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TALENTED COMBO: A grade 12, and a grade 11, performing "Everything Has Changed" by Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift on the night of the Talent Show. There are more than 12 students display their talent at the night.

Reel Canada film fest set for Gleneagle

CATHERINE KING
Staff reporter

Reel Canada is a non-profit organization that is coming to Gleneagle on March, 15 to present two Canadian directed and acted films in order to display the growing Canadian film industry.

The two selected films have been voted by grade 9 and 10 students in the past two weeks. Both films will be screening during periods 2 and 3. There is also a possibility that the Canadian directors or actors in the films will be coming in to meet the students.

Students were given a selection of seven movies that Reel Canada had put together to specifically fit for the new core competencies. The names of the films will not be announced until the first week of March.

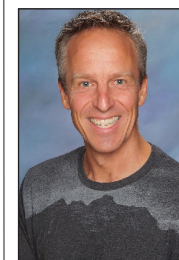
Each student will receive a ticket for one of the films the day before which gives students the ability to trade tickets.

The voting result of Reel Canada film will be shortly available at the beginning of March.

Cindy Quach, English teacher and event coordinator, believes this is a great "opportunity to get to watch great films, [and] gives students an opportunity to think about what Canadian identity is."



Cindy Quach
English Teacher



Adam Hayes
ConX Teacher

The films that were chosen by students were "specifically picked to fit the learning outcome of the core competencies and the outcomes of career life education," added Quach.

Adam Hayes, senior leadership and ConX teacher, is helping set up for the event and feels "since it's the first time[hosting the festival], I don't really know what to expect," but "I know that schools mainly in the TriCity, who had Reel Canada come in have enjoyed the two films."

"Reel Canada will hopefully bring the grade 9s and 10s together not only on the day of the screening, but leading up to it," said **Joanna Horvath**, leadership teacher.

Hayes also mentioned that a benefit this would have on our students; "it's always great to have a whole group of students in a single grade or multiple grades coming together under one ceiling and experiencing something together."

Passion, emotions ensue in yearly talent show

DANIEL KIM
Staff reporter

Emotion was sung and passion was danced as the 28 students performed to an overwhelmingly positive audience during this year's talent show.

The talent show that took place last Friday had a program consisting of performers of all grade levels such as **Kayla Price**, grade 9, and **Cailum Kokotilo-Moen**, grade 12.

"Astounding. Sensational. A smash hit." These were just some of the comments from audience members.

The range of music was vast with performances such as **James Amey**, grade 11, with his piano solo of Nintendo classics, **Mira Backus** and **Timothy Song**, both grade 12, with their comedic twist to Frozen's "Love is an Open Door", and **Alex Ballantyne**, grade 12, with their homemade techno beats.

In addition to music performances, students such as **Ki-seon Peck**, grade 10, performed magic tricks and **Jessica Li**, grade 11, performed two dances, one with an oriental flow and the other a k-pop-esque style. One particular audience member **Tiffany Lam**, grade 10, came to witness the acts of her fellow

friends Peck and Price.

"As a friend I couldn't help but sneak a smile as I felt so happy to see my friends perform and to see them happy about it," said Lam. "It was really an undoubtedly wonderful performance and praise go to the other performers as well," added Lam.

The event was very successful with a full house of audience members packing up the MPR. Half of the proceeds from the event go towards Gleneagle's musical theatre program. The other half will go towards a free musical theatre program at the Evergreen Cultural Centre that allows financially concerned families in the community have their children explore the wonders of musical theatre.

All the performances were met with heavy applause both from the audience and backstage as friends could be seen cheering on from the sidelines and giving of support to their fellow performers.

For **Jobina Sitoh** and **Anika Venkatesh**, both grade 11, their performance brought a familiar hint of nostalgia for it had been two years since their last performance in 2016's talent show. Hugs were exchanged amongst friends and compliments were exchanged amongst families.

"If the audience is happy, I'm happy," mentioned **Peck**. "It just makes me giddy

to bring joy to the hearts of many and, well, I just love magic."

The show came to an end with **Liam Savage**, grade 12, and **Hira Lalani**, grade 11, coming through with a guitar and vocal duet.

"It was quite the feeling you know, counting on my partner. It was a dream to at least perform this song [Everything changed by Ed Sheehan and Taylor Swift] since our first choice was deemed too inappropriate for a school talent show" said Savage.

"At first I was not sure how our voices would blend together but I always had faith that this would work out," concluded Lalani, "In the end I was surprised and rather satisfied with how it all played out."

The talent show overall went according to plan and the team of TALONS kids who organized the event were more than satisfied with the results.

"We put a lot of effort into it and I think I can say we were all really excited to see what our school had to offer," said **Caitlin Owens**, grade 9.

As the final act was finished, many left this year's talent show satisfied and were happy to say that it would be a night to remember.

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A CHANGE IN TUNE: The Canadian government has moved to change a line in the national anthem.



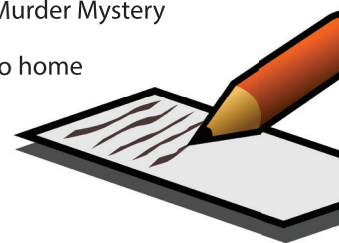
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ANNIVERSARY ATHLETICS: Along the years, Talons have achieved many athletic exploits.



ONtheCALENDAR

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- FEBRUARY 26** Course selection forms due
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- MARCH 8** Interim reports go home
- MARCH 9** Slam Jam
- MARCH 14** Spring Concert



Trans Mountain pipeline's needs outweigh objections

When Justin Trudeau's cabinet approved oil company Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline expansion in November 2016 it sparked controversy among Canadian families. The Trans Mountain expansion project is a 1150-kilometre pipeline that would move a million barrels a day from Edmonton to a terminal in Burnaby, B.C. The \$6.8-billion pipeline would nearly triple the capacity of the existing pipeline to 890,000 barrels a day.

If completed the expansion could lead to an increase from five tankers travelling through the Vancouver harbor to the refinery to up to thirty-four a month according to a CBC news report from November, 2016.

This increase concerns many environmentalists about diluted bitumen that could potentially be released into an ecologically sensitive area.

Fast forward two years, and the current NDP government has its own concerns with the pipeline. Provincial Environment Minister George Heyman stated in January, 2018 to CBC news, that "It's clear from our perspective that there is a tremendous risk to our economy and our environment from a spill of diluted bitumen."

"British Columbians expect us to defend our coastline, our waterways in the interior of the province, and our economic and environment interests overall," Heyman concluded.

Since Heyman's statements, the BC government is creating more uncertainty around the project and even went so far as proposing a restriction on the increase in diluted bitumen shipments until proper spill response studies and measures have been

conducted.

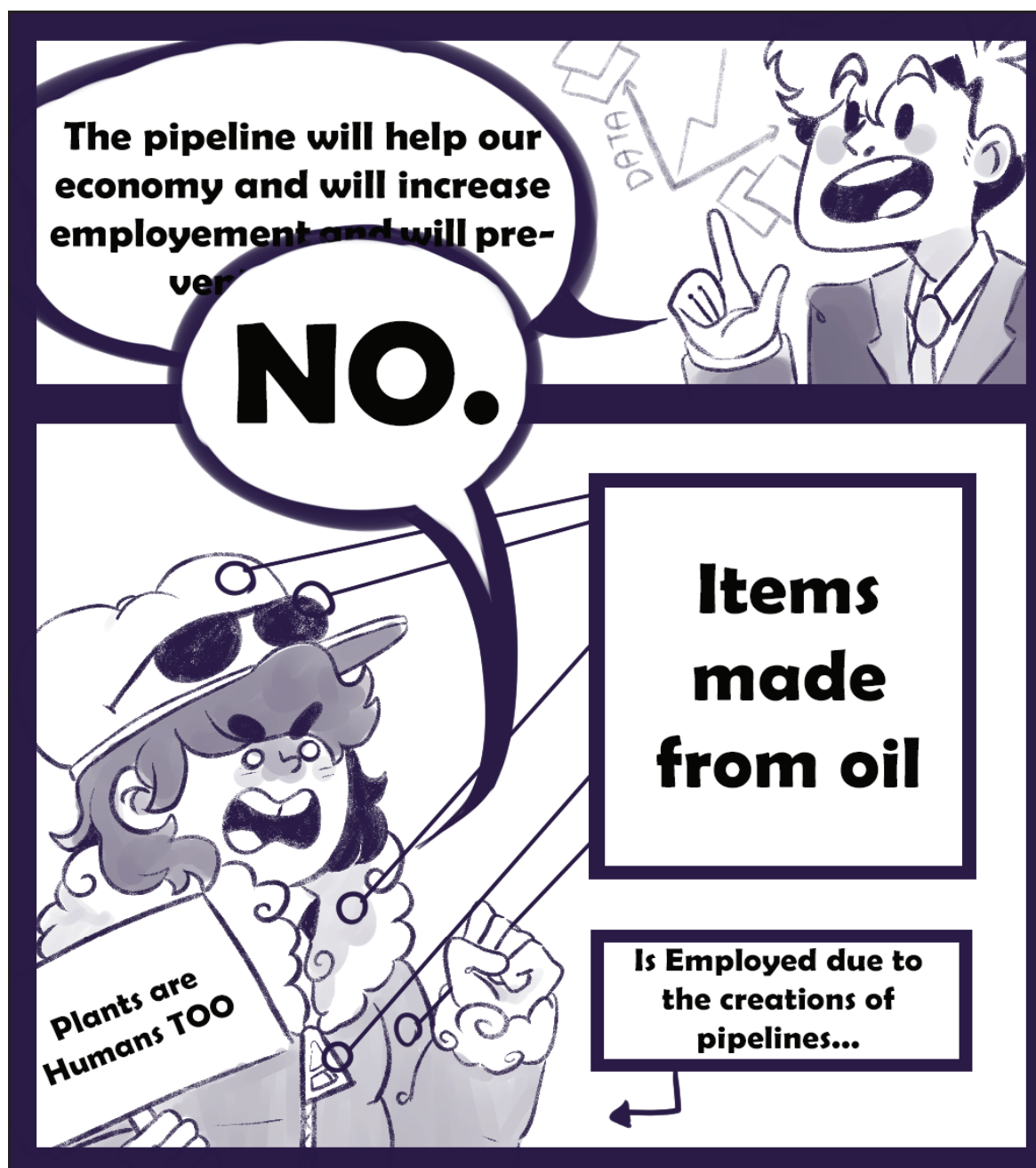
As much as everyone can go on and on about environmental concerns, some fail to see the possible benefit that the Trans Mountain pipeline and others much like it could give.

Peoples' means of transportation depends on fuel and the Kinder Morgan is one of the world's largest oil producers. By increasing the ability for export means increasing revenue for Canada and its companies connected with the oil sector.

The oil industry provides great benefits to Canada through taxes, jobs and investments in capital projects.

Twinning the Trans Mountain Pipeline is estimated to input \$7.4 billion into Canada's economy

“However, as much as everyone can go on and on about environmental concerns, some fail to see the possible benefit that the Trans Mountain pipeline and other much like it could give.”



through project spending.

Economically it would even help the country export oil to the West Coast for marine transport to markets around the world.

In fact, most of the products used in many Canadians everyday lives are actually produced

from oil. From ballpoint pens to even vitamin capsule, therefore it would make economic sense that the Trans Mountain pipeline would help boost our economy and our economic needs.

All in all the concern about bitumen transportation is a vital one

and postponing Trans Mountain pipeline expansion to ensure safety makes sense.

Yet, it is in the best interest for Canada once safety measures ensures, to then continue with the Trans Mountain pipeline for all the benefits it can give.

Stanley trial verdict invokes racist remarks towards all white jury

ALEX ZHANG
Edge columnist

Two years ago, Saskatchewan farmer Gerald Stanley fatally shot and killed Colten Boushie, a 22-year-old indigenous member of the Red Pheasant First Nations.

Stanley was put on trial for second degree murder, but declared not guilty on February 9.

This decision sparked many protests on the treatment of indigenous people and concerns about the judicial system.

On August 9, 2016, police were called by Stanley to his farm, where they found Boushie dead beside a disabled Ford Escape. Stanley and his family were taken into custody, while his wife and son were released shortly after.

Stanley was granted a bail under Court of Queen's Bench justice on

August 19, 2016.

He recieved \$10,000 and was required to stay 6.4km within his home, having no contact to Boushie's family or witnesses according to CBC.

Police were told that five people, including Boushie, drove onto Stanley's property, apparently looking for help because of a flat tire.

Stanley was intoxicated at the time of the shooting.

During the trial, it was found that one member of the five may have attempted to steal a vehicle from Stanley's farm.

Boushie was shot in the back of the head according to investigators at

the crime scene, but may have been in possession of a .22 calibre rifle at the time.

Stanley said that his gun "just went off," and he did not mean to do any harm to Boushie.

The not guilty verdict that oc-

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—Alex Zhang
Edge columnist

One of the major problems for protestors is the all-white jury of seven women and five men.

The complaint stated that the jury did not fairly represent the indigenous, or any other race, and could have resulted in a biased decision.

This argument is flawed, alluding to decisions being racially influenced. If juries were not selected randomly, verdicts would be looking out for racial bias instead of actual evidence.

The complaint assumed that all the jurors were racists.

Stanley has been acquitted, meaning that he cannot be tried in court for the same crime anymore, which

was an outrage to many people, whom still firmly hold Stanley guilty for murder.

Indigenous people have been mistreated for centuries, suffering from poverty, racism, suicide and much more.

Only recently has the government apologized and put more effort into helping the first nations.

Although this is a very tragic event the jury had no evidence against Stanley for killing Boushie to pass a proper conviction. As guilty as some may find him, the law states that he is innocent until proven guilty without a reasonable doubt.

This law is fair, with juries being random this event just happened in the wrong place, at the wrong time. Having to deal with the judicial system means theres a chance that a jury can have members consisting of the same race.

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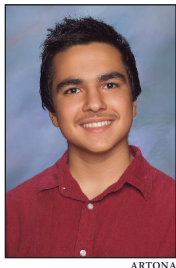
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TALONSTalk

In light of the *O'Canada* change from "In all thy sons command" to "in all of us command", *The Edge* asked: "How do you feel about the new anthem change?"

“ It is good because it is easier to change the anthem now for the better of the future.”

— grade 10



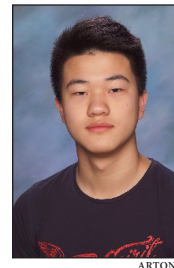
“ The way I see it nowadays, its probably a good move to change it, because of the different opinions and ideals that have been forming”

— grade 12



“ I don't know how I feel about this, because I feel in Canada, these kinds of ideas of equality is going towards a strange way.”

— grade 11



“ I think the anthem change is a reflection of our morally changing society, specifically how our value has changed over time.”

— grade 10



“ I don't think the O'Canada lyrics needed to be changed, but now it has, I'm not protesting for it to be changed back.”

— grade 9



“ I think its fair, its 2018, its time to change that-to make that gender-equal.”

—Mark Liao
science teacher

Small Canadian national anthem change means big inclusion for people

ZOE HOUSTON
Edge columnist

The bill to change the Canadian national anthem from “true patriot love in all thy sons command,” to “true patriot love in all of us command,” to be more inclusive was passed by the Senate on January 31, 2018.

The fact that this has not been done before, shows how Canada is not flawless. The debate over the national anthem is the perfect example to show how Canadians still have many steps toward being more thoughtful with what they say.

There was a substantial amount of Canadians who disagreed with the change. Part of **Bob Saroya's**, an MP from Markham, Ontario, tweet stated, “Some things just shouldn't change.”

Despite what some may say, the change is highly needed. The phrase “sons” in the national anthem is meant to express “children” but does not include women as well as just saying “children.” Changing it to “all of us” not only includes women more directly, it also allows the flexibility of other people being included.

Before, the national anthem displayed that only those who were born in Canada had patriotic love for the country. However,

there are many people who may not be citizens or born in this country but are still very much a part of it.

Some refugees who come from places like Syria, see Canada as their saving grace. They have as much of a right to express their gratitude as any Canadian citizen.

The line “in all of thy sons command,” gives an elite feeling; as if only those who are from Canada can have love for Canada.

Changing it to “in all of us command,” allows the flexibility of others having the same admiration as Canadian citizens for Canada.

The lyrics incorporate others later in the song by singing “from far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,” so we should continue with that mindset and include everyone and recognize the various people who follow Canada.

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms is a huge symbol for Canadian values.

Canadians have disclosed their determination for equality and freedom within it. As a whole, Canadians have also made it a solid and irreversible part of their nation to show their commitment to their values.

The national anthem is also a symbol of some of the things Canadians believe in. It is explained through the lyrics that they stand together as they watch the nation grow and protect the land they live off of.

the national anthem be any different?

People have revised text books and learning tools for students so that the information is more modern and aligns more with the discoveries they have made over time. With the evolution of language also comes the evolution of knowledge.

When people gain more insight into topics such as racism, they start to have more empathy and have a more educated opinion. Sometimes their opinions change with new information and sometimes they become more set in stone.

As more Canadians started to see the impact of racism and started to have more empathy, they as a community started to accept more people; women, people of different races or ethnicities and people of different sexual orientation.

If people show that they are willing to go along with this, they are showing that they are willing to make sacrifices for others and sets the example of what a true Canadian looks like.

The change from “thy sons” to “all of us” is so small that it is very possible for Canadians to get adjusted to it. However, it is a big step towards a more wholesome and connected community.

“ The line “in all thy sons command,” gives an elite feeling; like only those who are from Canada can have love for Canada.”

—Zoe Houston
Edge columnist



Those who do not agree with the change in these crucial lyrics are showing that they do not follow the values of a Canadian and wish to exclude some of their fellow citizens.

As time goes on, the English language evolves. People have revised many works to better fit a modern language, so why should

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Re: Trudeau apologizes for discrimination against LGBTQ+ community

I'm really glad to see this article bringing LGBTQ+ problems to more and more people. Trudeau's apology for his persecution and discrimination marks a turning point in LGBTQ+ history in Canada, which indicates that all the efforts people have made are not worthless.

I hope the Canadian government will take LGBTQ+ people seriously so that they can have freedom and rights to choose who they truly want to spend the rest of their life with.

—Esther Li

Re: Trudeau apologizes for discrimination against LGBTQ+ community

As nice as an apology is, and it really is, I think that it is a very small step on a long road.

To me, a good next step would be to begin including Canadian LGBTQ+ history in our social studies curriculum.

Many people have never heard about the

events that are mentioned in the article. LGBTQ+ kids may feel disheartened and outcasted when they look into their textbook and see little history they can relate to as an LGBTQ+ person; of what those before them have accomplished and what they fought for.

Canada feels great shame for how it has treated the LGBTQ+ community but erasing a very important narrative is a disservice to everyone.

The stories of the LGBTQ+ people are rich, interesting and empowering to all Canadians.

—Sophie Webb

Re: Sleep out event seeks to inspire student's insight

In regards to the sleep out event at Gleneagle, I believe more people need to participate to gain a widened perspective. People today don't understand the amount of youth living on the streets.

After participating in the sleep out and being educated on how many youth need

support, I realized how big the issue really is. By raising money and supporting Covenant House, we support youth with no options and no home.

The experience was beyond eye opening and everyone needs to realize homelessness is happening in our city and we have to help.

—Bliss Parry

Re: January exam schedule shifts from double to single blocks

I understand how difficult it would be to create double blocks when everyone's individual schedules are different, however, no longer having double blocks creates a lot of stress.

Personally, I liked having long blocks to complete exams as it eliminated pressure to finish quickly.

With this new exam schedule in place, I worry that I will have little time to complete exams in that one block or complete them over several days.

—Madison Suchodolski



Correction: Re: Lone wrestlers grab gold, silver at meet

It has been brought to the editors attention that in the last edition, a quotation was inaccurately attributed to wrestling team member Aileen Zhang, grade 11.

The quote, “This year, it was hard to make the trainings to Pinetree at the beginning, but the relief was that the wrestling team still operated despite the lack of membership,” was actually from fellow wrestling team member, Kitty Yang, grade 11.

The Edge apologizes for the attribution error.

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*Celebrating 20
 years of Talons*



Talons athletes reaching new heights

Gleneagle has had a strong sports presence since its early days. From awards to championships to students' personal success, Gleneagle has been a leader in sport's legacies.

GLENEAGLE ARCHIVE

REACHING FOR VICTORY: Gleneagle's boys rugby team played hard in a district competition during the 2002-2003 school year.

MELODY LEE & TIANA ZHAO
 Staff reporters

Gleneagle has a proud athletic history. Through 20 years, Talons have shown courage under fire and grace under pressure to achieve many great accomplishments.

"Over the last 20 years, our school has been open," mentioned **Mark Tustin**, physical education teacher. "We've had a rich variety of sports, and that continues. We have multiple sports that are offered."

"The great thing about that is that it provides kids with an opportunity to be involved in high school sports," added Tustin. "So many different sports kids coming from middle school can be involved."

"The accomplishments are very rewarding because of all of the hard work and dedication that my team and I put into the sport," said **Nicole Huang**, grade 12. "As we've made these accomplishments, we've grown as a team and supported each other very well."

Gleneagle won the BC Outstanding Sports School in 2004-2005, which is an award to recognize a school with special commitments to improve the lives of its students and staff through athletics, intramurals, leadership, and public service. The school must also have contributed significantly to the welfare of school athletics in its local community and within the province by BC School Sports.

"I think our sports accomplishments are something we can all be proud of and they are a testament to how well-rounded we are," commented **Aileen Zhang**, grade 11.

"All of our sports at one time, did extremely well," commented **Patty Anderson**, physical education teacher.

It all started in 1997 with the volleyball team and cross country team. The grade 9 volleyball girls' team placed first out of six teams in a tournament against Riverside and placed third in both the Como Lake and Gleneagle tournaments.

The junior boys cross country team placed fourth out of 84 teams and the senior boys placed fourth as well.

Gleneagle field hockey has won the district championship 16 times throughout the school's years of existence. The most recent was on October 19, 2017, when they edged out Dr. Charles Best at double overtime in a game that took two days to play after heavy

WeAreTheChampions by Claire Moon & Tiana Zhao Staff reporters

In Gleneagle's 20 year history, there have been many successful athletic teams on all levels. While some teams have had strong success, there have been others that have created years of repeat championships at the district, regional, and provincial levels. And when it comes to the championships, the bigger the banner actually does mean the better the team over the years.

GIRLS' RUGBY

Junior Provincials: 2003
 Fraser Valleys: 1998, 2003, 2004
 District Championships: 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004

Senior Provincials: 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005
 Fraser Valleys: 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2012,
 District Championships: 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

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GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Junior Fraser Valleys: 1999, 2002
 District Championships: 1999

Senior Fraser Valleys: 2015
 District Championships: 1999, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

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CROSS COUNTRY

Fraser Valleys: 2002
 District Championships: 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016

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GOLF

Provincials: 2011, 2015, 2016
 Fraser Valleys: 2010, 2011, 2015
 District Championships: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

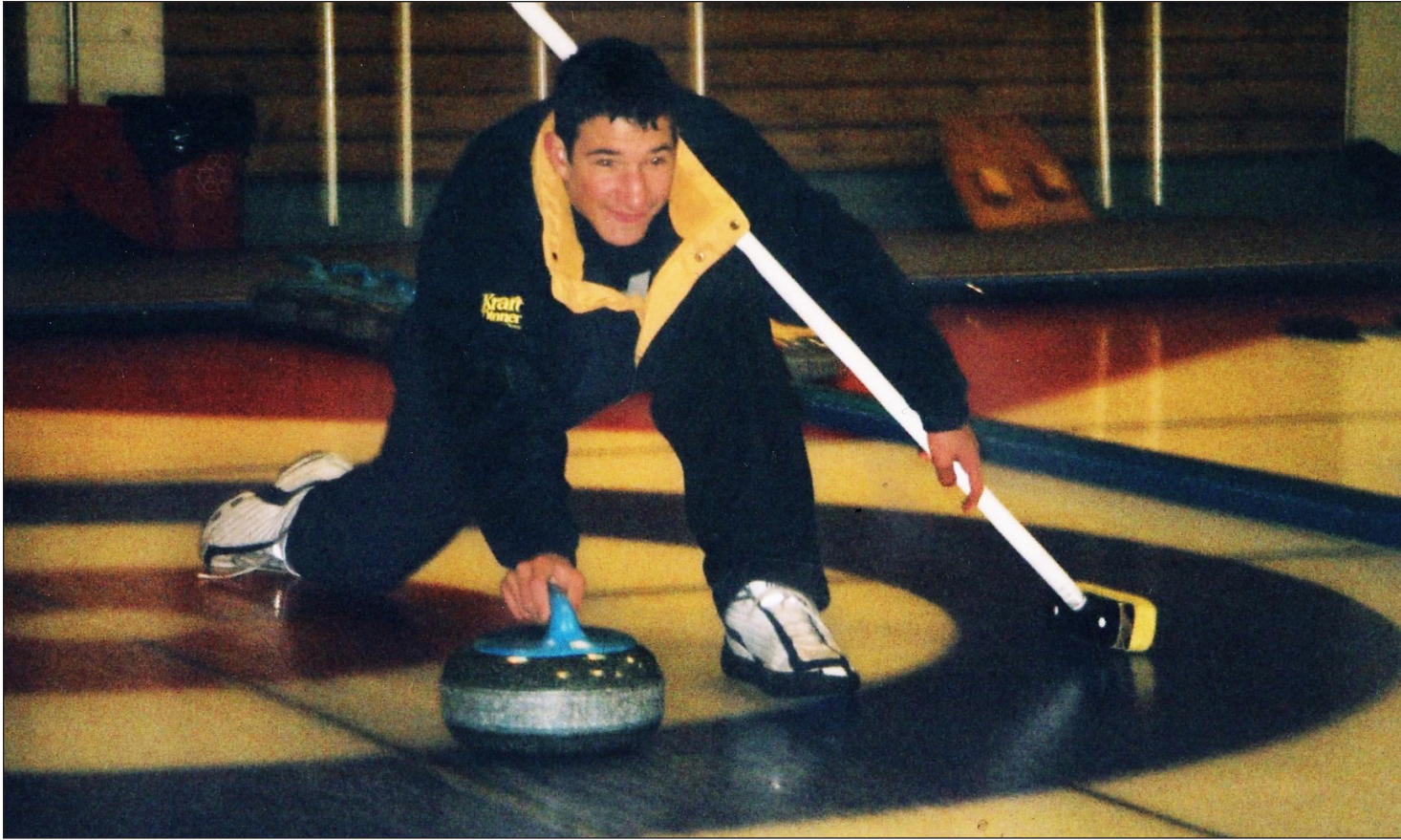
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NETBALL

Junior District Championships: 2009, 2016, 2017

Senior Provincials: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
 District Championships: 2007, 2009, 2015, 2017

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GLENEAGLE ARCHIVE

CURLING FOR GLORY : Curling was a sport offered at Gleneagle for several years before was eventually phased out a few years ago.

rain on the day before caused it to be suspended at the end of the first half.

“The kids get an idea of how important field hockey is here,” commented Anderson. “It’s bigger than playing for a single person, they’re playing for a team. It’s their job to make sure everyone is feeling at the top all the time.”

Over the years, Gleneagle’s golf roster has boasted some of the area’s top junior golfers, for example, **Jessica Potter**, who went on to win a Canadian Women’s Amateur title.

Brian Unger, socials teacher, has been the coach of Gleneagle’s golf team for the past twelve years.

“It [coaching] has been great,” remarked Unger. “It’s exciting and humbling to watch these kids play who are so youthful and play with such poise and confidence, you really see how they haven’t yet become afraid to play well.”

“When I see how good these kids are I know how ordinary I am,” added Unger. “It is both exciting and humbling to watch

them play. And they are really nice kids as well, so it is a real privilege to work with them.”

Gleneagle’s golf team was unable to field a full lineup of players in spring 2017, and Unger believed “[they] would have a shot of doing the unprecedented by winning three [B.C. High School AAA titles] in a row.”

Gleneagle’s award-winning netball team has faced some obstacles over the years.

The program evaporated after the school’s last provincial banner was raised in 2009, but was reborn in 2015 thanks to the suggestion of **Alexia Rondini**, Gleneagle graduate.

The fact that netball is both similar and different to basketball makes it challenging for newcomers to adapt.

“We had to introduce it kind of quick and there was a lot of strange looks [at] the first practice,” said Anderson.

Teachers hope that more students will participate in the various athletic programs in the future.

“I just want to stress how important it is to do extracurricular activities such as

athletics,” said **Simon Quinto**, physical education teacher.

“It builds you to become a better student athletic,” added Quinto. “Don’t just play one sport, but be a multiple sport athlete. Being multi-talented is very important.”

“All of these programs are designed to help kids,” added Tustin. “What I hope for the future is that more kids at the school will get involved in our athletic programs.”

“If every student has an opportunity to play at least a minimum of one sport,” mentioned Tustin. “They’ll feel like they’ve had enrichment in athletics, which ultimately will help them later in life, with regards to applications to university as they are looking for diverse experience of students, and also for them to develop friendships and have that experience of competing.”

“There’s been a growing number of students who prefer to work with technology,” concluded Tustin. “Opposed to putting those aside for a time and get involved in sports and exercise, which is ultimately best for their fitness level.”



GLENEAGLE ARCHIVE

CHEER UP, TALONS! : Gleneagle cheerleaders strike a stunt. The cheerleading program lasted until 2002.



GLENEAGLE ARCHIVE

GLIDING THROUGH: Gleneagle skier speeds down the slopes. The ski racing teams won Fraser Valley titles in 2003 and 2004.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Junior Provincials: 2004
Fraser Valleys: 2004
District Championships: 1998, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Senior Fraser Valleys: 2007
District Championships: 2007

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BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Junior District Championships: 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Senior District Championships: 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006

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WRESTLING

Provincials: 2017
Fraser Valleys: 2017, 2018
District Championships: 2003, 2016, 2017, 2018

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OTHER TITLES

Boys' Bball	Fraser Valleys: 2012 District Championships: 2012, 2014
Girls' Bball	Fraser Valleys: 2001 District Championships: 1997, 1998
Badminton	District Championships: 1998, 2003
Boys' Vball	District Championships: 1998
Ski racing	Fraser Valleys: 2003, 2004
Snowboard	Fraser Valleys: 2003
Boys' Lacrosse	Provincials: 2004, 2005
Gymnastics	District Championships: 2010, 2011, 2013

BOYS' RUGBY

Junior District Championships: 2012, 2015, 2016

Senior District Championships: 2002, 2005, 2006, 2014, 2015, 2017

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SWIMMING

Junior District Championships: 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Senior Fraser Valleys: 2002
District Championships: 2011, 2016

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GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Junior District Championships: 2003, 2004, 2005

Senior District Championships: 2005, 2007

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Jr. girls' bball makes districts

JACKSON ADRIAN
Staff reporter

After a tough season, Gleneagle's junior girls basketball team pulled ahead to the district finals.

The team tied for fifth in the district finals, out of the twelve schools. This result is an improvement from last year, which is quite a good motivator for the team.

Although they worked hard this season, the team recognizes that they can improve for next year.

"We discovered our team's flow near the end, as well as knowing where we would be," said **Megan Kennedy-Spence**, a player on the team. "Generally, our communication got better."

According to Kennedy-Spence, the team's main issues throughout the tournament were rebounding, passing, and layups, which can be improved with practice.

Despite their troubles earlier in the season, the team's communication and teamwork have improved quite a lot over the course of the tournament.

Kennedy-Spence mentioned that the team has gained a good grasp of its member's strengths and weaknesses, and their work as a team has proved far better than their work at the start.

The team has improved quite a lot since their first game in December (a 21-30 loss), and with the help of their coach, **Patty Anderson**, they are likely to keep improving next year.

Girls' rugby starts practices

ALEX ZHANG
Staff reporter

Pre-season practices have started for the girls rugby team.

Both the junior and senior teams will be having their first game on March 1 on the Gleneagle field at 3:30p.m, facing off against WD Poppy Secondary.

The team has received an addition of many new junior players this year.

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"Everyone here is motivated, and they come because they want to be here," said **Sammie Lam**, grade 12.

Simon Quinto, coach of the team has high hopes for the season to be enjoyable. He finds there to be a good mix of juniors and seniors and sees the team growing rapidly.

"Leaders create more leaders," quoted Quinto, from the book Legacy. Positivity and support have become common traits in the players.

"Everyone's passionate," said **Hannah Wood**, grade 12. "They come out because they really love the sport, they come to improve. I'm especially proud of the fact that

Glen's one of the only schools in the district with a high level girls rugby team and I'm really honoured to be a part of it all."

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Hannah Wood
grade 12



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GLENEAGLE WRESTLERS CHALLENGE PROVINCIALS: A grade 11 girl gets physical with Charles Best wrestler in a heat-ed match during the Fraser Valley tournament at Pinetree Secondary, placing second in her weight class

Athletes wrestle way to provincial tournament

KENDRA SEGUIN
Staff reporter

On February, two Gleneagle athletes participated in the Fraser Valley wrestling tournament at Pinetree. **Kitty Yang** and **Aileen Zhang**, both grade 11, placed second in their respected weight classes, qualifying both girls for the provincials.

Going into the regional competition, there was a mix of nerves and excitement from both athletes.

"This is my first time [wrestling], and I've never engaged in matches Fraser Valley-wide," said Yang. "I'm nervous as there are many unexpected things that might happen. But I'm excited to challenge stronger opponents and have fun."

"I'm nervous about not doing as well as my coach, teammate, and I hope that I will do," said Zhang. "On the other hand, I'm looking forward to seeing some of my friends from other schools who are also wrestlers. Even though wrestling is a really aggressive sport, I've met some of the nicest people through the sport," added Zhang.

Although ultimately successful, the team had their struggles leading up to the regional tournament, due to low participation numbers.

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Kitty Yang
grade 11

"Our team started out very small," said **Collin Chung**, wrestling coach. "We only have two girls on the team, which is a first."

"I think it's really interesting, especially compared to the old larger team's dynamic," said Zhang, who has wrestled at Gleneagle for three years. "I think it's actually nice to only have two people on the team because I've gotten a lot closer to [Yang] than I would have with my older teammates on previous, larger teams."

Holding Gleneagle wrestling practices for only two students seemed unreasonable, so the athletes have been training with Pinetree's wrestling team, along with attending district practices.

"Since there are only two girls in the team, even at Pinetree [there are low numbers]," added Yang. "It's hard for us to practice with boys because they're stronger and sometimes they don't want to practice with us."

Chung has noticed a large development in the wrestling team's confidence since the season started in late October.

"This is [Zhang's] third year and it's been interesting to see her development because she's been here since grade 9," added Chung. "This year she's made a priority to really train

seriously. I also think part of it is really her physical development. She's a smart girl and contrary to popular belief, you do need

brains to [wrestle] because there's a lot of thinking involved. [Zhang] always had that, but it's her physical growth that needed to catch up. We're starting to see that this year, as well as more commitment."

"[Yang came] in relatively untrained in high school sports and with no experience in contact sports like wrestling," continued Chung. "She actually asked if she could not compete this year. I said, 'Hey

[Yang], the reason why we practice hard is for the purpose of competing. Once you take that out of the equation, it's a big drop in the motivation to train.' After the first couple of tournaments, she said she got it and said she was interested in competing."

The overall team standing for Gleneagle at the Fraser Valley's was fifth place out of nine schools. While both athletes have qualified for the provincial tournament, which will be held in Port Alberni, each is still deciding whether or not they would like to compete.

"Overall, I'm both impressed and proud of how much we've improved over the season and our results," concluded Zhang. "And I'm already looking forward to the next season."

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Aileen Zhang
grade 11

Boys' rugby team prepares to start off season

GREGORY CHOI
Staff reporter

Senior boys' rugby starts off their first month practicing for the season starting on March 5.

"Practice schedules have changed, practice now starts after block 4 so we get more time to practice but is now a lot harder for senior players to participate due to the new schedule change," said **Aiden Min**, grade 11.

With a new longer practice schedule implemented the teams hopes to get into the provincials in late May.

"In order to get to get to provincials we especially need to better our fitness, game

sense, and be able to get in more practice with the entire team participating," added Min.

Last year the team was unable to achieve getting into provincials, only one win away before losing against South Delta in the last seconds of the game.

"I am hoping that we'll go all the way to the provincials and have an awesome time doing it," said **Oliver Collett**, grade 12. "It just means we'll have to train extra hard and be extremely dedicated in order to make this happen."

The team has drastically changed this season with having fewer number of players than before and with many of the skilled 12's leaving last year, but the team has many former

strong junior players joining the team.

"This team has changed a lot with many extremely talented players leaving but I believe it's also stronger as many of the people on the team this year have played together on the junior level," added Collett.

Currently, the team is practicing three times a week under the leadership of coach and socials teacher, **Chris Turpin** and are preparing for their first game occurring in the next two weeks against Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary at Swanguard Stadium.

"[Tweedsmuir] managed to sneak through last season without playing us and I think it'll be a good test and wake-up call for everyone," stated Collett.

Talontines, pal-entines sale successful event for student council fundraiser

Slam Jam helps Eastside shelter



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LOVE IN THE AIR: Two grade 12 delivered gifts and played music for Valentines during school time.

TIANA ZHAO
Staff reporter

On February 14, student council delivered roses and chocolates to students during block 3 as a part of the annual Talontines celebration. Apart from the traditional rose and chocolate sale, student council also organized a couples wall for this year's Talontines. Students took pictures with their Valentines and friends; the pictures were then put up on a wall for display.

"As a member of student council, I feel this

years' Valentine events are better prepared and more creative," said **Leo Cui**, grade 12. "Not only can Valentines be involved in this events, but also pal-entines."

"I really like the couple wall set-up this year," commented **Sophie Zhou**, grade 12. "I believe a lot of couples would love to take a picture to record the moment, and it just makes me feel like there's love in the air!"

"There was only red roses in previous talontines," mentioned **Han Cho**, grade 11. "But this year, we started selling yellow roses for friends. I love that we can make fun

and valuable memories with both couples and friends."

This year, student council sold over 300 roses and chocolates. Chocolates were \$2, roses were \$4, and buying both was \$5. Thanks to both the executives and the members' hard work, the sale "is enormously boosted compared with last years," added Cui. The funds raised will be used towards future student council events.

"I think the Talontines sale was very successful this year," said external executive **Nicole Huang**, grade 12. "We had much greater sales than we thought we would get. I think student council worked very well as a team to get everything organized and everyone helped market to the student body."

"All the student council executives and members worked really hard for the past month to try to make this event successful," added Zhou. "They communicated really well this year to come up with all these creative ideas and execute them so well."

This year, roses and chocolates were delivered by student council volunteers and singers.

"I really like the fact that we had students singing while the roses and chocolates were delivered," commented **Helena Qin**, grade 12. "It made me feel very Valentine-like. Also, it didn't really disturb other classes when student council was delivering to one class."

"I think Valentine's Day isn't only a day for you to express love to your boyfriend or girlfriend," said Qin. "It is also a day to tell your friends that you love them. In fact, every day should be treated like Valentine's Day," concluded Qin.

AMANDA DING
Staff reporter

The MPR will be filled with music and poetry on March 9 with Gleneagles' fourth annual Slam Jam. Performances will be put on by students and alumni, **Kimi Liang**, grade 9, **Angelica Pohveherskie**, alumni, **Rachel Jiang**, grade 12, **Frank Lee**, **Melissa Bouwmeester**, grade 10, **Tori Kazemir**, grade 10 and many more. Slam Jam is an event that showcases talented musicians and poets for students, families and friends to enjoy.

As well as being able to show support of student talent, the event will also be an opportunity to donate to the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, a safe place for women, children and seniors. The shelter provides self help programs to learn skills on life improvement. There will also be a representative from the charity to present a short speech about their programs.

This event is being put on by TALONS students, **Grace Kim**, **Edward Marakhov**, **Valerie Zhang**, all grade 9, and **Lucas Hung**, **Jiwon Hwang**, and **Aislyn Adams**, all grade 10.

Hung talked about how this year, they made sure to chose a cause that felt important to them. "Last year, the coordination team felt disconnected from our cause, as there wasn't a particular person on the team who was very outspoken and passionate about the cause," said Hung. "This year, we really wanted to choose one that we equally cared about."

"We brainstormed a list of around 10 charities and researched some statistics to see which charity used donations the most efficiently towards their programs. We found that the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre had an efficiency rate of around 90 percent," added Hung.

"As a part of the Slam Jam 2018 Committee, I think that the Slam Jam event is a great way to support your community," said Kim. "Even if you're just coming to listen to music and slam poetry, you're supporting real people who are people you might even meet one day."

Bouwmeester looks forward to performing with Kazemir for this year's Slam Jam. "I'm really excited to perform at Slam Jam. This will be my second year performing with one of my friends, Tori Kazemir. I think that the cause the proceeds are going to is really great, and it's definitely a cause that is important to provide some support for. I'm super glad I get the opportunity to perform at the Slam Jam, and am thankful for all the organizers' hard work," said Bouwmeester. Some students look forward to the Slam Jam as well. "Listening to all the students and alumni expressing their talent will be something everyone is looking forward to," said **Annie Yin**, grade 9. **Hansol Jin**, grade 10 also thinks the same. "The Slam Jam alone is a great event. I love how different talented people will be performing."

Doors will be opened at 6:30pm, with the show starting at 7pm and ending at 9pm.

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Lucas Hung
grade 10

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Stanley Shu
grade 12

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Shawdee Shahsavar
grade 12

Blood drive tradition continues in Gleneagle

JOE ZHOU
Staff reporter

The annual blood drive on February 15 was a huge success with over 32 members of the Gleneagle community donating more than 6000ml of blood. The blood drive is an event designated for grade 12 students who want to contribute blood for medical use. Cooperating with the Canadian Blood Service, Gleneagle donors were driven to the clinic.

"It is always a popular event," said **Shawdee Shahsavar**, grade 12, one of the organizers of this event. "The signup sheets were always filled up, and everyone in Gleneagle is trying to help and contribute."

There is a long history of the blood drive in Gleneagle. It first started as a lab for biology

12 when the Canadian Blood Service sent experts to help students understand blood. They also promoted blood donation in class.

"Once, there was even a speaker coming to our school for this purpose," said **Peri Morenz**, biology teacher.

One of the leadership classes ran by **Adam Hayes** decided to take over. The event went extremely well compared to the first blood drive, because it's no longer limited to the biology 12 students. When ConX took it over 4 years ago, the number of people willing to donate rapidly increased in succession.

Marketing class candy sale today at MPR kiosk

CHANG CHE
Staff reporter

Promoted by the marketing 11 class, a candy sale will be taking place today at lunch in the kiosk.

Students in the marketing 11 class have been learning about keeping the customer in mind when creating a marketing mix for a product.

"It is a great opportunity for the students to change perspectives from being customers, to being business owners and apply what they've learned so far to make this first project successful," said **Maria Grega**,

marketing teacher.

"I love candies, but whenever I went to the candy shop, I was not able to get what I wanted. This is the time that we can actually customize our own candy bags for sale," said **Ian Hwang**, grade 11 marketing student.

"It is like an introductory project for the class. To complete the sale, students need to work together as a team and eventually solve problems they encounter," added Grega.

"After working on this project as a class, the students will apply their learning experiences to their independent business

"I wish my blood could help other people in emergency situations," said **Stanley Shu**, grade 12, a donor of this blood drive. "Doctors can use my blood for blood [transfusion] or other things that would help them."

"They are [donating blood] because they really do want to help others," add Shahsavar. "Since they really receive no physical benefits, it is just nice knowing people want to help others."

The blood drive has been a tradition in Gleneagle for many years. It will only become more and more successful in the future.

ventures that will take place later this semester."

"Marketing is a great course for me," said **Angela Pan**, grade 11 marketing student. "In the first few weeks, we went through the fundamentals of marketing."

"This is the time when we actually work together to try to put on a sale. It is really exciting for me," added Angela.

The sale is happening today, at the kiosk. Each bag of candy will cost only one dollar. After this project, there will be a business venture taking place in the school where the marketing students will plan their own small business simulation.



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CLOWNING FOR THE CROWD: Gleneagle improv club members were reveling themselves in the third annual Youth Improve Festival, as they showed off themselves in no script drama.

Improv festival delights with unscripted content for all

DIANE HUANG
Staff Reporter

Gleneagle's Improv club participated in the third annual Youth Improve Festival on February 10. The coproduced festival by Gleneagle and Second Storey Theatre, hosted improv teams from Dr. Charles Best, Riverside, Pinetree and Meadowridge School in Maple Ridge.

The collaboration between Gleneagle and Second Storey Theatre was started by **Amy Clausen** and **Graham Meyers** in 2016.

The festival was a whole-day event which included two workshops and one showcase. During the day, students attended a workshop taught by Meyers from Second Storey Theatre and another by his colleague Sam Mitchell.

In the evening, students showcased their

newfound skills by playing improv games in front of a live audience. For the games, suggestions were taken from audience members for location, objects and types of relationships.

Improv is a genre of theatre where there is no script. Anything can happen and that adds to the charm of improv.

"The major rule of improv is saying 'yes, and'. That means taking what your scene partner offers you on stage and adding onto it, no matter what it is," explained **Zelda Coertze**, drama teacher and improv club sponsor.

The showcase displayed the talents of Gleneagle's improv club members which included: **Cassandra Williams**, grade 12, **Alicia Ellis**, grade 11, **Ki-Seon Peck** and **Brandon Lam**, both grade 10, **Kayla Price** and **Beno Huang**, both grade 9. For many

members the anticipation was worse than actually performing.

"At the beginning it was nerve-wracking, but it gets better on stage," Huang said on his first at the festival.

"I was a shy-wreck then I wasn't a shy wreck," said Price.

"I love being able to create a scene without a script," said Peck. "It sounds scary for sure, not knowing the outcome of a scene. But that is what I find so exciting about improv."

"The greater the risk, the more fun the scene," added Williams.

"The workshops went really well. The students had a great time, learned new skills and made new connections with like-minded students from other schools," commented Coertze.

"For me, I wanted to be a better actor, but I find that in the improv community, in Coquitlam, in the Tri-Cities and all of Vancouver," added Williams.

"Everyone who does improv work well with each other, it started with me wanting to be a better actor, but it ended with me part of a community that I love," added Williams.

Improv club meets

Wednesday at lunch in the drama room. Meetings are led by Williams and Peck and is completely for fun.

"Overall, it's a great time, a great club and a great place to be," added Price.

Murder set for fundraiser

CLAIRE MOON
Staff reporter

Musical theatre students and various staff members are preparing to showcase their talent in the annual murder mystery on March 2. The event is partially focused and inspired by the drama department's upcoming musical, *Sister Act*.

The murder mystery is the annual musical theatre fundraiser presented as a play. During the performance, a character played by Gleneagle teacher is killed, and the audience must figure out who the murderer is and why they killed the character.

"The murder mystery is essentially a chance for the parents to see the teachers they hear about all the time being silly and taking the spotlight up on stage," said **Zelda Coertze**, drama teacher and event coordinator.

"I'm really excited but a little nervous to perform, as I've never done any acting," remarked **Brittany Galliford**, languages teacher. "It's always a good event, and I really do want to be able to support the theatre department."

This year, the event will begin with a one-act improvised musical, performed by the musical theatre improv group Off Key Improv. Additionally, during the intermission, a band of teacher musicians led by **Edward Trovato**, music teacher, will take the stage. As a prelude to *Sister Act*, the murder mystery will also feature three songs from the musical.

Between segments, the performers will interact with the audience and drop hints about who the murderer might be.

Tickets are available for \$25 to anyone who is 19 and older, as there will be alcohol served at the event.

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Brandon Lam
grade 10

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Ki-Seon Peck
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Alicia Ellis
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Beno Huang
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Kayla Price
grade 9

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C. Williams
grade 12

Annual Jazz gala set for Saturday show

ZOE HOUSTON
Staff reporter

This Saturday will see all members of the musical department performing in the 10th annual jazz gala.

Various professional musicians will be playing alongside the jazz students, the doors to the jazz gala will open at 6pm and the show will start at 6:30pm. Both jazz groups, vocal jazz and the jazz band, will be hosting a special evening filled with live music and food.

The jazz gala is held every year to raise money for the music department. The fund raised is spent on things like new gear, equipment upgrades and bringing in professionals to teach the students. This year, the music department is saving

money to bring music students, in 2019, from a school in Cuba.

This magical night includes an MPR makeover, "We totally redecorate the MPR so you don't even recognize it," said **Edward Trovato**, music teacher. "There are lots of candles, we suspend lights up in the balconies and we turn off all of the [regular] lights to create a really nice mood."

"We're trying to replicate the old ballrooms of New York," said Trovato. "We're rolling the clocks back to the golden years of jazz."

To add to the excitement, there is also a silent auction that raises a big portion of the money. "The silent auction is made up of donations from students and parents and from businesses around the tri-cities

area," said **Clare Urquhart**, grade 12, "there is over several thousand dollars worth of things to bid on," added Trovato.

Trovato listed some of the items included in the auction, "Everything from Canucks memorabilia...to all kinds of gift certificates and coupons to a variety of activities," said Trovato. "Including hotel accommodations, weekend golf packages, things of that nature."

The jazz gala is an opportunity for students to showcase their hard work, "We have students [from] the jazz program who worked really hard [to] perform," said **Dasha Kozlova**, grade 12. "This year, there are a lot of new members in the jazz program and it will be interesting to see how far they have come since the beginning of the year."