: Understanding contradictions of your inner self



edge columnist

Like a butterfly itching to escape its cocoon, the sun slowly ascends past the horizon. Little robins cheerfully chirp their morning song as I sip my cup of warm tea. My friends should be here soon. I sigh contentedly as I stare at a group photo taken at a previous get-together.

The smiling young man on the right of the photo is our social butterfly: Sanders Gomez. We rarely called him Sanders since he insisted on the nickname "Sandy." Almost always, he's yakking or

texting away on his cell phone. As a classmate, Sandy is the only one to come running to us with his test paper in the air, yelling, "I got a C- on my Biology test today! Woo hoo!" As he laughs to himself, we exchange perplexed looks: although optimistic, Sandy frequently forgets about his homework and is definitely the world's greatest procrastinator. Despite his wayward, adventurous ways, all of us love being around him.

Chloe Erickson, the self sufficient, athletic lady sitting next to Sandy, is literally a born leader. She is always the one arranging our social events, since she hardly trusts Sandy to get things done; he can't stop talking to people.

Highly competitive on the field and in the classroom, Chloe's usually the student pressing on long after the others have failed or given up. Armed with a volatile temper, Chloe scatters our group when she's displeased with her athletic results or her grades. My dearest friend of them all would have to be quiet and thoughtful Melanie Collins, the girl sitting next to me in the photo.

She certainly doesn't have as many friends as Sandy, but she is extremely loyal and protective of the few that she has.

As a perfectionist, Melanie is renowned for having polished grades and the nickname the "gifted achiever"—a title that competitive Chloe clearly envies. Consistently the subject of Chloe's abrasive insults, Melanie remains silent, but the thought of revenge is plain to

how to have a good time. However, he can be downright nasty to Melanie about her dismal countenance. Since his sarcasm is always disguised as a joke, we are usually uncertain of his motives.

As I reminisce, the door opens, revealing my four friends as they stumble into my house. Grinning widely, I approach them.

But something was different about them. Instead of his smiling

my warm tea now cold.

After much disbelief, I ultimately recognized the true identity of my friends: Hippocrates' four temperaments. Sandy Gomez became "Sanguine," Chloe Erickson transformed into "Choleric," Melanie Collins altered to "Melancholy," and Phillip Martin changed to be "Phlegmatic."

The more I thought about it, the more I realized why I had gotten along with Melanie more than the others. "Melanie" had been my first friend, but over time I grew to like Sandy, Chloe, and Phillip as well. Similarly, although I was born Melancholic, that's not stopping me from developing Sanguine, Choleric and Phlegmatic traits.

Who knows? You might be a Sandy Gomez, fun loving and friendly, with various attributes from fun Phillip and leader-like Chloe. There are endless combinations that are waiting to be explored.

So go ahead, find your temperament. And whatever you discover, always aim to change yourself for the better.

"And whatever you discover, always aim to change yourself for the better"

see in the photo. In addition, her self-centeredness and pessimism constantly brings us down. Even Sandy is tentative to crack his latest joke when Melanie's in a dark mood.

Phillip Martin, the easygoing but dependable dude reclining on the far left of the photo, has longer and funnier gags than Sandy does, crowning him the witty joker. In the classroom, he's the most efficient student and the first one to finish the homework.

Although he frequently hides his true emotions, Phillip knows

demeanour, Sandy looked sullen, even sad. Chloe forced a smile, but the spirited fire in her eyes was gone. Melanie flashed me an odd, lopsided grin. Phillip yawned.

Before I could speak, something weird happened.

Sandy, Chloe, Melanie and Phillip melded and created the perfect mirror image of myself. When I gasped in shock, it walked into me, its hand; my hand, its leg; my leg.

Astonishment written on my face, I didn't realize my jaw was hanging until I fell into my seat,

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What was the best Halloween costume you have seen or worn?

YOU SAID IT!



grade 9
"An inflatable hula girl."



grade 10
"A ninja."



grade 11
"My poofy princess dress."



grade 12
"What Mr. Lloyd wears on a daily basis."

Giving thought to sustainability in culinary choices



edge columnist

In Japan, dolphin meat is being sold in supermarkets labeled as whale meat.

Now, dolphins are part of the distant whale family, but are they possibly hiding something? Did you know that dolphins carry the highest amount of mercury out of any other sea animal?

"I don't want this to stop you from eating fish; I'm just saying, give the planet a little break sometime"

Mercury causes deformities, disabilities and other sicknesses when consumed. I want to inform you and inspire you to take a look next time you're in the fish aisle: what really is in that package?

Ask yourself, where did this come from, and is it honestly sustainable? Here are some shocking facts that have definitely curbed my seafood appetite:

Over 1/3 of the earth's biological diversity is in danger of extinction within the next 30 years.

Biodiversity has already dropped 29% since 1960.

7 out of 10 (69%) of fish targeted by commercial vessels are overfished causing depletion, over exploitation, and even endangerment.

Overfishing affects more than just ocean

life; it can lead to the extinction of some species, and the extinction of one species can cause an ecosystem to collapse.

1/3 of all fish caught are thrown back into the water. Most don't survive. These fish didn't fit the criteria or type the fisherman want.

Many of these sea animals include dolphins and sharks, which are thrown back into the ocean after being killed or badly injured.

With so many commercial fishing ves-

sels, massive fleets of fish are migrating away from overfished areas and are searching the planet for less exploited habitats. This is disrupting the lives of millions of traditional fishing peoples, especially in less developed countries, destroying fish stocks and eco-systems.

Nearly 2/3 of the world's populations depends on fish for a healthy diet. Over a billion people in Asia depend on fish as their source of protein, yet out of 78 million tonnes produced by commercial fishing each year, only about 50 million tonnes are available for food consumption by humans.

The remaining 28 million tonnes are reduced to fishmeal for pigs and other livestock.

This is odd, considering we live in a world where over 1 billion people suffer from malnutrition.

There you have it. I don't want this to stop you from eating fish; I'm just saying, give the planet a little break sometimes.

Student rants about Canucks fans: are you fan enough?



edge columnist

they back off and start bashing the team.

Does this make you a true Canucks fan? When the team is losing every game, do you start blaming the players for their inadequate play? Do you start blaming the captain? The goalie? Do you start singling out players? Does that make you a true Canucks fan?

My answer to all that is... No!

If you were a true Canucks fan, you would stick with the team and always believe in them. Yes, the team starts slow, but they always pick it up, which causes everyone to start loving them again.

Why do they do this? Because everyone else is on the bandwagon, so they jump on and load it up until it's full. But that's when the team starts losing and everyone starts bashing them again. It's a constant cycle with the Canucks fans in British Columbia.

It sickens me when I've been a fan for - I don't know how long - almost 10 to 12 years, and I see everyone giving up on them each year.

Yeah, it's disappointing when we get into the playoffs and we only make it to the second round. Sometimes it feels like maybe

we've got some life in the tank and we could relive 1994 all over again, but no. Of course we choke.

Yes, I myself can relate. Many times I've felt like giving up on this team, because every year it seems like it's the same: we lose, because in the end, we choke. But you've got to have faith in the team and believe there will be changes; changes that will shake the whole team up.

You know what else bugs me? When the Canucks are losing, say 3-1 or 3-2, and it's in the third period, most people just give up and say, "AHH, its over."

No, it's not over! The game is only getting good; it's getting more physical and more intense!

But hey! Go for it! Turn it off. You're the one who's going to miss a good game and look like the stupid one.

So now you're wondering, "Then what makes a good Canucks fan?" Let me tell you: don't ever give up; always have faith in the team; always know there's going to be bad times and there will be good times.

And ride the bandwagon to the end. Don't just jump off because they lost a game. Every team loses a game; no team is perfect.

I bet most fans in Vancouver would jump off the bandwagon if the Canucks won 81 out of 82 games, but in the last game got stomped on, 6 to 0, by the Toronto Maple Leafs! And they'd start complaining that we lost a game and won't win the cup.

When the team is down 3 to 2, or 3 to 1, or down by a goal in any situation, why turn it off? Don't you have faith in our goal scorers?

Do you not have faith in the twins, Henrik and Daniel Sedin? If you haven't noticed, the Sedins average almost 2 points a game, every season, for the last three to four seasons.

So when you're watching a game, ask yourself: are you a true Canucks fan? Will you follow them to the end? Or will you write the season off as soon as we lose a game?

When the Canucks are in the playoffs, are you going to cheer for them just because everyone else does?

In this, the Canucks' fortieth year in Vancouver, isn't it time we all jumped on their bandwagon... and stayed there?

Wouldn't it be nice to be part of a community that truly believes, "We are all Canucks" ?!



Grads of 2011 share laughter, build memories on senior sail

HELEN DOO
staff reporter

It was a sell out. Nearly 200 grads of Gleneagle Secondary dressed up for the night Thursday, October 14, to celebrate their Senior Sail on Burrard Inlet.

The Senior Sail starts every fall as a nostalgic event to remember for Grade 12's in their final year of high school. Launching from behind the Bayshore downtown, it was an evening of friendship, laughter and dancing.

The Grade 12's enjoyed it a lot. "It was a lot better than I thought it would be, because I thought that everyone would be isolated in their separate groups but we came together and had fun," said **Natalia Rambaran**.

"It was different than what I expected it to be," agreed **Jimmy Chung**.

There were no changes made to this year's sail that were different from the last year, and the students thought that a new change would be nice.

"I think that if we got dinner, it would have been better. I would have paid extra money," said Rambaran.

Patty Anderson, Physical Education teacher and one of the organizers stated, "[The] purpose is to bring grads together as the school year begins. We started this tradition about 10 years ago. It's a very fun night."



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PATTY ANDERSON

Strutting in style: grade 12 students prepare to dance the night away and spend the time getting to know their peers. A record breaking 200 plus grads attended the celebration.

Power of positive change evident at annual We Day event

JUNA AN
staff reporter

Passionate youth leaders including some from Gleneagle Secondary School gathered at Roger's Arena to kick off a year-long program of action celebrating the power of young people to create positive change on We Day, October 15.

Students from across Canada including Vancouver, Toronto, Alberta, and Montreal

gathered and listened to **Jesse Jackson**, an American civil rights activist and **Al Gore** - Of the United States - former Vice-President talk about their life stories and how they made change. **Jennifer Allott**, grade 9 said, "Since I'm really passionate about the environment, Al Gore was there so I was really excited about that." **Shane Ideal TV** series had in depth interviews with people about the event. **Colbie Caillat**, a famous American singer also attended We Day.

Gleneagle students in attendance were in-

spired by the chance to hear famous people address issues close to their hearts. "It was fun and pretty cool. Everybody was screaming and shouting; full of energy, happy and excited to get started and do better things," **Iris Huang**, grade 9 said. "We were too young to volunteer, so we got tickets for *Free the Children* to let us go with our parents," she added.

"We also went over the calendar about... events like Halloween and all the different campaigns they're doing to get a kickoff for the year to make change," Allott added.

Approximately 51,400 students from across the country attended We Day. Their goal now is to take this positive message back to their own schools, impacting hundreds of thousands more.

Last year, Gleneagle had a Me to We Club,

but this year it's different. "It's not really a club anymore because we had so many clubs... there were too many clubs and too many meetings. So we decided to stay incorporated to the Talons program for gifted learners in Gleneagle and we're making this a part of their leadership grade 11 course." **Quirien Mulder**, Talons teacher, said. "It's just a part of Talons program," she added.

The students involved discussed different issues. "It's basically for youth to take action for other youth and to make a difference in the world," Mulder said. "We started last year and the basic purpose is to... raise funds to build a school in Ecuador. We started setting a four year plan and we'll do various fundraisers throughout the year," she said, "pretty much a focus on social justice kind of issues."

Gleneagle student helps abroad

KEVIN CAWTHRA
staff reporter

Michael Jackson once said, "I will never stop helping and loving people the way Jesus said to." That's what **Jason Reid**, grade 12, did this summer. Reid went over to the capital city of Moldova, Chisinau, along with a friend through a charity called Projects Abroad.

already looking into organizations to do the same thing I wanted to do," said Reid.

So they both embarked on a mission to Europe to visit the kids in Moldova.

Reid emphasized that he wanted to change the world somehow and he wanted to make a difference in other people's lives. He believes he accomplished that.

"I felt really at home when I was there," said Reid. He brought things with him for the children of the orphanage.

"I wanted to do something...and make a change"

"There were two orphanages I helped out in. I pretty much helped out kids and played games," said Reid. "I also had my guitar with me and I played songs for them; they really enjoyed that," he said.

Reid has been thinking about volunteering overseas for awhile. "About two summers ago, I decided I wanted to do something outside Canada for the world and try and make a change," he said.

"I decided to talk to my friend who was

"I brought a hockey bag chock full of supplies. We didn't even get to use all of it - that's how much there was," he said.

Reid said that the whole experience was really worthwhile.

Seeing all the bright faces during that month really changed something about him.

"I would go back there and do it all over again; it was a great time. Helping kids out in Moldova, how great is that?" he said.

ANDREA KLASSEN
staff reporter

"Where is the love?" That is what the student council is wondering as we can bring in toiletries and clothes for the homeless in our own city.

For the past two weeks, led by **Peri Morenz**, advisor, the council has been collecting new toiletries and gently used clothing to pass on to the Hope For Freedom Society, a non-profit organization that helps the homeless in the Tri-cities.

"It was a good starting point for student council this year," said Morenz, "and everyone was really interested in taking this up."

A box for toiletries and bag for clothes

Donations spread some love

were placed in each block one class.

To help encourage people to bring in items, student representatives went around to the classes to explain more about the project and why our school should help.

"This is an issue that we, as a community, cannot ignore any longer," said grade 11 member **Kirsten Yu**.

The drive is wrapping up today and all the donations will be taken to the Hope For Freedom Society.

The items will be personally matched with homeless people in the community.

"By donating things we no longer need or use," remarked Yu, "we can make their lives a little bit more comfortable."

"We are hoping to collect as many items as possible," Morenz said. "Imagine what it would mean to get a warm jacket when you have nothing else."

News

Outdoors club braves elements on wild, windy west coast

PAULINE MACAPAGAL
staff reporter

Gleneagle's Outdoors Club went surfing in Tofino, despite the cold and rainy weather. "Traditionally, we do the Long Beach trip, which is the surfing trip and we have all the equipment for the kids," said **Krista Bogen**, Outdoors Club advisor. "This time, unfortunately, there was a storm. The winds were gusting up to 120 kilometers an hour where we were surfing," she said. "We ended up going surfing even though it was really stormy, but we took extra precaution and the kids were having a lot of fun," she added.

"It was really cold out. It was raining; winds were really strong and you couldn't really get away [from] it. I didn't get dry, ever; I always felt wet," said **Megan Kinloch**, grade 11.

"It's definitely a challenge, and it was really cold," added **Carly**

Morrison, grade 12. "This is my first time surfing so I really enjoyed this trip. I want to do it again because I had so much fun," Kinloch said. It was a first time for Morrison too and she said, "It was so much fun! My friends went last year and they said it was really fun, and since it's my senior year... I decided I want to go."

"The waves were massive. I've never seen them so big. It was probably like being in the north end of Hawaii—big surf," said Bogen.

"We learned how to body surf, and we learned about currents and how dangerous it can be," said Morrison.

The students were dressed appropriately for the conditions, but saw humour in their appearance. "We had our wetsuits on, then our paddling jackets... a jacket on top of that and a nice red helmet," said Kinloch. "We were walking down the beach and there's a really hot guy... We're all like, 'don't look at

me!'" she laughed.

Bogen said they "looked like geeks...my kids show up with ugly life jackets, whistle, helmet or else I won't let them go."

Although "we looked really funny... we were really safe," Morrison added.

"You can only be in the water for about an hour and a half before you start to get pretty chilled because it's quite cold," Bogen said. With the weather, "it was difficult to try and stay warm, so it was a challenge to keep going and push through that," Kinloch said.

"After that, we went into town and the kids had an option to have a hot shower and clean up... and then we went to a surf shop," Bogen said.

On their trip, they also went to an art gallery, and had a big campfire on Saturday night. "We roasted our food over the fire," said Kinloch.

"**Mr. [Doug] Mancell** is a musician and so he played banjo and



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MEGAN KINLOCH

Preparing to launch: Outdoor Club members suit up for strong weather. Fashion was not their first concern.

guitar for us that night. It was really fun," Bogen said. "**Ms. [Jen] Johnson** is a brand new teacher [at Gleneagle]. She volunteered to come help supervise and she

went surfing for the first time. She became a big part of the social atmosphere for the kids and it was a great time for everybody," Bogen added.

Political fire burns: students embrace world perspective at Model UN

JOSH PATTEN
staff reporter

Gleneagle students will be bringing their social and political ideologies to the table to engage in debating in the Vancouver United Nations 2011.

The event, which is being held January 28 to the 30 at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Vancouver, is the most significant student-led conference in western Canada. This is the tenth time it has been held in Vancouver.

The Gleneagle students, along with others from all across North America, are going to have the opportunity to take a first-person perspective on the sophisticated world of politics, and into the largest and most diversified organization on the planet.

The Model UN is an academic re-enactment of the United Nations, where politically enthusiastic students who represent an assigned nation professionally instigate, argue passionately and seriously over topics in the global community.

"I've always had an affinity for political science," said **Paolo Mercado**, grade 11 participant in the Model UN. "[It's] something I've always wanted to do," he added.

And hungry participants are definitely ready to let their passion shine.

Nick Ellery, grade 12, another Gleneagle participant feels "pretty honoured to be competing alongside such members of this school community, as well as against those private school kids who are probably more experienced in terms of debating in Model UN's, "but who he believes are really not superior to us."

The topics addressed are issues that would be discussed by the United Nations, including economics, finance, global health, human rights, development, and security.

"I want to gain experience in the field of political debate," said **Pedram Farahbakhsh**. "It's a great opportunity to learn about political and social systems."

"I look forward to debating at a higher level with people who I don't know, and who have the same incentives, looking to get the same things I am," said Ellery.

The purpose is to give the students insight and education about the workings of the UN, and possibly establish connections that could be beneficial if students decided to take on a career in politics.

"There's going to be a lot of networking opportunities for the team if we do well," said

Steven Black, grade 12 participant. "We're talking about potentially getting business cards with our names on them, passing them out to people we think could be useful to contact in the future," he said.

"It all depends on the committee and country... that you get, but I'm looking forward to talking about general things like international security and international economics, and social development. All those things are interesting," said Ellery.

The students are looking forward to learning about the countries involved in the UN. "We have to do a lot of research into the background of the country, what their history [is like], what the political situation is like there, and what they think of the issues," Black stated.

"I personally requested some countries in the Middle East that I think... will be interesting to deal with if we get them," said Black.

Andrew Lloyd, Socials Studies, Economics, and Leadership teacher at Gleneagle, will be chaperoning the debaters while they stay at the Hyatt Regency, in an eclectic part of Vancouver.

It's here that the political fire will be burning.

Kellyanne Yep, grade 12, who is partaking in the Model UN for her second time and offers detailed insight about the experience: "I represented Colombia as their delegate, and we talked about economic sanctions and trading in relation to resources and the World Bank. I found it really exciting, especially since it was debating; but it was debating based on actual things that were on the table, and it was on a greater scale. I wanted to do that again," Yep said.

She described how some delegates were "trading" votes, giving support for resolutions that didn't ultimately satisfy their morals in exchange for the other country's votes. But she said that the main goal for many was to gain support for their country's motives.

There's obviously a fierce competitive nature among the competitors. "I think that the biggest opportunity is to make these private school kids cry," Black said, playfully. But then he added on a more serious note, "We have a great team put together. We really think we have a great chance of going in there and winning it," he said.

So, let the debates begin.

Giving back to community

MACY LAO
staff reporter

The global issues club is underway and has already organized several projects.

"We have two goals," said **Saskia Vaisey**, grade 11. "We want to spread awareness [about global and local issues] and fundraise."

"On the announcements every Wednesday, we try to put in a news item," said **Ariana Vaisey**, grade 11. "It is so that people will be aware of what's happening in the world."

They meet every Wednesday morning at 8:00 am to collaborate and plan for specific events.

"After we decide what to do, then we'll organize it and work after school on the actual logistics," said Saskia Vaisey.

Last week, they conducted a bake sale to fundraise for Kiva. "Kiva provides micro-loans to support small scale entrepreneurs.

This is to help people get out of the poverty cycle," said Ariana Vaisey.

Now, they are working towards supporting Halloween for Hunger. "So while you're trick or treating, you ask for cans or non-perishable food items in addition to candy," said Ariana Vaisey. These cans are then brought to the school, collected and sent to less fortunate children.

This club hopes to organize several other events, including a Christmas collection and the 30 hour famine. "The Voices concert last year was a huge success, so we're hoping to do that again," added Saskia Vaisey.

"I'd like [the global issues club] to have a bigger profile in the school," said Saskia Vaisey. "We can be active citizens who can give back to society."

"We live in a very privileged society, so as a school, we can help give back – that makes [Gleneagle] a better place," she added.

The club is always willing to accept newcomers who are interested in joining at any point in the year.



A sweet way to raise awareness: Global issues club members host a bake sale to fundraise for Kiva, an organization that finances micro-loans.

Volleyball junior girls and grade 9 girls on winning streak

YOUNG HAN
staff reporter

Gleneagle junior girls' volleyball team is on a winning streak with three wins in a row against Terry Fox, Heritage Woods, and Centennial. The team played Riverside on Wednesday, October 27, but results are not available at press time.

The win over Terry Fox on Wednesday, October 13, "[was a] tough start, [but a] great finish," said server **Shaye Grant**, grade 10. After a slow start, losing the first two games, the girls eventually picked up the pace and won the last three in a row.

"It was a challenge for us, mentally," said coach **Joanna Horvath**. "They put the ball in our weak spot in our defense...But it shouldn't have taken two games for us to warm up," she said.

The girls played Heritage on Monday, October 18, and won the game three sets straight.

"It was amazing!" commented

Owning the track

PAULINE MACAPAGAL
staff reporter

Gleneagle's cross country team dominated at the Coquitlam District Championships.

"It was very exciting!" said **Lori Gregory**, cross country coach. "The weather was beautiful! We had nothing but sunshine."

"The first part of the race you run with your brain, the second part of the race, you run with your heart," is one of the things that runners are told by their coach, **John Taylor**, according to Gregory.

"The first part of the race you run with your brain, the second part of the race, you run with your heart"

"We got first place in senior girls," said **Clare Chiu**, grade 11. "It's not really a structured team. You just go into the run and they take your top three." **Ariana Vaisey**, grade 11, explained that "they add up the top three places in a school for your gender division and then the [school] with the lowest [fastest] score won."

Saskia Vaisey, grade 11, placed 11th, followed by **Ariana Vaisey**, grade 11, in twelfth and Chiu in fourteenth.

"I am pleased that our grade 11 girls are Coquitlam District Champions. All the members on the team have worked hard all season," said **Katherine Rossiter**, cross country coach.

The coaches recognized how hard the runners work. "Running is tough. I am proud of them," said Gregory. "I just felt really proud of how far they progressed and how determined they are and how dedicated they are."

Rossiter said that "the runners have improved their times, and

Grant. "I think it was really good," said middle **Rosemary Nwankwo**, grade 10. On Wednesday, October 20, the girls played Centennial and won again by 4-1.

Horvath hopes that the team will have constant attack and are more careful at the nets in future games while the team is setting specific goals.

"Spiking and winning the first three games" is what Grant wants to do.

Their favorite moment so far, was when they defeated Terry Fox, as it was their first win in the season. "We had to go all five sets. It was an amazing comeback," said Grant.

They have one more game against Archbishop Carney before the District Finals.

"I would say, we should be in the Districts based on the records," said Horvath.

Their team's goal for the season is to "make it into the Fraser Valleys," said **Kristyn Zoschke**, grade 10.

stamina throughout the season."

"Running is very tiring. I don't think a lot of people enjoy the races themselves. Races themselves are painful, but you feel good afterwards," **Saskia Vaisey** said.

Cross country is an individual sport where you have to pursue and challenge yourself to get faster," added Chiu.

Training for cross country running is rigorous. "Every Monday, we would do hill training because it increases your endurance and speed. Hill training is tough. It was done over by the Coquitlam crunch," Gregory said.



Bump, set, spike: grade 9, gives her killer spike in a competition against Heritage Woods. The girls play Pinetree tonight in their quest to make the finals.

IZZY DOCTOR
staff reporter

Gleneagle's grade nine girls' volleyball team is running down opponents as they make their way to the finals, beating Terry Fox and Heritage in last week's games.

The team met coach, **Jeremy Clarke**'s expectations winning three straight games against Terry Fox. Unfortunately they were unable to obtain a win against Riverside, but that did not hinder them.

They versed Heritage in a home

game on Thursday where they beat them 26-24 in the first game, 25-12 in the second game and 25-18 in the third game. The team was strong in defense and **Aneesa Adamu** shone playing great offence, according to coach Jeremy Clarke.

"Our coach says we've been improving every game," said **Micaela Huebner**.

Chichi Nwanko, the team captain for their game against Heritage agreed.

Each game is an experience for us and we just keep getting bet-

ter and doing things that we usually don't do in terms of the first games."

The team is on their way to the finals but Nwanko noted that there is also room for improvement.

"I think the only thing we need to improve on is confidence. Basically because once we start slackening off all of us kind of get pretty upset and aren't in the best minds set, so we make mistakes we wouldn't usually make," she said.

The team has a game tonight against Pinetree and if they win they are heading into finals.

Junior boys volleyball off to slow start

ANDREA KLASSEN
staff reporter

The Junior Boys Volleyball team is facing a tough challenge this season. With a team made up mainly of grade nines playing in a league older than them, the boys have their work cut out for them. With a season so far of two wins and three losses coach **Art Abram**

is "glad to work with a group of such hardworking guys who don't give up."

Since most of last year's players moved up, they don't have as much experience as the other teams they are facing.

This helps improve the skills of the players, but involves very competitive teams. The last two games ended in losses against Riverside

and Heritage Woods.

Abram predicted that the team's game last night against Riverside would be "a tough game as they have some very good players" but he knows the team "[would] try their hardest." Results were not available at press time.

Abram predicts the team will "make playoffs and we'll see where it goes from there."

Talons one goal short of playoffs

JOHN CHONG
staff reporter

The Gleneagle senior boys' soccer team finished their season with a 4-4 tie against Terry Fox Secondary, falling just short of qualifying for the Fraser Valley Championship.

couldn't score [the last goal]," he added. "It was a good game."

"Although we missed [the Valleys] by one point, we should be satisfied with the fact that we played hard and had fun," said **Alex Zielinski**, grade 12.

The boys had their moment of glory when they upset the defending provincial champions Charles Best. The Talons defeated Charles Best 3-1 on their home field. Best hadn't lost a game in two years.

Brad Deans, grade 12 and captain, noted that "[The boys] beat Charles Best by playing like them."

Commenting on the team's overall performance, Milliard said that "when the boys listened and did

most kids who are in cross country are involved in other sports, so it's a bit of a stretch," Chiu said.

"We don't go to the school practices because we have our own practices," said Saskia Vaisey.

"I also play soccer so that's twice a week of more running," said Ariana Vaisey.

The Cross Country Fraser Valley competition took place at Aldergrove Park on Tuesday, October 26.

Results were not available at press time.

what coach **Frank Abbinante** and I wanted them to do, they were a very good team. When they got away from doing what we asked, they weren't as good."

"When they played like a team and supported each other, they were a very good-looking soccer team," said Milliard.

Milliard said the "team chemistry was good" and the boys were "hard-working and very tough", yet "classy and clean," so much so that they only received one yellow card during whole season.

"It was a pretty good season. We have a good group of guys for next year who should do well," Deans said. "We're looking forward to next year," Milliard added.

Sports

Field hockey team striving for berth at provincial championship



EMMA ROBERTS PHOTO

Let me get the ball: student and a defender fight for the ball during a field hockey game at Percy Perry Stadium.

EMMA ROBERTS

staff reporter

Gleneagle's field hockey team is fighting hard to secure a spot in provincials after a season that saw their first ever defeat in league play.

The Talons fell for the first time in their 13-year history during league play 1-0 to Centennial on Wednesday, October 13. Previously they had won six straight games in a row.

"It was a pretty hard loss for our team," said **Tara Preston**, coach.

The Talons went on to lose their first playoff game against rival Heritage Woods on Tuesday, October 19, meaning they were unable to defend their District Championship title.

The team then won against Port Moody Senior 3-0 on Wednesday, October 20, giving them a third-place standing in the district. The team is currently competing in the Fraser Valleys.

"We've had a lot of injuries," said **Kimberley Chang**, grade 12. The team presently has five players with injuries, eight in total since the beginning of the season.

"When we have injuries, the players can't play, so we don't have subs," added Preston. "We are trying to stay focused as a team and work together to make it into the BCs," she said.

Robin Goodman, team captain, believes the team "need[s] stronger communication," but still has a lot of faith in their potential.

"We work as a team. We all love each other, and it works out on the field," she said.

Talons swimming into Fraser Valley competition today

MACY LAO

staff reporter

The swimming team has splashed into their season and are competing in the Fraser Valleys today. With a team of 13 boys and two girls, **Mark Tustin**, coach, is confident about this year's performance.

"The Fraser Valleys is a very competitive championship," said Tustin.

"But we've got some kids who are very strong and have a lot of experience either training with HYACKS or with the Coquitlam SHARKS and they tend to do quite well on the competition," he said.

"I'm pretty excited [for the Fraser Valleys]," said **Ryan Kharboutli**, grade 12. "I think that I'm going to perform well, the team is going to perform well, and our relays are going to do well."

On October 8, the junior boys won the Coquitlam district championships at the Aquatic Center, while the 'senior combined' team finished in second place.

Competitors are awarded ribbons based on their speed.

"This year, I actually think that we're go-

ing to do quite well; we have a pretty good line up of swimmers," said Kharboutli. "At the Coquitlam championships, our relay team did very well," he said.

Provincial championships will be held on November 19 and 20. According to Tustin, "qualifying though the Fraser Valleys to the BC's is not easy."

"You've got to be the top ten of an individual event and the top five relay teams in order to qualify to go on to the BC's," he added.

"[My personal goal is] to make the top three in the Provincials," stated Kharboutli.

Despite the challenging competition, Tustin has very high hopes for the team.

"There will be a number of students from this school who will move on to the BC's," he said.

"If they don't qualify individually, there's a strong likelihood that some of the kids will qualify with our relays."

The team trains hard and looks to improve with each practice. "I'm helping the kids work on stroke correction—on their technique—but I'm also involved in helping the kids work on their speed so that they

can perform well in competitions because competition is always based on time," said Tustin.

"My focus is always to help each individual swimmer try to achieve their personal

best at each of the meets," said Tustin.

"So if they swim their fastest, to me, that's very successful. If they qualify to the BC championships, then that's a bonus."

Volleyball team aims for valleys

STEVEN BAE

staff reporter

The senior boys volleyball team is aiming to qualify for the Fraser Valley Championships this year.

"My expectations are that we're always focused. And winning," said **Nicola Criddle**, coach.

So far the boys are 0-2 in the season. They lost the final set to Heritage Woods Secondary, 16-14 on October 14.

The boys won the first set but lost the next three consecutive sets in a disappointing game against Maple Ridge on October 21.

Steven Tanaka, grade 12, team captain, said, "specifically, our passing requires the most work." Criddle also notes tip coverage

and serves as areas that need practice.

"The team is working on maintaining a positive attitude, not a defeated attitude. We're more confident than last year," Criddle said.

However Riverside seems to be one of the tougher opponents, as they "always have a strong team, a phenomenal coach, and club players," Criddle said.

The boys practice three times a week, Monday to Wednesday after school, with games on Thursdays.

They played on Tuesday against Riverside, but results were not available at press time. Their first home game is tonight when they host Port Moody.

Their second home game is on November 4 against Charles Best.

Junior boys soccer team ready for playoff action

MARIANA GORJÃO

staff reporter

The Gleneagle junior boys soccer team is now getting ready for the playoffs after Monday's win against Terry Fox, 2-0.

The coach, **Peter Poka**, said, "The entire team had an outstanding defensive game."

In particular, **Dylan Sadat**, **Mitch Howey**, **Logan Wong**, and **Ryan Arce**."

The two goals were scored by **Michael Flood** and **Mitchell Anderson**.

The team has played a total of six games.

They lost against Carney and Best but won against Pitt Meadows, in a tough game, by 3-2. They also won against Port Moody, 7-0, and Thomas Haney, 11-0.

The team is feeling very confident about the upcoming games. "I'm a bit nervous but honestly I can't wait. I really want to beat Charles Best and Carney," said **Mitchell Anderson**.

Peter Poka said, "I think we have

had good performances from a few key people: on defence, Logan Wong and Mitch Howey have been fairly strong. In midfield, **Frederico Cerani** has also been fairly strong. In forwards, I don't think anyone has been dominant but we have several leading scorers: **Malcolm Borsoi**, **Tristan Hodson** and **Mathew Poka**."

However, with little time to practice, the team hasn't been able to work on their skills.

Mathew Poka said, "I think we need to improve the passing."

The same opinion was shared by the coach: "I think we are building towards the team playing together a little bit more effectively," Peter Poka added, "getting used to playing with one another."

It has been a very tough year for the team.

"Most of the teams we're playing are made up of grade 10's and most of our players are grade 9's. We're playing as a much younger team than the other teams," said Peter Poka.



I got the ball: student fights for the ball from an opposing soccer player during a game against Charles Best Secondary.

MARIANA GORJÃO PHOTO

“Prepare, preset, and play” for last night’s fall concert



EVANGELINE SHIH PHOTO

Blowing their own horns: Band members of the trumpet section practise for the fall concert that was held yesterday evening. Gleneagle has a number of musical groups including jazz band, jazz choir, senior band, junior band and choir.

CASSIE BARATELLI
staff reporter

Last night, Gleneagle Secondary hosted their annual fall music concert. “The band is very talented, and the music they play is great to listen to,” said **Lea Schurman**, grade 10. The concert consisted of the choir, band, jazz choir, and the jazz band, all performing selections of music from a wide range of genres.

Great results are always expected for Gleneagle’s music section, as they have a strong reputation. “I think we’re go-

ing to be really good this year,” said **Jarret Kung**, grade 10, a current band student. Many other students agree that the band and choir will live up to the expectations that are usually set for the music department of Gleneagle.

The performance last night included many classics. Many band students also have their own individual preferred selections. “The songs from Carmen, the opera,” were Kung’s favorite pieces of music to play and hear.

Last year the jazz section had successful trips to both the Kiwanis Music Festival in Langley, and the Lionel Hampton Music festival in Idaho. The jazz choir won the festival for their group, and the jazz band brought home gold for

their section.

The music department has big plans this year to head to Cuba to perform in a musical showcase.

The concert band, choir, jazz choir and jazz band will all be playing as they stay on the tropical island for the chance of a lifetime with all their friends.

Green project for textiles club

MICHAELA STEBBE
staff reporter

The textiles club at Gleneagle has taken a ‘green’ role, constructing shopping bags from old Vancouver city banners that were, until recently, going to be thrown away.

A student at SFU approached **Katherine Jung**, Home Economics teacher, this September suggesting that Gleneagle be part of a recycled bags project.

Jung took the project to this year’s textiles club, seeing it as a new and exciting project for them. Jung said that she would like more people to join the club, and that this year they will be working on crafts as well as textile projects.

The reconstructed bags, which previously hung on city poles and lampposts during the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, are made out of a non-biodegradable fabric, so the new use of them as shopping bags is a great way to make them reusable.

The bags come in an assortment of colours, and are quite handy for shopping, as they have multiple compartments inside. They’re sturdy and a decent size.

Also, the shopping bags are made out of material that was originally meant to applaud or advertise the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games. These bags are the mark of a time that Canada won’t soon forget.

Jung is hoping to raise awareness and inspire students of the sewing club as well as Gleneagle with this product to be more green, and send out a message of sustainability.

The textiles club is new to Gleneagle this year, and meets every Wednesday during lunch, under the guidance and leadership of Jung, **Aryn Gunn**, art and textiles teacher and **Hilare Ford**, student teacher.



WYNONA BALAAM-HESS PHOTO

Very scary: grade 12 student gazes into your soul as he lurks through the haunted house.

WYNONA BALAAM-HESS
staff reporter

Do you love to be scared? Do you count down the days until Halloween? Well, Gleneagle Secondary is putting on their very own haunted house.

The haunted house opens tonight in the drama wing from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and continues tomorrow at lunch and again from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., The cost will be \$4.00 for the evenings and \$2.00 at lunch.

“The haunted house is about raising money for the musical theater production; to bring a better, more technical and highly sophisticated theater performance to the audience,” said **Jong Lee**, grade 12. Lee, a student leader along with **Nicole Stevens**, grade 12, are working hard with many other students to put together the haunted house.

The musical theatre class is preparing for a production of ‘The Wizard of Oz,’ which gave them the inspiration for the haunted house.

“There’s the wicked witch of the west, and there’s that kind of scary element, so we thought we would play off of that a little,” said **Ashley Freeborn**, drama teacher and theater director. The members of musical theatre will be dressing up as characters to scare you while you walk through the haunted house.

The students putting the house together are thrilled and can’t wait to see the turnout.