



## Austrians find a bit of home at Riverside

**Tori Dove- staff reporter**

The Austrian exchange students have come and gone leaving impressions on our Riverside students yet again. The Austrians were staying in Port Coquitlam for eleven days and started their trip in New York and San Francisco and ended their trip in our capitol, Victoria. They saw the famous Wax Museum and visited the award winning Butchart Gardens.

Changes have been made to the Austria trip in the way of Brian Kenny retiring last year. Kenny has been touring Riverside students all over Europe for eleven years and knows the marble in the museums better than the sky scrapers in down town Vancouver. Mario Luongo and Janice Schmidt have taken over the hosting job and are trying to fill Kenny's legacy. "I want to thank Mr. Kenny for all of his hard work and hopefully Ms. Schmidt and I can fill his shoes," says Mario Luongo, "The kids going to Europe are in for a treat culturally and educationally." The group is going to stay with their billets in Vienna and visit three



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Austrian exchange students Lukas Rintelen, Nina Schwarz, Melanie Macher and Florian Peschl

other countries including Czech Republic, Germany, and Slovakia.

The Austrian students were impressed by the Riverside Model done in the style of the famous

Austrian artist Hundertwasser. "I can't believe that half way around the world such a lovely project was done in the style of one of Austria's most famous artists,"

said Helmuth Jantschitch. Schmidt's art class together with Mr. Collette's wood working class designed the model as a tribute to Riverside's 10 year anniversary.

## Concert aids cancer research

**Natasha Bjarnason- staff reporter**

Leigh square was the venue for a unique concert on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. A large group of spectators came out to watch an assortment of metal and rock bands, many of which the members are former and current Riverside Secondary students. 13<sup>th</sup> Prophet's Fabian Popovici and Cory Nightingale were some of the performers. 13<sup>th</sup> Prophet won the Riverside talent show last year.

The concert was held in part to

help raise awareness about breast cancer among young adults and as a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society for breast cancer research. Money was raised through raffle ticket sales on various prizes such as a Viking medal axe, Pink Floyd The Wall patch, South Sound tee shirts, Amonamarth tickets, and a gift card for 10\$ for Long and Mcquade.

The concert was organized by former Riverside student Danielle Royle, who was the MC for the concert. "All the money from this concert is going to 'Breast Fest',

so rock on and buy those tickets," said Royle. Besides it being a good cause, what inspired Royle is her love for Metal Music. "Heavy metal is a completely underrated genre of music. It's so vast with the sub Genres throughout it," said Royle. Royle brought the 300 dollars raised the next day to the organizers in Maple Ridge for "Breast fest" who matched the donation by ten percent.

All in all, the concert was a success both for the bands and for the money raised, according to Royle.



Photo courtesy of Facebook

Former student Danielle Royle organized the event.

## Encounters introduces Democracy course

**Jordan Barone- staff reporter**

With an October 14<sup>th</sup> federal election coming up, how many young Canadians know how old democracy is in Canada? Well, two Riverside students know. Vanessa Wattamaniuk and Jeff Lai both went to Halifax to celebrate the first Parliamentary Democracy session that met for the first time on October 2, 1758. They were participants in the Democracy 250, organized by the Encounters Canada program, where youth from all over Canada come to discover their country and it's people, institutions, arts, culture, science technology, medicine, sports and fitness. "You go there and meet new people that speak both French and English, but you don't have to speak both to go. I think everyone should look into it and go," said Wattamaniuk. Wattamaniuk and Lai are not the only people going to Encounters. Nina Karimi and Lily Volyanyuk will be attending the medicine and health program at Encounters in October and February. Many young people chose the Encounters topics based on their interests or what they want to for a possible career later on. "The social skills you get there are great you get to use them every where you go and use them with friends and family," said Wattamaniuk. To learn more about Encounters Canada, go to their website at [www.ewc-rdc.ca](http://www.ewc-rdc.ca)

## School started early this year at Loon Lake camp

**Konrad Spurek- staff reporter**

Leadership students from grade 9 to 12 took part in a retreat at Loon Lake on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The students took part in many activities designed to build trust and cooperation within the group.

"We had a company come in and do adventure activities with us," Said Joni Blaxland, the leadership teacher, "We did a lot of rock climbing and repelling, so the group had to trust each other in order to



J. Blaxland/Staff

Elissa Exley, Vanessa Wattamaniuk and Aromie Lee in the Loon Lake gymnasium.

complete the climb."

The group also planned the grade 9 preview day that was coming up soon during their stay at Loon Lake.

"We went to Zajac Ranch last year, but the mosquito problem there was overwhelming, and I'm more familiar with Loon Lake so it was a logical choice to switch," said Blaxland.

The first day of the retreat the rain held off so the outdoor activities went off as planned, but the second day was different.

"The second day it just poured all day.

We did an Amazing Race style activity on that day, and everyone was completely soaked by the end of the day, but we made the best of it," Blaxland stated.

All in all the annual Leadership retreat was a success. The rain may have put a damper on the second day's activities, but the overall goal of creating trust and cooperation amongst the group was achieved.

I'm sure Ms. Blaxland and the Leadership class look forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come.



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# Last chance for our dances

How often do high schools give students a second chance? When it comes to dances, Riverside students have been given plenty. The message, however, has been loud and clear that the October dance is Riverside's last chance. As a student body, it is important and a duty to act responsibly.

Dances have been a big social event in high schools for decades. Recently however, school dances all across British Columbia are being cancelled because administrators are tired of dealing with the fall out. In the tri-city district, three schools have completely stopped hosting dances. This is a shame because if you ask anyone they will tell you they don't remember their chemistry test or their English exam, they remember their school dances. Not only could we be losing our dances forever, but our school reputation is at stake. Do the students of Riverside want to be thought of as the existing stereotype: a bunch of bad teenagers!

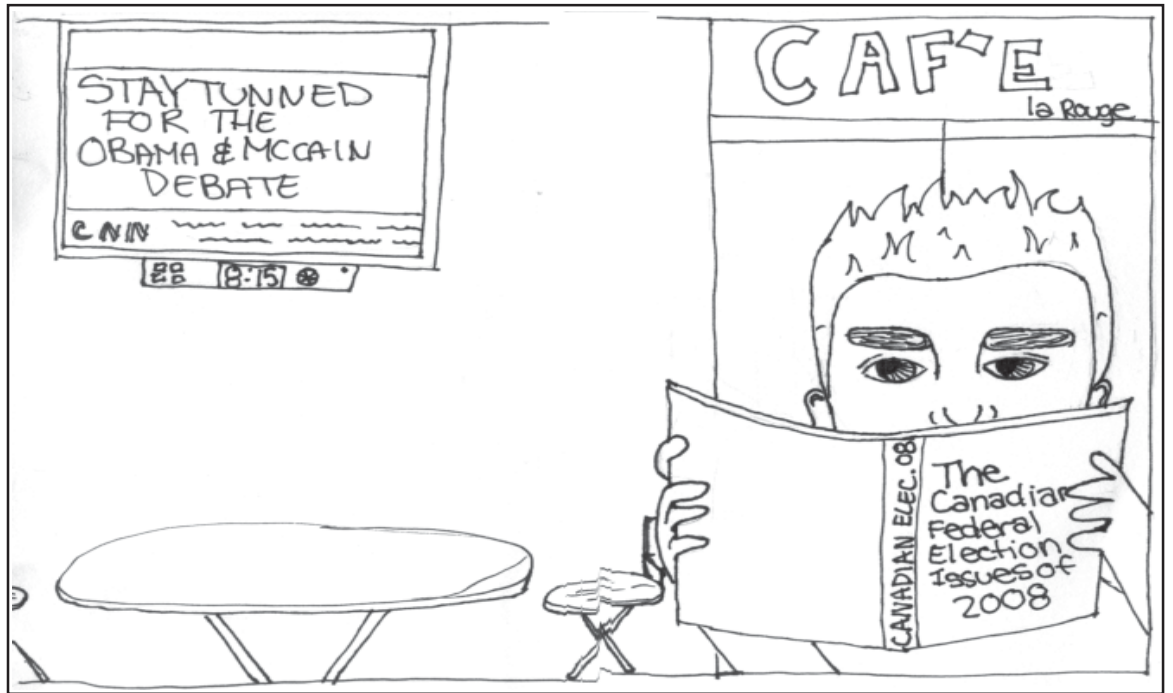
Some students wonder why the administration is being so considerate; what's the catch? Some say the school doesn't want to be thought of as the "bad guy" but perhaps genuinely the administration wants us to succeed with this next dance. "Hopefully they live and learn", said Laurie Ebenal. The school is being fair to the students considering how much we disappointed the administration at the last dances

Riverside Secondary school is known for having out of control school dances. From vandalism to drugs, the previous dances were complete disasters; they have been an embarrassment for all, not just for the few who ruin it for many. Some students have not understood that dances are a school scheduled event, not a nightclub. At one dance, hired security struggled with handling some of the students that were out of control. The biggest disappointment for the administration was the amount of students under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Unfortunately, that isn't the only frustration. Teachers and school councilors were surprised at the inappropriate dancing, which included 'grinding', and promiscuous clothing choices.

The administration hopes to see behavior improve at the dance. Instead of having another disaster, let's make the Halloween dance of 2008 the best ever. Coming to the dance high or in possession of alcohol is defiantly not cool. It's not fun or fair when bad behavior ruins it for everybody. Riverside students do not have to be under the influence to have fun.

Dances are a big part of high school and future students will not have the experience if we take for granted our fresh start. It's not difficult to save our dances, just dance and have fun. Second chances are uncommon, which makes Riverside students especially fortunate. Let's not take it for granted!

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## POINT POINT

### Have Candians forsaken their own politics?



What people watch, what people read and what people talk about focuses on the latest scandal; and what better talk than American politics with issues like Dick Cheney mistaking his friend for a quail and shooting him. It can be far more entertaining to focus on American politics, but at what price? Many students will soon be given the opportunity to vote, and they know more about Obama's plan of action than Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

There's nothing wrong with keeping up to date on world events, but a line needs to be

drawn. With so much focus on the American election, Canadians are neglecting the issues in their own election. When Canadians can't even name their own Prime Minister, it shows a complete lack of concern. Canadian's can relate in a heart beat about what President Bush is doing wrong, but know nothing of how the liberal's plan compares to the Green Party's. Before people relate their thoughts on the American election, they need to find out where they stand in the Canadian elections first.

Canadian politicians may seem less interesting, mundane and boring when compared to American politicians like the gun-toting Sarah Palin, but it about the issues? Scandal is what makes American politicians so alluring to watch, but isn't this a backwards thought? Shouldn't Canadians pride themselves in the fact that

their politicians don't have any dirt that can be dug up on them and placed in the tabloids?

People often complain about the government and the steps they are or aren't taking, but how can anyone expect to see change if what is on American news is like a soap opera? People are watching politics like it's a drama show; subscribing only to those with the juiciest gossip. Why, Sarah Palin and the rumors of her 16 year old pregnant daughter play just like an episode of *One Tree Hill*. It becomes an entertainment instead of reality, just another way to look at the faults of celebrities instead of the real issues such as the environment, poverty and the economy. With the right to vote comes the responsibility to keep informed, more specifically with the events happening in Canada before the USA.

### American politics catches our attention



When is the last time you opened up a magazine to find any information on the Stephen Harper scandal? There are a few reasons why this may be unheard of. One reason being that many adolescents don't know who Stephen Harper is, and the second reason may be that his scandal is nonexistent. But when it comes to American politics, the intrigue is at an all time high. Currently with Republican vice presidential candidate, John McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin, there is much controversy. She's a member of the National Rifle Association, the first woman nominated to the

Republican Party for Vice President, and best of all, her daughter became pregnant at 16. Now there's the trashy soap opera we like to watch!

Stephen Harper is the current Prime Minister of Canada. He is also the first Canadian Prime Minister to be born in the second half of the twentieth century. But what allure does that have to Canadians when America's politicians are so much more interesting? Barack Obama is the first African-American presidential candidate, and to hype American politics up even more, he was campaigning against the first woman running for President, Hilary Clinton. Both of them have even appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, making fun of each other. Canadian politicians aren't even remotely interesting enough for anyone to care if they make fun of themselves. Stephen Harper made

an appearance on the CTV show *Corner Gas*, but who watches that anyway?

Vice President, Dick Cheney, mistook his hunting partner for a quail and shot him with birdshot pellets. Every news outlet, American and Canadian, were soon to follow with the headline: "Dick Cheney Shoots Hunting Partner in the Face." Negative, but it caught the attention of people. Even though most the attention to American politicians is merely sensationalistic, at least their names are known to people.

I don't understand why it's a problem when Canadians are more interested in American politics, and watch CNN opposed to CTV. I doubt that the amount of Canadians who are engaged with American politics would follow their own, even if they didn't have access to America's so relentlessly.

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# Down By the Riverside



## What is your must have gadget?



Zachary Vincent, Grade 10

"A new cell phone."



Alison Mullock, Grade 11

"The new iPod."



Tyler Stein, Grade 12

"The Xbox 360."



Chantelle Buie, Grade 12

"An iPhone."



Brandon McDonald, Grade 11

"The MacBook laptop."

# Students in a high-tech world

Cassie Allen - staff reporter

From BlackBerries to cameras and cell phones to laptops, what are the best of the best and the things you need for school? Whether it's for flash or function, there are plenty of must have gadgets to choose from!

The Apple company has come out with many innovative products in the past year, giving consumers a large variety of electronics to want and need. It caters to the needs of students to have the newest gadgets out there. Whether people love them or hate them, the iPhone and iPod are a wide spread phenomenon.

"All the apps are really neat," says Dillon Hamilton, who has an iPhone. "It adds a lot to your phone."

The iPod is a touch screen MP3 player with built in WiFi, photo gallery, and has many games

and features available to download. The iPhone does everything the iPod does, but with the added features of a phone, built in camera, and SMS texting.

"The best part about it is the app store," says Dillon. "There's so much you can get."

BlackBerry has always been a company known for its multitasking and convenient products. The BlackBerry Pearl offers all this and more in an easy to use cell phone.

Coming fully equipped with features such as photo and video recording to GPS and an MP3 player, the Pearl is a worthy gadget for any collection.

"I love all of the memory that I can use," says Fran Webb, an owner of a BlackBerry Pearl. "There's so much space for all of my stuff!"

BlackBerry offers free updates and new applications for

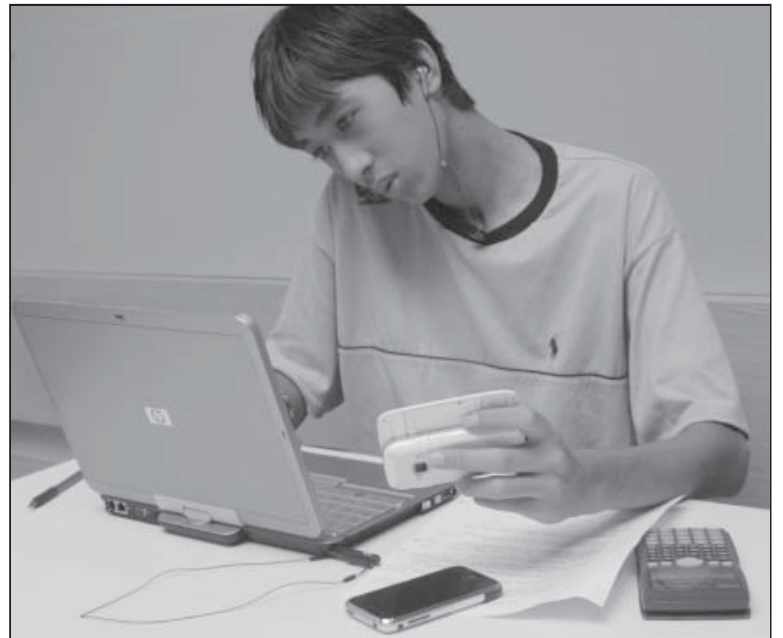
download almost everyday, ranging from games to weather and everything in between.

"There's always something new," says Fran. "I never get bored with my phone because of the updates."

Texting is easy, fast, and discreet and the Samsung Double Flip makes it even better. Rivaling the Pearl with its ease and usefulness, Double Flip comes with Bluetooth, two ways to flip open, and a ten step digital zoom camera.

"The keyboard and MSN are really cool," says Burkley Phillips, who owns a Double Flip. "It's really easy for texting!"

The phone comes with a slide out QWERTY keyboard, making texting easier than it already is. There is also a 1.3 megapixel camera with flash and audio options for better pictures and videos.



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# Water bottle scam

Amy - Sue Brown - staff reporter

Bottled water has grown in popularity, unchecked by any criticism for the past decade under the pretense of its purity. Advertisements have depicted tap water as unhealthy, convincing consumers brands like Dasani are better for you. On a superficial level, bottled water seems to be the better choice, but does it really compare to tap water both on purity of the water and environmentally?

The bottled water craze took off when companies like Coke and Pepsi came out with their own brands like Dasani and Aquafina to compensate for the negative campaigns against their sugary drinks. Able to fund advertising for their products, bottled water became the favorable choice while it was being marketed as the healthier alternative to tap water.

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Many people don't know the difference between tap and bottled water.

Many people don't know the difference between the sources for tap water and bottled water; little do they know that they are practically the same! In fact, inspections of bottled water companies have been ignored and neglected over the years while Tap water receives much more scrutiny.

Besides the proof about purity

of tap water, compared to bottled water, there is also the issue of the bottle itself. Author Elizabeth Royte states that 17 million barrels worth of oil a year goes into the production of bottles and produces 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide. Tons of bottles also find their way to the landfill instead of being recycled.



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# Boys Soccer season begins with a bang

Chifundo Phiri - staff reporter

A great effort was put forth during an exciting game at Riverside on Thursday September 25th between Riverside and Pinetree. Riverside finally ended their scoreless streak for the match, tying the game at 1-1 against Pinetree. It was anyone's game early in the first half until Pinetree's George Stein put up a strong ball from the top of the penalty box to gain the lead for Pinetree. Neither side could capitalize on scoring opportunities for the rest of the first half, and both defences did their part to hold off any offensive advances.

"There was a huge improvement in this week's game, with everyone making good tackles, staying in position and giving their best," said Mr Luongo. The second half began with a strong start for Riverside, with a fifteen minute run that looked to open up scoring opportunities, culminating with a great corner kick from Paulo Calla. Some great shots from Corrie Nightingale, Brandon McDonald,



C. Phiri/Eddy

Brad Brunesci on a breakaway for Riverside Secondary soccer team against Pinetree.

and Shaun Mudliar started off the half in the right direction for Riverside.

The team ended their match-long scoreless streak with a goal at 79:29 from Dan Ostrovsky, assisted

by Brandon Kim. The game went into two scoreless three-minute overtimes, resulting in a 1-1 tie.

Goalkeeper Ryan Boyle finished the game with six saves.

Riverside kept up the same momentum for the next game against Gleneagle on Tuesday the 30th and won by 6-2. Hopefully Riverside will continue to keep up their high level of play. Mr Luongo's team didn't have much difficulty in beating Gleneagle. "I'm so pleased by the performance today; I didn't really expect this from my boys, I'm so proud of them," said Mr Luongo.

Made up of enthusiastic and energetic players, the 22 member squad consists of individuals with varying backgrounds, hobbies, likes and dislikes, but with one common trait among them - the love and passion for the game of soccer.

With Head Coach Mr Luongo, the characteristics and focus of the team and its individual players are to have fun playing, continue to learn, consistently improve, play hard, play fair and together in the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship.

## Soo Bin Kim, golfing girl genius

Grade 10 student represents Canada at the Youth Golf Championship

Iris Jong and Crystal Chui  
- staff reporters

Riverside's Soo Bin Kim went to Scotland, representing Canada for the Youth Golf Championship from September 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. In this tournament, Soo Bin placed 30<sup>th</sup>. Even though the results weren't as good as she hoped, she is still satisfied.

"I was nervous but also very excited to attend the tournament because I have never been to Europe to play golf before and I thought it would be a great experience for me," said Soo Bin Kim. She started golf four years ago. She says that she has had to

sacrifice her time with her friends to practice. Soo Bin Kim states she doesn't mind since she loves what she does and she believes that she can even do better if she practices more.

"I think golf is mostly about being mentally in control to improve your skills," said Soo Bin Kim. She prepared for the tournament by practicing her short game. She is now both resting and practicing golf because she returned only a few days ago and she plans to attend another golf tournament which will be held in Surrey's Northview Golf Course on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Soo Bin is working hard at her golf



game in hopes of a scholarship. "If I get a scholarship I will go to university and if I am lucky I'll play in the LPGA." said Soo Bin Kim.

## Sporty Shorts



### Field Hockey

Sept 17th vs. Centennial 0-0 tie  
Sept 18th vs. Maple Ridge 0-2 loss  
Sept 23rd vs. Gleneagle 0-8 loss  
Sept 24th vs. Terry Fox 0-0 tie

### Sr. Boys Soccer

Sept 16th vs. Fox 1-0 Riverside win  
Sept 23rd vs. Westview 1-1 tie  
Sept 25th vs. SRT1-1 tie  
Sept 30th vs. Gleneagle 6-2 Riverside win

### Girls Volleyball

Sept 16th vs. MR 25-11, 25-10, 25-9  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup> vs. Centennial 25-19, 25-19, 25-21  
SFU Invitational - 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 52 teams  
UBC Invitational - 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 40 teams

### Boys Volleyball

Sept 16th vs. Ridge 25-7, 25-11, 25-12 win  
Sept 25th vs. Centennial 25-27, 19-25, 22-25 loss  
Sept 30th vs. Westview 25-13, 25-22, 25-15 win

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## Riverside volleyball champions

Laura Munroe - staff reporter

Riverside Secondary has many talented volleyball athletes. Last summer Jen Neilson was selected to the Provincial volleyball team in Kelowna. Megan Rosenlund won a championship game in beach volleyball. Victor Zynch was selected to the senior team at Riverside and has an impressive volleyball history.

Nielson was selected to a provincial team last summer. During the tryouts in Kelowna, despite a back injury Nielson made the team. "I knew I had a long road ahead of me, but it was the best thing I've done for myself in my life." Nielson also plays on the senior Riverside team.

Rosenlund won a beach volleyball championship game this summer at Spanish Banks. "Beach volleyball is not a completely different sport then indoor; you

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Star players Megan Rosenlund, Victor Zynch and Jen Neilson.

still play the same with the volleyball." said Rosenlund. With beach volleyball you play with a partner on the sand while indoor volleyball you play with 6 players. Rosenlund plays power forward for Riverside.

Zynch was a member of the Fraser Valley Allstars. A team where the top four teams pick their best players. Zynch won a gold medal at the BC summer Games in

Kelowna and led the Focus volleyball team to a bronze medal at the BC volleyball club Championships. He is the first grade 10 athlete to be selected to play on the senior boy's volleyball team in Riverside 13 year history. Zynch plays power forward. "It felt amazing when I made the Senior Team," Zynch said, "I was so happy that Mr. Muro believed in me."