

Mock crash hits home for senior students

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The significance of Grad

Emily Chan - staff reporter

From this point in life, the grads of 2011 have a unique vantage point. We have lived out thirteen years of the word education being coupled with the word compulsory. As June approaches, however, we will find ourselves with newfound freedom, and, of course, responsibility. In many ways, this perspective is equal parts terrifying and thrilling. The words “the rest of your life” are somewhat daunting to most teenagers. Between heavy academic course loads, mandatory volunteer work, extracurricular activities and part time jobs, many grads have spent their final school year analyzing options and preparing plans for post-secondary. For the first time in our lives, we are making decisions on our own that have the power to dramatically impact our futures. In 2007, a Stats Canada report found that more than 4 in 10 senior high school students felt “under constant pressure to accomplish more than they could handle.” Most seniors don’t need to hear the numbers, however, to know that this is true. Deciding on career paths and colleges or universities are no simple tasks, and finding a way to finance it all can often seem near-impossible. Beyond the obvious stress, there is also the knowledge that after the school year ends you probably won’t be seeing that kid that sits in the back of math class anymore. Despite the promises of “friends forever,” things and people are going to change in the next four years of life. There are people I genuinely like hanging out with here at Riverside, but I know that next year, when communication means Skype dates from Ottawa, those friendships will fizzle out. Most adults in my life have retained fewer than five high school friends. It’s scary to think about. For some of us, high school may be it. This may be the end of our education, or the end of our sports career or acting endeavors. As harder courses loom in the future, some of our straight “A” records will be in jeopardy. Some of us may never win another award for our art, or sing in another concert. We will no longer be seniors, dominating well-known hallways. Starting in June, we will be released into a new type of social hierarchy. Of course the magnitude of such huge changes is also incredibly exciting. Yes, University-level courses may present new academic challenges, but they also are presenting opportunities to learn in depth about our fields of interest. Many grads will soon have to worry about living expenses for the first time ever, but that also means that they are gaining the freedom that comes with living on their own. And friends may be growing up and moving away, but within the next few years of our lives, we will be meeting some of the most influential people we will ever encounter. As June begins, the caption “The last time” hangs over even the most mundane activities. For most seniors, the words bring with both a sense of joy and pride, and a bit of sadness. Grad is such an emotionally tumultuous time. Lately, I’ve been feeling on the verge of tears almost 24/7, alternating between extreme happiness when I look at the life I’ve built here, and the bittersweet feeling of childhood ending. This mess of emotions, however, is what makes this point in time so special. This is why graduation is called a crossroads. This may be the only time in our lives when we will experience such unadulterated freedom. At this unique moment, we are not inhibited by old-age or families to support or past failures to bring us down. We have the ability to make decisions and change our mind and chase our dreams. We possess the potential to fail spectacularly, but also to achieve wild success.



POINT COUNTER POINT

“Slut Walk”empowers women



Farah Ahmed
Columnist

Nobody blames banks for getting robbed, or children for getting molested, but it seems that as soon as there is a chance to blame women (for being victims of crime) it is taken. Slut Walk Toronto was formed by **Sonya JF Barnett** and **Heather Jarvis** when a Toronto Police officer made the comment on a recent sexual assault: “Women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized.” So the outrage and Slutwalk spread to

many other cities including Vancouver. Obviously this comment would make them angry, as it did me. No matter what women do or how they look, no man should ever have the excuse of “Well, she was kinda asking for it.” SWTO is trying to move society’s idea of “Don’t get raped.” to “Don’t rape.” ‘Slut’ is used to bash those who are seen as promiscuous, but it has been women who have suffered under its negative connotation. It’s time to take back ‘slut’ - and redefine it into something that is not negative. Women should be able to always feel safe regardless of their lifestyle, and appearance. Although it’s wrong to judge people by their appearance, people often make disparaging comments that are aimed towards ‘sluts’. But to take it to a whole new level and claim that it’s okay for them to get

raped? That’s a bit much! It’s that kind of mentality that results in incidents such as the girl from Pitt Meadows who was assaulted and blamed for it on Facebook. So maybe SWTO’s attempts seem misguided, but here’s thing-it’s working! It’s forcing people to pay attention to the topic. That’s the point, right? Several times before feminists have pleaded their case and failed! Why? Because nobody has tried being loud in this way, SWTO is trying to prove their point by showing that you do not need to conform into society’s idea of what you should look like to be safe. It’s impossible to justify raping someone. It’s wrong. Nobody wants to be abused. Nobody wants to be violated. NO means NO. A woman doesn’t deserve to get hurt for her clothing. Clothes are just pieces of fabric, why do people forget that?

“Slut Walk”enforces stereotypes



Karen Lidher
Columnist

The recent Slut Walks in Toronto and Vancouver were a response to a Toronto police officers comments that “women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized.” One of the organizers Sonya Barnett said that they, “want to use the walk to reclaim the word slut and stop the victim shaming.” The problem with the slut walks is that they distract from the real issue. The assumption of the Slut Walk seems to be all men are potential rapists that need to be taught to

control themselves around women who wear revealing clothing. That is simply not the case. No one is suggesting that women who wear provocative clothing deserve to get raped. But there are no guaranties in life and women should try to reduce their risk as much as possible. The officer’s use of a derogatory term has clouded the issue. The people behind the slut walk have misinterpreted his words from helpful advice to blaming women for rape. The officer was simply trying to say that offenders will focus their attention on a woman wearing revealing clothing much quicker than they will focus on a woman who isn’t. Whether right or wrong he was not saying victims are at fault for rape. The word slut has always had a negative connotation. It describes dirty, sexual promiscuous women. There is nothing even remotely positive

about the word slut. It is used to degrade and put down women. The slut walk enforces stereotype that women are sex objects. It is better to reduce your risk of getting raped as much as possible. That means staying with a group of friends, being careful when consuming alcohol, do not walk alone in dark alley or wearing less provocative clothing. While I respect both women’s and men’s right to wear whatever they feel comfortable in, sexual predators do not respects any one’s rights. Of course the victim should never be blamed for a crime and no court should side with a rapist because he said that he could not help himself because the victims skirt was too short. However, reducing your risk in any way possible is a good way to protect yourself from being a victim of any kind of crime.



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Small acts of kindness can have a big impact

Emily Chan - staff reporter

On June 5th, Yohko S., a friend of Riverside teacher **Ms. Yamamoto**, composed an emotional e-mail describing the devastation of her Japanese town, following the March 11th earthquake. "The scenes there were so cruel that we couldn't see them," she wrote, continuing, "We're suffering not only [from] the damage of the earthquakes, but also the danger of radioactivity." On the other side of the globe, these words were received and read by Yamamoto and her Multicultural Leadership Class. It is this personal story that motivated them to take action, and organize a series of fundraisers at Riverside Secondary School.

As the school year comes to a close, Multicultural Leadership Students are taking small steps towards creating meaningful change for the children of Iwaki, Japan. The benefit efforts started with a week of performances in the cafeteria and will be ending with a raffle draw and bake sale on Tuesday, June 14th. Highlights of the performances included a Japanese song sung by **McKenzie Biender**, and a variety of routines drawing influences from hip-hop to Japanese, and classical to Led Zeppelin.

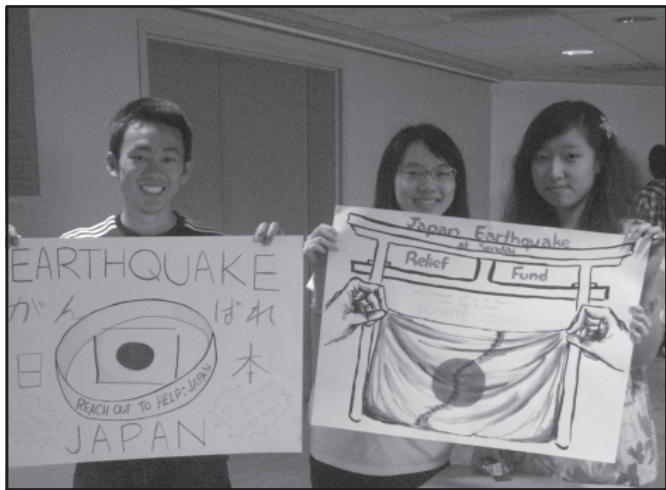


McKenzie Biender singing a Japanese song.

Ms. Shong/eddy

Wrist bands are also on sale for \$2.00, and for \$1.00, students can send an origami crane to Japan or sign a Canadian flag, which will be sent to Iwaki. June 14's raffle will feature prizes donated by the City

of Port Coquitlam and Safeway. "All of the money raised will be sent directly to the Board of Education in Iwaki City, in order to benefit the children," says Yamamoto. "Thank you all for your kind words, and support."



Tsuyoshi Hamanaka, Soyoon Jin, and Emily Shin Shong/eddy

Poco Legion to feel the beat on Father's day

Heather Andrews - staff reporter

The Riverside Korean Drumming Club at Riverside Secondary will be playing at the Port Coquitlam Legion on Fathers' Day. To prepare for this up and coming event they have been working very hard. Every Friday they have rehearsal with **Sung Il Kim**, a professional Korean Drumming teacher. Rehearsals are usually about two hours, from 3:30 to 5:30. They learn different kinds of techniques and practice what they have learnt. Everyone in the club performs. So far, they have performed at spirit assemblies and multicultural events. According to **Ivannah Veloso**, "This year has been a really good one; we've gotten a lot of new members. The only problem is that we have had to work on training them and have had to cut back on performances because of that." Also, they recently performed in Riverside's Talent Show and were

very successful. For Fathers' day they will be performing for the entire Port Coquitlam Legion along with a Taekwondo club. The club will co-ordinate its drumming music to match the Taekwondo performance and have been having extra rehearsals together. On June 3rd they opened for the Walk of Life at Lafarge Lake. Previously, they performed there and did so well that they were invited back. They will also be playing in the Benefit Concert for Japan. **Ms. Karen Peplow**, the teacher sponsor, is a big part of the clubs success. Without her, the club would not be able to run. She has a huge amount of faith in her students and knows that they are able to succeed, "I would say that my students have amazing musical ability and that we have been very successful this year," said Peplow. They have been doing well this year, Riverside and the City of Port Coquitlam is noticing.



Members of the Korean drumming club practicing for the Father's day event. K.Lidher/eddy

Begbie success again



Eden, Sebastian, Mrs. Chin, and Kathan know their Canadian History. Ms.Shong/eddy

Tyler Kydd - staff reporter

For the sixth year in a row, Riverside Secondary has participated in the National Begbie Competition. The contest was created in 1993 by a group of retired social studies teachers to promote Canadian history for high school students. The competition covers Canadian history from the mid-1800s all the way up to now. The contest is also offered to French Immersion students. It was originally only in British Columbia but in 2001 it was made a national contest. **Eden Nzayimana**, a Riverside student, achieved first place in the country for French for the second year in a row, and she will receive One Thousand dollars and an all-

expenses paid trip to Ottawa to meet the **Governor General**. She will also be going to school in Ottawa in the fall. The Begbie is a competition based not on memorization, but critical thinking and analysis. So studying is not really the way to prepare for the contest. Instead they study during the test, using the materials that are given to them. Two other Riverside students: **Kathan Datta** and **Sebastian Zein** made it to the top 16%. Datta scored 84%, Zein scored 92%. "It is a rewarding experience and a great opportunity to demonstrate critical thinking and analysis," said Zein.

A kick for a better life

Lucas Robinson - staff reporter

Riverside students held a soccer event, on June 3rd at Gates Park to benefit *The United Nations World Food Programme*. The event was to raise money to help people in the rural areas of Nicaragua, providing house building, animal husbandry and micro-financing. Money raised will go to help people become more independent in these areas. All students from secondary schools in School District #43 were allowed to enter. The winners were team Iran, from Pinetree secondary school, with the Vatican City as runners up. The teams in this event were Iran, Vatican City, Holland, North Korea, Afghanistan, and

Spain. The prizes were gift certificates for Sport Check and Pajo's Restaurant. Luckily with the great summer weather, everyone could come out to compete, making it a great success. An estimated \$500 was raised. The Riverside teams went out and gave it their all on the turf. The event was hosted mainly by grade 12 student, **Sara Wahedi**, and R-side volunteers, who helped with sign-up, registration, and carrying out items and running the concession booth. "It was stressful and last minute issues cropped up, but the outcome exceeded our expectations," said Wahedi.

All of the teams did very well and contributed to a good cause.



Riverside's team celebrating the success of the soccer tournament.

Chan/eddy

ICBC proves a bloody point



Students Jelena Vatauvuk and Danika Kujala tell a bloody tale of what can happen when students drive recklessly.

Richard Kwok-staff reporter

On May 25th, ICBC worked with local emergency response teams to stage a fake car crash on Reeve Street, the road running in front of Riverside. By 11:40 that morning, everything was in place to “inform” the students about the dangers of drinking (or texting) and driving.

The aim of the fake crash was to hit close to home with the students. With a lot of grade 12’s and a good number of grade 11’s either already driving or learning how, ICBC thought it would be a good time to reinforce the message of the danger of driving under the influence or distracted. To make the crash more realistic and relevant to the students, Mrs. Chen enlisted the help of grade 12

students Jelena Vatauvuk and Danika Kujala, who were to perform as the driver and passenger in the car crash.

On the morning of the crash, a previously crashed car (provided by ICBC) was towed into position on the road, and the crash was built around it. Teachers and students from New Image College of the Fine Arts, a school teaching theatrical makeup among other things, drove in from Vancouver to dress up the “victims”. Jelena, who was the “drunk driver”, was made up to look injured, with cuts, bruises, and scrapes, while Danika, the “passenger”, was made to look fatally wounded. The girls were inside the crashed car, acting dazed and dying, when the performance started. As shocked students looked on, emergency services

carried out proper procedure. The police, the firefighters, paramedics, victim services, and of course ICBC were all performing their parts, extracting the girls from the car with the jaws of life, putting Danika onto a stretcher, and attempting in vain to “save” her from her wounds, while arresting Jelena for “Drunk Driving.”

In an interview with Jelena and Danika, the girls said it was a really moving experience. Jelena remarked that it was emotional watching her friend being carried away with fatal injuries, and that the crowd seemed to be rather touched by the event as well. She said it “put things into perspective.” Danika remarked that it “was a really eye opening experience.” Both girls were glad that they participated.

Go out with a bang in a positive way



G.11 students have been working hard toward a positive grad.

photo courtesy of Deanna Kadota

Kistin Macey-staff reporter

It seems to be tradition that every year the graduating class “pranks” the school in some crazy way, going as far as letting chickens loose or setting up a big slip n’ slide outside the cafeteria, but do these grad pranks sometimes go too far? What is the purpose behind them? “It’s definitely because they want to go out with a bang, and they are afraid they won’t be as influential when they graduate, so this is how they think they can be remembered,” said

grade 12 student **Brian Richards**. Some of these pranks can cost the school money, be harmful to students, animals, or school property, and they can sometimes disrupt class time. “One person’s view of ‘harmless’ fun is not everyone’s; for instance, a slip and slide in the hallway is disruptive—why can’t they set it up outside?” said Principal **Mr. Anthony Ciolfitto**. So how can harmful pranks be discouraged? Some students have been meeting with Mr. Ciolfitto and they think that

instead of thinking of them as grad “pranks”, they can be thought of as grad legacies. The grad class of 2011 has worked hard at establishing a positive vibe at Riverside with events such as the spirit assemblies, winter ball, and hot dog days. “If we can look at leaving a positive legacy in a community does that mean they can’t have fun?” asked **Mrs. Chin**. So this year grad 2011 students are going to work hard at showing that they can go out with a “bang,” but still do it in a positive way.

Grad

Ms. Leonard
graduated in 1974 from
Burnaby North Secondary.

“I was just out to enjoy myself with my friends and have a lot of fun.”
“My mom made my grad dress.”
“Everybody had to learn ball room dancing. We had the Dal Richards jazz band live orchestra.”



Back to

Shion Tanaka-staff reporter
A lot has changed in grad over the years, some of our teachers have volunteered to share with us what their graduation experience was like for them.

Ms. Wattamaniuk
Graduated from
Handsworth Secondary School in 1971.

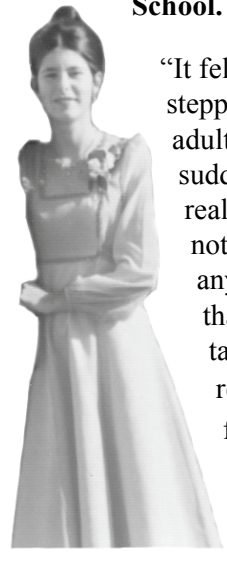
“Grad to me was the last chance to be with friends because you don’t know when you will ever see them again.”

Ms. Kilpartick
Graduated in 1975 from
Argyle Secondary School.

“It felt like stepping into adulthood; suddenly the realization of me not being a kid anymore and that I have to take responsibility for myself came clear to me at that moment.”

Ms. Simpson
Graduated in
Seattle in 1968 from Franklin High school.

“Graduation was the most fun I had because it was like taking a new step in to the real world.”



What to do after graduation

Emily Chan-staff reporter

After thirteen years of compulsory education, it is understandable that many grads feel the need to take an education break.

In England and Australia, these “gap years” are commonplace. Many students defer university in the hopes of finding themselves while travelling to exotic locales. Here in North America, however, a certain stigma continues to exist around the idea of “taking a year off.”

There are two main issues that strike fear into the hearts of parents when their child considers a gap year. One, the child could waste away the year gaining a non-freshman-fifteen on the sofa, and or two, they might just decide they never want to return to schooling.

But according to collegeconfidential.com, there is nothing wrong with taking a year off, as long as, first, you “assess your reasons for the change and to make sure you spend your time in an engaging way that meets these aims.”

My Gap Year is a company devoted to organizing structured and beneficial years off. Their mission is to “encourage personal



For some students going to post secondary education, a gap year is not in their plan.

development and broader academic and life skills through enhanced character-building experiences,” something they achieve through connecting students to travel, volunteer, and wilderness leadership opportunities. My Gap Year offers personalized schedules for students, which include time set aside to work, volunteer, travel, and even apply for colleges for the following year.

Also popular is volunteer-based program Katimavik, in which students

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Happy plastic graduation

Keena Saini-staff reporter

A recent increase in the amount of cosmetic procedures for kids and teenagers in North America has raised the question: is plastic surgery suitable for those 19 and under? As this time of the year approaches for seniors in high school, the desire to look and feel as glamorous as those in Hollywood has grown. Many graduates want to look their very best for grad. Most splurge on their dresses or tuxedo's, limo rides and hair and make-up, but another alternative for some teens to look their best is cosmetic surgery. Cosmetic surgery for Graduation ranges from non-surgical procedures such as microdermabrasion to being put under the knife for breast implants. According to the American society of Plastic Surgeons, teen surgeries have doubled in the past 8 years, a trend now also being seen in Canada. So why do kids turn to plastic surgery? Majority of teenagers that undergo cosmetic surgery do it in order to better their



Plastic surgery as a grad gift is on the rise. photo courtesy of Google

own lives. Teenagers who want to have plastic surgery usually have different motivations and goals than adults. They often have plastic surgery to improve physical characteristics they feel are awkward or flawed, that if left uncorrected may affect them well into their adult life. Teens tend to have plastic surgery to fit in with peers, to look similar. Adults tend to have plastic surgery to stand out from others. The most common procedures for teenagers are

rhinoplasty (nose reshaping), otoplasty (ear surgery), and breast reduction, all in order to overcome physical and psychological burdens they may be carrying. Before receiving any cosmetic surgery, the patient must initiate the request (with parents' permission), have realistic goals after cosmetic surgery, and must have sufficient maturity. Sometimes societal pressures to look perfect take over but always be comfortable with who you are.

Graduation costs getting out of control

Carly Muldoon-staff reporter

To many graduating students, prom or grad dinner dance is one of the most important events to look forward to in their life time other than maybe marriage and their commencement ceremony. As most grads are preparing to get ready for this amazing event, are they prepared for the expenses as well? Dresses alone could cost from \$278 to even \$1,170, without alterations. No matter what, grad is the most expensive event and teenagers pay a lot to make it as memorable as possible. So along with the dress, what else do girls also pay for? Most girls pay for a manicure and a pedicure, with either a spa pedicure or an express pedicure, and express manicures range between \$50 to \$65 dollars with an option of a \$5 dollar extra charge for a French polish. Another thing girls pay for that's probably the next most expensive,

would be their hair. Between the styles to choose from, like corn row, formal, hair extensions and colour, the price would be roughly between \$35 to \$180 or more. Even though a dress and a hair style is the most expensive, girls are also going to accessorize by buying shoes and jewelry to match. Shoes range from \$44 to \$160 and jewelry roughly \$8.90 to \$32.90 or more for each piece. Then again we can't forget about the boys trying to look their best for grad too. Tuxedo rentals by Black and Lee starts at \$375, whereas Moores' price ranges from \$59.99 - \$149.99; everyone of course is trying to dress to impress and look their best on this expensive, yet memorable night. The most expensive or costly expense for a teenager graduating would undoubtedly be the ride there. Most grads try and get a limo for this night. A stretch SUV excursion (white and black) has a capacity



Grad clothes can cost \$1000.

of 13, which is not that bad – yet for both limos' the prices are the same, \$125-\$175 for a minimum of two hours. It seems that grad is the one of the most expensive events of a teenager's life. it would so maybe it's best to start saving for your wedding now.

Enchanted program helping students with grad costs



eddy/K. Shong

Bonnie Angstadt showing off shoes and a dress.

Megan Dally-staff reporter

Statistics show that more than one in five, or twenty percent of all children in Canada live below the poverty line. Many of these

children come from families with little or no formal education. Without a high school education, employment opportunities are limited and this causes the cycle of poverty to continue. Districts 4 3 's Enchantment project is similar to the Cinderella Project, both aim to help. Both male and female students who struggle with poverty and can't afford the costs of grad. The public

donates dresses, jewelry, make up, shoes to help the cause. By March 16, the students already know what dresses or tuxedos they will be wearing. The organizers got letters from students thanking them for their help. One letter from a female student said, "Thank-you so much for everything you have done! I feel like a princess!" All the girls were also given coupons for hair and make-up to help them get ready and to help cut down on the costs. "My biggest reward in all this was watching my girls finish their final time at Riverside and start the new beginning of their life," said Riverside's youth worker Bonnie Angstadt. For the Enchantment Project to even start, it involved many meetings and to organize everything. Angstadt helped out by organizing and getting the dry cleaning done. In the end, the project went smoothly and the students who were involved in Enchantment will be able to enjoy the ceremonies.

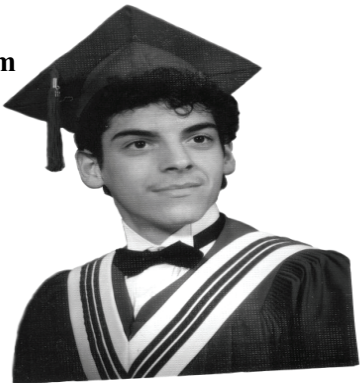
the past

Mr. Romani

Graduated in 1988 from Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School.

"Back then we had different hair styles and fashion trends. We also had great music...long live the 80's!"

"Thank god I'm done! Holy crap...! I get to wear the gold chord (meant I graduated with honors)"



Bonnie Angstadt

Graduated from Centennial Secondary School in 1980

"To me graduation is about being with your friends, to spend that last moment of high school with those who were with you from the beginning."



Mr. Muro

Graduated in 1968 from Vancouver Technical Secondary.

"Like most students, I had grand dreams of what I could become and it seemed that night anything was possible."



Graduation: school, work, or travel?



photo courtesy of Google

Graduation school right after highschool is

between the ages of 17 and 21 take six months off school to work with non-profit organizations in communities across Canada. Katimavik programs can even be taken for credit at one of their partner universities, Capilano University, Vancouver Island University, Cégep Marie-Victorin or George Brown College. Even if students choose not to attend these institutions these real-world experiences will enhance students'

resumes and university applications.

Alternatively, universities and colleges also offer many volunteer, travel, and work-study programs in addition to courses. UBC has partnerships with 150 international universities, where upper-year UBC students may choose to study abroad and earn course credit.

In addition to this, certain scholarships and Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs) have restrictions on when they need to be spent by, limiting the amount of time students can take off school, and returning to a strict academic schedule can be as struggle after a year or more of freedom.

For those students that do return and complete their post-secondary educations, a 2003 study found that "Employment rates varied little between college completers, whether they had experienced a gap or not, "However, it also found that university graduates who did not delay earned considerably more per week than university graduates who had delayed."

So while a gap year may be beneficial to the soul, there is no guarantee it will be so kind on your wallet.



Down By the Riverside

What are your summer plans?



Sandra Cervantes - Grade 9

“Going to MEXICO!!!”



Lienza Poelzer - Grade 10

“I’m going on house boat.”



Benjamin Pierce - Grade 11

“I’m going to my older brother’s wedding.”



Mandana Yousefi - Grade 12

“I’m camping and going to New York.”



Mr. Rao

“I’m becoming vice-principal at Dr.Charles Best, and going to my cabin in the Caribou.”

Riverside grads are off on grand adventures this summer

Kristen Macey - staff reporter

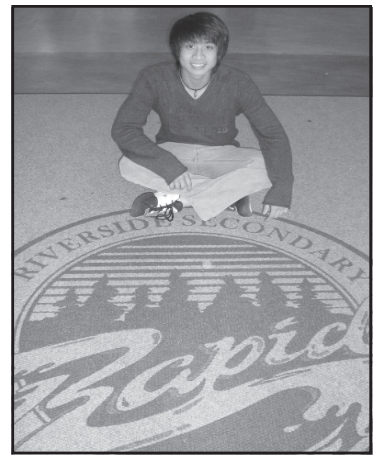
This summer, some Riverside students will be going to college or university, getting a job, or taking a year off to figure out what they will do in the future, but some students will be doing very cool things, visiting awesome new places, and pursuing amazing opportunities. Grade 12 student **Ken Do** was at a martial arts tournament when he was spotted by some people that were there, and word eventually got to a man named **Dean Choe**,

who is a stunt coordinator. He hired Ken to be a stunt double and an extra in movies. Ken’s first job was in the movie *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, and since then he has done choreographed fight scenes in other jobs. He will be going to Vietnam this summer to do some stunt and movie work over there. Another student who will be off on an exciting adventure is Grade 12 student **Natasha Bjarnason**. This summer she will be going to Italy to be an au-pair. She will be staying with a family

there, doing some housework and driving the kids to and from school, and in return she gets paid by the family and she will get to see some awesome sights. If you are interested in being an au-pair you can visit <http://aupairworld.net> where you can create a profile and either a family will contact you, or you can contact a family you are interested in working for. Other grade 12 students, **Santana Grant** and **Bryony Edward**, won bursaries to spend six weeks in Quebec this summer studying

French in La Pocatière, which is an amazing opportunity to travel while working on an education. La Pocatière is home of the **Musée François-Pilote**, which displays the history of Québécois ethnology, so it’s a great place to learn about language and culture (it is also the hometown of our very own **Mr. Larrivee**).

These are just a few examples of the amazing opportunities students have prepared themselves for. Can you think of something that you may wish to persure that can add some spice to your summer?



Riverside’s Ken Do. K.Shong/eddy

Do your homework when pursuing voluntourism

Emily Chan - staff reporter

Over the past ten years voluntourism, travel that involves community volunteer work or is eco-friendly, has gained tremendous popularity, luring a wide range of teenage idealists, adventurous families, and even soul-seeking businessmen. A 2008 Travelocity survey found that 38% of travellers were interested in “taking a vacation where they can give back and make a difference during their stay,” and a UC San Diego study found that 72% of Americans know somebody who has taken a voluntourism trip. However, while the numbers are impressive and the efforts admirable, not every voluntourism organization is created equal. “Anyone considering a

volunteering holiday should heed some advice,” write **Marc and Craig Kielburger**, the CEOs of Me to We. “Do your research and find out how long the organization has been around ... what is its record of credibility in making a ‘real difference’?” It’s great to imagine swooping in to an African village and building a school there for needy children, but by doing that, are you taking jobs away from local workers and therefore harming the local economy? Are you more qualified than the professionals already in the area? You may have snapped some adorable photos with dark-skinned children, but in the long run, how did this benefit them? Often, the so-called “great white savior” attitude can cause more harm than good. That’s not to say that

voluntourism is always a bad thing. It’s just a topic that must be approached with a certain amount of skepticism. Researching the organization you are travelling with is crucial. “Find out where the funding goes. Credible organizations always publicize how their funds are allocated,” advise the Kielburgers. Tourists should also understand that they are often playing a very small role, working a few weeks on a project that will take years to complete. They can’t go into the project believing that the experience will be one-way interaction and that they will be doing all the giving and teaching. Voluntourism is an exchange. Tourists need to be prepared to learn a great deal from the people they meet and their culture.



A woman participating in a voluntourism trip. courtesy of Google

Ace-It class aces project

Nick Wang - staff reporter

Riverside’s Ace-it class teacher **Mr. Meitzker** has brought his students to do two projects at local elementary schools. Ace-it class is a class for grade 12 students who take power tech the first time and learn to be a wood worker, especially on cabinets. There are two projects: one that happened at Kilmer and the other at Central Elementary. On June 3, the Riverside students went to Kilmer and supervised the students painting on a total of five picnic tables. “The event was a success because the day we went out was a sunny day and all the students

both senior and elementary enjoyed working in the tables,” said Mr. Meitzker. Then on June 7, the Ace-it class finished a total of three hundred fifty fish with

different styles and sizes. This project lasted almost two months. All the elementary kids got to paint the fish and decorate them on their school fences.



An Ace-it student lending a helping hand. courtesy of Mr. Meitzker

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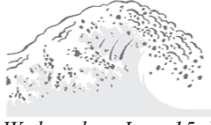
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BTW I'm the Antichrist was a hit

Heather Andrews - staff reporter

Controversially named, "Oh BTW, I'm the Antichrist" hit Riverside Secondary for the first time on June 1st. Widely anticipated by not only the Drama department, but a lot of the school as well. "Oh BTW" (Shortened name), tells a story about an average guy name Larry that has a bit of a problem staying in one school. Often the school he goes to ends up either blowing up or being infected by the plague. No big deal or anything, at least until Larry moves



Julien Galipeau as Satan.

H.Andrews/eddy

to Detroit. In Detroit, Larry meets a kid named Cornelius or "Corny" for short that soon latches on to him and they become best friends. He also meets a girl named Kelqly (the q is silent) an environmental activist with a knack for being on the dimmer side. There is also a group of bullies that torment Corny, but soon realize they shouldn't mess him because Larry has a bad temper and often talks about what will happen when they burn in hell. Together (Larry and Corny) attempt to make a first date successful; at the same time that Larry meets his birth father, Satan. This does not go over well, as

Larry just wants to be a normal kid that can successfully perform a good deed. During the course of the play, Corny gets his clothes stolen multiple times, Larry's adopted father gets turned into a cake, and the major plot line is revealed. **Nick Jennings** and **Dylan Matthews** both wrote and directed the play. While trying put the show together they encountered a few problems, but it was worth it in the end. "There were a couple problems with the show such as the stunts we wanted to do (Smoke machine, cannon, etc.) The administration initially had concerns, but the hard work definitely paid off!" said

Jennings. There were also problems with the original "Oh BTW" poster. Many people were convinced the poster was plagiarized because it was very similar to another posted on deviantART; hence they created a new one. Other problems that hindered ticket sales had to do with the religious issue. The play is written according to a possible different religious preference then most, and could be insulting. The prediction of "Hell" and having "Archangels" is something that caused controversy. "Oh BTW, kept you on the edge of your seat, waiting to see what Larry will choose. In the end, shockingly, Cornelius is an archangel that saves both.

It was a great year for band and choir



Tyler Kydd - staff reporter

On June 8th the Riverside's band and choir played their year-end concert. The band played a blend of modern and classical music ranging from **Abba** to **Medieval Madrigals**. This will be **Mr. Ursu's** last year of teaching music at Riverside. A new teacher will be adding more Jazz to the band and possibly some Rock and Latin. Mr. Ursu's goal was to help the students enjoy music, but also to impose some traditional pieces such as **Hayden**. "I will miss the kids, but I want to move on to some of my other passions, such as history, philosophy, and social justice," said Mr. Ursu.



Joevy Loeong receiving her scholarship award.

A.Olsen/eddy

Mall art show showcases Riverside Students

Ashley Olsen - staff reporter

Every year Coquitlam Centre mall holds an art show for the schools in District 43. Many schools participate and always have wonderful artwork posted for everyone to see. The mall has judges from art schools that present a five hundred dollar scholarship to a winner in each school; seven schools participated this year. The students from Riverside Secondary who went before the scholarship board were **Cydney Paddon**, **Deanna Kadota**, and this year's winner of \$500, **Joevy Leong**. The art show

ran from May 25th-May 30th, and the judges presented the scholarships to the students May 27th at 4:00PM. According to Joevy, she will be attending the interactive arts course held at Simon Fraser University. "I'm very surprised about winning the scholarship, and I'm proud of myself. I will use the scholarship money for books and equipment needed for my classes." Leong goes on to state, "If you plan to get ahead in art, it helps to expand your abilities and to go out of your comfort zone with your art. If you have a wider range of different styles, you tend to impress people

more. Also, you have to apply yourself, you have to send in your applications right away so that you don't forget or put it off until later and then you are rushing to finish," said Joevy.

Ms. Schmidt has said that she is very proud of all her students for participating and putting their work in the show and hopes that next year more art students will consider submitting art for the show. Any student taking art can apply for a scholarship if they are planning to go on in art in the following year, and if they have already applied to a school and submit proof of application.

Riverside students explore the meaning of kindness

Jordyne Bird - staff reporter

Kindness can be portrayed in many different ways; it all depends on the perspective of the person. 29 students in **Mrs. Seldens** grade 10 art class, chose either Kindness to self, others or nature as the theme and then brought that idea to life on a canvas. The students worked with Mrs. Selden, representatives from Lea Square art center and also **Joseph Bankier** (graphic artist and writer). First brainstorming the ideas, they then each came up with different pictures using acrylic paints or mixed media. They were able to bring their ideas to life and have their works of art displayed in the Lea Square's art and culture gallery in the *Seeds Of Importance In Kindness To Self, Others,*

Environment & Nature show. This show displayed art work by the students as well as Bankier. Selden was very excited to have an artist is residence working with her class. "It was a really rewarding experience doing the whole project even though I did struggle at times. Over all it was really cool to have my work up in a gallery," said **Kolton Dreschel**. Grade 9 students in Seldens' class "I feel it's a great project for the students to do because it allows them to work at their own pace. To some students a blank canvas can be very intimidating and scary, so that's why I feel Joseph was a great asset to the project," said Selden. According to Bankier, the purpose of the show was to get people thinking of different ways to be

kind in your community. "I went to the Leigh Arts center with an idea to do 912 art prints for a program I wrote. They said they were booked and suggested I do a program with Mrs. Selden's class. I gladly accepted and was overjoyed to share my work with all of the students," said Bankier. Although some students struggled at the beginning, other more talented students helped them along as well as Joseph and Mrs. Selden. The great thing about this project is the students came up with their own ideas, which made it easier to accomplish what they wanted instead of trying to live up to more skilled student's abilities. The show is open from May 19th-June 27th and it is open to the general public.



Taylor Kinnaird with her painting "Oily Drink for the Tigress"

J.Bird/eddy



Riverside hockey boys battle to win tier two in BCHSHL



R-side boys hockey team with their championship banner.

Photo courtesy of Travis Tookey

James Matthews - staff reporter

Riverside's first entry into the British Columbia High School Hockey League was successful for the team as they took home top

prize for Tier two. The Rapids defeated Langley's Walnut Grove Secondary School 7-4 last May en route to the championship.

Riverside's first games were played against Heritage Woods, Archbishop Carney, Terry Fox and Charles Best. With a record of two wins and two losses, the Rapids finished third in their five team league. Foreword **Sandro Carrelli** led the team in scoring, putting up 10 points in four games and finishing tenth in overall league scoring. The team's results from those games played placed them in the Tier two championship where they took on teams from other districts. The Rapids went on a tear down the stretch including an impressive 10-2 win over DW Poppy Secondary to take home the banner as champions of their tier. "It was a great team to be a part of; we had really good team chemistry" said **Gavin Webb**, one of the two goaltenders on the team.

"It made going to rink fun and something you could look forward to," said Webb "We have been blessed here in Port Coquitlam and here at Riverside as there is an incredible hockey community with lots of talent. There are some great players that have come out of this area," said **Mr. Loungo**, the veteran member of the coaching staff that includes **Mr. Romani** and **Mr. Straumford**. Riverside's hockey team is being built for not only this year's team but teams in the next few years according to Loungo. "On the team currently there are some players that are at an elite level of play but there is also some good talent in the grade nines and tens that didn't play on the team this year as it was more of a senior team. I think the future is pretty bright and we are moving

in the right direction," said Loungo "It was a great experience getting to play hockey for Riverside especially because this school has done so well in the past. It was exciting being able to add this banner to Riverside's rich hockey history," said **Eric Lehmann**, a defenseman for the Rapids. Assistant coach Darren Straumford has been confident all season that his team was a winner. "I really feel like we have one of the strongest teams out there in terms of high school hockey teams, and I think that how we finished this season proves that." said Straumford. As the Stanley Cup Final nears completion, Riverside's first BCHSHL Championship could coincide with the Canucks first NHL Championship quite nicely.

The crafty Canucks & brash Bruins clash in cup final

Victor Paskov - staff reporter

This year, there is a lot more spirit for the Canucks than ever before. This is the first time the Canucks have been to the cup since 1994, where they played the New York Rangers. With some amazing goals pulled off by **Alex Burrows** and **Ryan Kesler**, and amazing defense by **Kevin Bieksa** and **Alexander Edler**, more people are hopping on the bandwagon. There have been many tributes, music covers, and parodies on YouTube supporting the Canucks this year. The most recent video is by user Philbertsimon, which is a parody of "The Lazy Song" by Bruno Mars. This year, two fans had the idea to come to Canucks

games in green costumes and taunt the other team. Force and Sully (a.k.a. the Green men) have consistently brought more spirit to Canucks games with their creative humor. They would take cardboard cutouts of Canucks players and taunt the other team by mooning them, doing handstand on the boards etc. Although some people find them immature and try to ban them, they are just fans and should not be punished for enhancing the spirit for the Canucks. The Vancouver Canuck's mascot **Fin** is our main source of spirit for the people of Vancouver. This mascot has almost brought the city of Vancouver more spirit than the

Olympics themselves. "The Canucks have improved a lot this Stanley cup playoff", said **Naeem Popatia**. "I have always liked the Canucks but I was more a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs, but ever since the Canucks have stepped up their game, I started liking the Canucks again", said Popatia. There has been some controversy with the Canucks that is causing them to lose fans. With some of the goals that have been let in by **Roberto Luongo**, fans have been losing interest. In the past two games, Luongo has let in 12 goals which has really disheartened some fans. Another big problem that causes fans to go against the Canucks is the dirty hits by some

players. One example of that is **Aaron Rome's** hit on **Nathan Horton** in Game 3. Horton suffered from a concussion as a result. Although there are some

problems with the NHL and the Vancouver squad in general, all we can do is hope for the Vancouver Canucks to go overcome their adversity and bring home the cup finally.



Ms. Shong/eddy

Riverside students showing Monsieur Larrivée Canucks pride!

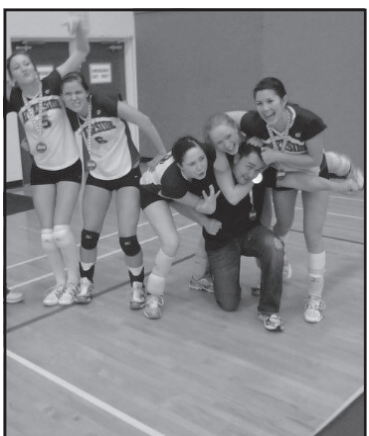
Successful year for R'side athletes

Brendan Williams
staff reporter

Riverside had a very strong showing this year in the athletic field. Rugby had another good season, badminton placed high, and the golf team had some great representatives in the District Championships. Although these teams had remarkable years, they are quite a few teams that stuck out in particular. The Senior Girls volleyball team has continued to dominate in the provincial rankings. The team finished 3rd in 2008, 4th in 2009, and capturing the silver this season in 2010. Not to mention, they have won back to back Fraser Valley

Championships and have absolutely demolished their district. Flipping over to the men's side, the Senior Boys volleyball team had without a doubt their best season in school history. After winning the District Championship, and finishing 5th in the Fraser Valleys, the team surprised everyone by beating #3 Fraser Heights in the quarter finals, and destroying Kelowna Secondary 3-0 in the bronze medal game. The strongest finish the boys' team has had in school history before this season was 11th. The Girls basketball team has once again proven this year why they are

a force to be reckoned with in British Columbia. By finishing in the top 5 in the province the past 3 years, they are one of the top basketball squads around. This year with only one grade 12 (**Hillary Young**), the team still managed to receive a 5th place finish in the Provincials. Finally, the cherry to top off this fantastic school year has been **Francois Grimbeet** finishing 6th, **Tyler Shaw** receiving 14th, and **Chris Aisekhalaye** participating in the 2011 Track & Field provincials at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby. With Riverside officially opening in 1996, this year has truly been one of the most successful.



The Senior girls volleyball team tackling coach Mr. Gee.



The grade 12's on the senior boys v-ball team with the trophy.



Riverside senior Natalie Carkner dribbling up court.

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