



Students support Rick Hansen's cause

Anika Green
staff reporter

On Friday, May 18th, the **Rick Hansen Man in Motion 25th anniversary** tour went up Thermal Drive. A Riverside student, **Jesse Kazemir**, was a medal bearer in this tour. This means that for 250m, Kazemir got to carry the relay medal. This medal, designed by the same company who designed the medals for the 2010 Olympic Games, is 400 grams of silver and 85mm across. There were over 7,000 medal bearers from all across Canada who retraced Hansen's entire Canadian leg of the Man in Motion Tour. Kazemir was nominated and chosen for this position as medal bearer. "I was excited, but at first I wasn't quite sure what it involved, but once I learned a bit about it, I was very happy to be a part of it," said Kazemir. Being one of 7,000 is very impressive especially considering the stories of the other



Jesse Kazemir with Rick Hansen wearing his runner's relay medal.

courtesy of T. Kazemir

difference maker of them all. He wheeled across 34 countries in two years, two months and two days. Hansen burned through 97 pairs of gloves and 160 wheelchair wheels on his original world tour. He did this to raise money for spinal cord injury research. He managed to raise 26 million dollars for his cause. Now, 25 years later, he is still able to make a difference and his name is still recognized by people everywhere. Kazemir had a chance to meet Hansen. "It was very cool, he's a very nice person, very warm and open," said Kazemir. He was only one of several representatives from our school who participated in this event. Riverside's Korean Drummers also represented the school during this event. "They drummed all the people in, stayed on stage for the whole presentation and then drummed everyone out," said Mrs.

people who were involved. "They were all difference makers," said Kazemir. Rick Hansen was the biggest

Peplow, the teacher in charge of the drummers. Riverside can be proud of its representatives in this important event.

Multicultural leadership class wins MARC award

Arianna Jaffer-staff reporter

Recently, **Ms. Yamamoto's** Multicultural Leadership class won the MARC (Multicultural & Anti-Racism Committee) award for their outstanding promotion of awareness of multiculturalism and anti-racism. The award includes competitors from all of the schools in the district: elementary, middle and secondary. This is Yamamoto's second time winning the MARC award. The first time was when her Multicultural Leadership class was a school club. "The people in the class are really dedicated and enthusiastic. I'm very glad to have the opportunity to work with them all," said **Leonard Zein**, a student in Yamamoto's class. According to Yamamoto, grade 12 students **Jade Wong** and **My Lynn Quan** have been heavily involved in the class, and will be sorely missed after their graduation this coming June. When asked if she was trying to win, Yamamoto told us that she was only

doing something for the school and students that she is passionate about, and expected others were doing similar or even more spectacular things at their schools too. Yamamoto's Multicultural Leadership class has done many things to put them in the top spot for winning the MARC award. One of them was the annual Children's Day which the class has hosted every May since Riverside opened. The event consists of the class inviting grade one students from neighbouring elementary schools to celebrate the Japanese Children's Day with games, crafts, performances and school tours. "The Multicultural Leadership class has gained recognition at Riverside for all of the events we put on, and to have that recognition from the whole district as well is a real honour," said Yamamoto. Yamamoto received her award on Wednesday, May 30th, which is to be displayed in the front office with her Multicultural Leadership's class's name engraved on it for 2012.



The award winning multi-cultural Leadership class. courtesy of C. Yamamoto

Leadership classes help the homeless

Anika Green- staff reporter

On Friday, May 25th, several leadership classes went to Oppenheimer Park, Vancouver's downtown east side, to feed lunch to the homeless. The students organized clothing, feminine hygiene products and toiletries into care packages to deliver to the homeless. They also baked cookies, cupcakes, banana bread and muffins to bring downtown. While at Oppenheimer Park, it was the students' goal to connect with as many people there as possible. "Everyone is longing for a chance to tell their story; all you have to do is sit there and listen," said **Robyn Haydock**. Everyone happily accepted the food students brought and prepared, but mostly they wanted to make connections with

the students and tell them all about their lives, and what their hopes and dreams had been. "Everything was welcomed, people were just so happy we were there," said Haydock. Many of the people in Oppenheimer Park also had dogs with them. One of these dog's names was Sputnik, meaning constant companion. His owner named him that because he is the one constant friend in this man's life. The people there care for these animals, and for each other, with so much compassion. They have created one, big family amongst themselves. It is like a community and everyone is looked after. "It was so touching to see how every single person connected with each other and looked out for one another. This was such an amazing experience, and one I will never forget," said Haydock.



Several leadership students preparing the toppings for the hot dogs in Oppenheimer park.

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It's time to speak up for gay rights

Days after the state of North Carolina voters pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, the entire political landscape was put on alert as American President **Barack Obama** spoke his mind on the issue during an interview on May 9. Obama said that he believes that same sex marriage should be legal everywhere in the United States. Canada legalised same sex marriage in 2006. But despite advances in Canada, where same sex marriage is legal, our society has not done enough to end the discrimination aimed at GLBTA people.

Obama's statement has been met with criticism from anti-gay marriage politicians, but his move has also been encouraged and praised by other politicians, celebrities and supporters. Rapper **Jay-Z** was one of the first celebrities to come out and publicly support president Obama. "Whether it costs him votes or not...It's not about votes; It's about people. I think it's the right thing for him to do as a human being," said Jay-Z. However, others feel Obama is currently not doing enough to pursue the legalisation of same sex marriage, claiming he is exploiting the topic for votes in the upcoming election. Either way one looks at it, President Obama is touching on a subject that always brings up a discussion in not only politics, but in schools. On May 29, the Gay-Straight Alliance announced that they are in opposition to Catholic Board's teaching methods used in Ontario, saying they are not shaping a school environment that is welcoming to all. **Premier Dalton McGuinty** came to the defence of the Gay-Straight Alliance saying, "G.S.A clubs are places where students can receive much-needed support to get through what can be pretty tough days at school. These are not a threat to the Catholic education system."

Riverside student **Julien Galipeau's** speech at the 2012 Spoken Word Festival summed up the issue very well with his speech entitled, "Decisions." It was a speech about discrimination and learning how to deal with it and accepting everyone for who they are instead of pointing out flaws or unique features some may have, whether on the outside or on the inside. All the points that Galipeau talked in his rant were about the things that many GLBTA supporters have been campaigning about for a long time. Galipeau's main point was that everyone needs to get over the fact that there are gay people, and that being gay is normal. Galipeau resents that people tell him he is brave. The bravery stems from having to endure day in and day out the discrimination that leads to decisions such as the Ontario Catholic school board's or to those made by people who oppose marriage rights for all people. As Galipeau pointed out, saying someone is brave for being gay is like saying someone is brave for having brown hair or being straight.

Ultimately, taking away the ability to speak freely about homosexuality in schools cannot happen. School is a place where one can go and talk to teachers and councillors about issues at school and home life as well, a place where you shouldn't hide who you are. Taking away the right to talk openly about homosexuality is a form of discrimination. The sooner that being gay (or whatever) is normalized in school, the sooner acceptance extends to the society as a whole.

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POINT COUNTER POINT

Year-long school will help teens



Leonard Zein
Columnist

On April 26, the BC government announced amendments to the School Act which remove the strict September to June calendar, allowing school districts more freedom in organizing the schedule, and yes, opening up the possibility of year round schooling. When the September to June calendar that we use today was established, the purpose of summer break was for students to assist their families in harvesting crops. Today, however, how do

students spend their summer break? They party, they get bored, and they forget everything that they learned throughout their last semester. Having school in session for the entire year is simply logical. It ensures that students start their next semester with the knowledge gained from the previous year still fresh in their minds, thus reducing the need to waste time in the curriculum trying to refresh their memory. This means that they can instead put that time towards learning new things, advancing their knowledge at a faster rate and keeping them interested. It's also good preparation for when students have jobs, and won't have a scheduled break in the summer. This would also mean that the breaks throughout the year are more evenly spread,

rather than mostly crammed into a two month period in summer. Therefore, instead of having one long break which gets boring after a few weeks, one would have multiple smaller breaks and can look forward to each one. Having schools in session for the entire year would also help to reduce the potential for things such as burglary and vandalism. Schools are frequently the victims of graffiti and other assorted felonies during the summer break; if school is in session, the perpetrators shouldn't be available, and there would be people in the school to prevent it. A two month break in the summer season simply isn't necessary anymore. All other professions work throughout the year; why shouldn't students and teachers do so as well?

Why not just stick with tradition?



Carter Lefneski
Columnist

What person doesn't like summer? Summer is two months of heaven for students and teachers alike, away from school, free to do whatever one wants. The whole school year is built around the seasons. The summer is where grade 12 students leave high school, when family camp-outs take place and when teachers get a much needed break from the students. On April 16 2012, legislation was passed giving school districts the option to

switch to yearlong schooling. The current system has about 14 weeks of break in a year. The new system gives shorter breaks but spread more evenly though out the year with about 12 weeks off in total. The history of summer break was so that children could go to work on the crops in the warmer months, but since not many kids harvest crops anymore, the thinking is that yearlong schooling might be more efficient. But why does everything have to be measured with efficiency. Why not stick with tradition? Yearlong schooling will be an unpleasant experience. Summer is a golden time, the big goal at the end of school. Without it what is there to look forward to after June? Teachers will lose the time for professional development;

students will no longer be able to get a summer job, and long family camping trips will be near impossible. Students and teachers alike need summer break to rest and to improve for next year. Since it's up to the school districts to decide, what happens when two siblings have different schedules, family vacations are only possible when everything matches up. Even then, all vacations will be cut short because one student has to be back to school earlier. I do not understand why the government would let school districts choose if they should switch to yearlong schooling, which might make all the schools in British Columbia on different schedules. Not to mention that yearlong schooling will probably cost school districts more money to sustain.

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Riverside says goodbye to veteran teachers

Mr. Ron Haselhan

“He is the most loved staff member, by staff and students.”

-Ms. S. Kilpatrick

Anika Green - staff reporter

Riverside’s much loved Mr. Haselhan will be retiring at the end of this year. Haselhan has been with Riverside since before it opened, and was one of 22 others who helped to design the courses and programs Riverside offered. One of his favorite courses to teach was Career and Personal Planning 10 because it gives students the skills they need to succeed in life. His favorite thing about Riverside is the relationships that he has formed with the staff and the students. Haselhan enjoys making and maintaining these connections. “He is the most loved staff member, by staff and students,” said Ms. Kilpatrick, who has been close to Haselhan for more than 14 years.

He has also been on several music and Orlando trips, and said they have been highlights for sure. At Riverside, he is the ‘go to guy’ for anything. Whether you need an extension cord, a light bulb, or a stapler, he is your guy. Seeing as he has been at Riverside since it opened, Haselhan is extremely familiar with the layout.

“He knows where every secret storage room is, and exactly what it contains,” said Kilpatrick. When he retires, Haselhan wants to travel, volunteer and perhaps get a part time job. “I will literally cry when he leaves in June. I don’t know how we will ever replace him,” said Kilpatrick. Haselhan has now been teaching in SD43 for 37 years, and this year at Riverside will be his last.



Mr. Haselhan on a roller coaster at Orlando 2012. *courtesy of L. Hiebert*



Mr. Haselhan in 2012. *K. Shong/Eddy*

“I will miss my dad.”

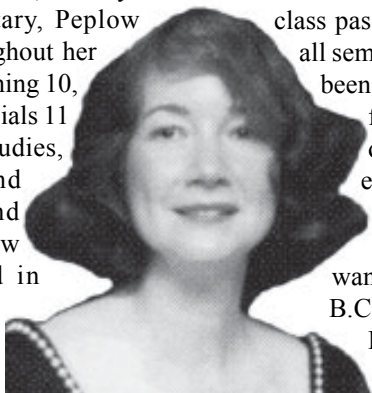
-Mr. J. Brown

Ms. Karen Peplow

Darcy Claybo - staff reporter

After 14 years of teaching at Riverside, we will be losing Ms. Peplow to retirement. Peplow decided to go into teaching because of her love of history, and began her career at Centennial Secondary in September of 1992. After seven years there, and a year at Porter Street Elementary, Peplow came to Riverside. Throughout her career, she has taught Planning 10, Social Studies 10, ESL Socials 11 Preparation, Canadian Studies, and beginner and intermediate Skills and Composition ESL. Peplow has also been involved in multi-cultural events, winning the multicultural and anti-racism award for

a program she developed and sponsored in 2004, and winning the award again in 2008 with the Korean drummers. She also planned many lunchtime celebrations in the hallways and main foyer. When asked about her favorite memories of her time here, Peplow said, “I think one them would have been the time my whole Planning 10 class passed, after I harassed them all semester. Another would have been the joy I saw on student’s faces when they were doing the multicultural events in the main foyer, such as the drummers.” After retiring, Peplow wants to do research into early B.C., visit friends she made in Italy, or visit relatives in Saskatchewan.



Ms. Peplow with her students in 2012. *K. Shong/Eddy*

“Due to Ms. Peplow’s dedication, The Korean Drummer Club has performed at numerous public functions including the Winter Olympics and May Day.”

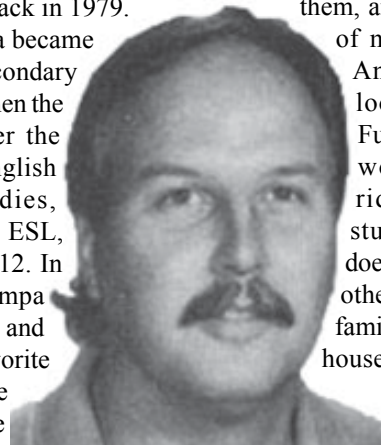
-Ms. C. Yamamoto

Mr. Robert Kempa

Darcy Claybo - staff reporter

In the midst of the school year, long-time teacher Mr. Kempa went into retirement. Kempa began his career by getting his teaching degree in North Bay, Ontario, and started to teach in Chilliwack in 1979. Later in his career, Kempa became a teacher at Riverside Secondary School, starting in 1997 when the school first opened. Over the years, he has taught English Honours, Socials Studies, Computer Programming, ESL, History, and Law 11 and 12. In addition to teaching, Kempa also coached football, golf, and volleyball. Some of his favorite memories were the friendships that he made

and thank-you’s he received from students, often at the end of the year. “I do seem to recall an interesting moment when I looked in Ben Lepore’s room before classes started one day and watched him lining up desks, almost measuring the distance between them, and I knew then, I was out of my league,” said Kempa. And of course, he always looked forward to Friday Funnies- a tradition where he would tell funny jokes, riddles, or stories to his students. For now, Kempa doesn’t have any formal plans, other than to spend time with family, work on jobs around his house, read, and learn how to play the guitar like the old blues masters.



Mr. Kempa with his Law students. *B. Logue/Eddy*

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-Mr. R. Kempa

Riverside bomber jackets are the bomb

Brody Hughes - staff reporter

If you have walked around the school anytime since early April you might have noticed students and teachers wearing Riverside lettermen’s jackets. After many years of students asking and the idea of it ‘bouncing around’, Mr. Rothenberger decided that this would be the first year that his marketing class would venture out from sweatpants and t-shirts to make bomber

jackets. “I grew up in the states and went to high school in North Vancouver and every student had one back then,” said Rothenberger. The letterman’s jackets cost \$160 and although they did not sell many this year, Rothenberger still believes that they were a success, a limited success, but still a success. “I love them (the bomber jackets).. we knew it was a leap of faith making the jackets this year and springing them on kids at a high price, but I’m

proud of them,” said Rothenberger. There was, however, a problem that the class stumbled upon after ordering them. The Pennsylvania factory was the cheapest place to order from when Rothenberger first investigated, but after ordering, he discovered many hidden costs; this unintended event turned into a learning opportunity for the Marketing 11 class. Despite this mishap Rothenberger ensured that the bomber jackets will be back next year.



Adam Grosset and teachers model R-side bomber jackets. *K. Shong/Eddy*



Student Council gets bus shelter approved



Student council members from left to right: William Parry, Bryan Logue, Melissa Hofmann, Mansur Mashanlo, Leonard Zein, Sebastian Zein, and Erica Maglio. *K. Shong/Eddy*

Leonard Zein- staff reporter

Funding for a proposed bus shelter, to be placed at the bus stop on the intersection of Hawthorne at Reeve, was recently approved by the city council of Port Coquitlam. The proposition was originally drafted by Riverside's Student Council, who decided to petition the city for one in late November of 2010. After having been processed through the system, student council chair **Sebastian Zein** was informed on May 19 that the project is, in fact, going through. "I said at my first ever student council meeting that I would get a bus shelter on Reeve," said Zein. He continued on to explain how he proposed the idea to the city of Port Coquitlam. "I researched what the city's

current bus shelter placement policy is and why it wouldn't allow a stop on Reeve. I then composed a short 5-minute speech recommending changes to the policy." It is currently still not known when construction on the bus shelter will begin, or when it will be completed. Student Council has also been behind many other Riverside initiatives, such as the school's Coquitlam all candidates' debate. Currently, however, student council consists of mostly students in their senior year, creating an issue as to who the student council of next year will consist of. "It's basically going to have to be rebuilt from the ground up, unless we get a sudden influx of new volunteers," Zein said. "We started off strong this year, but I think interest started to wane a few months in."

History 12 visits the Holocaust Symposium

Brayden Fengler- staff reporter

Every semester **Mr. Lepore** takes his History 12 class on a field trip to the Vancouver Holocaust Symposium. The symposium is a daylong event where students get the opportunity to listen to a real Holocaust survivor and hear a more personal side to the historical event the students have been learning about in class. For the majority of the symposium, students are actively listening to the various speakers on stage before the voluntary Q&A

session at the end. One of the Riverside students that went, participated in the Q&A. **Heather Corbould** asked, "When did you first notice the deterioration of rights during your genocides?" There was a Holocaust survivor who spoke; He was 14 at the time of the Holocaust and the Second World War. There were also other speakers who have a great deal of knowledge on the event. **Robbie Waisman**, the Holocaust survivor who spoke, was a Jewish boy living in German occupied Poland during the Second World War after the

Nazis invaded. His entire family was killed during the course of the war. He, however, was fortunate enough to be in one of the German concentration camps when it was liberated and he was freed. There was also a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide that spoke. The Rwandan Genocide took place in 1994, the year that the students attending the symposium were born. This was to provide an extra sense of perspective, and show that genocides can still happen today, and future generations have the power to stop them from happening.



Students in the auditorium at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. *courtesy of Google*

Leadership students host tea party for seniors



Ms. Blaxland with two seniors at the tea party. *T. Chen/Eddy*

Tony Chen- staff reporter

On May 9, **Ms. Joni Blaxland's** twenty nine leadership students from Riverside Secondary School welcomed thirty seniors from Hawthorne Seniors Care Community to Riverside Secondary School for a tea party. The elders are senior buddies of grade nine, ten, eleven, and twelve leadership students, who accompany their senior buddies in various activities during their regular visits to Hawthorne every Wednesday morning. Every leadership student had a senior buddy at Hawthorne, which is located in Port Coquitlam. The theme of the tea party was *Alice in Wonderland* and spring. The party took place in the Riverside Library and started at eleven in the morning

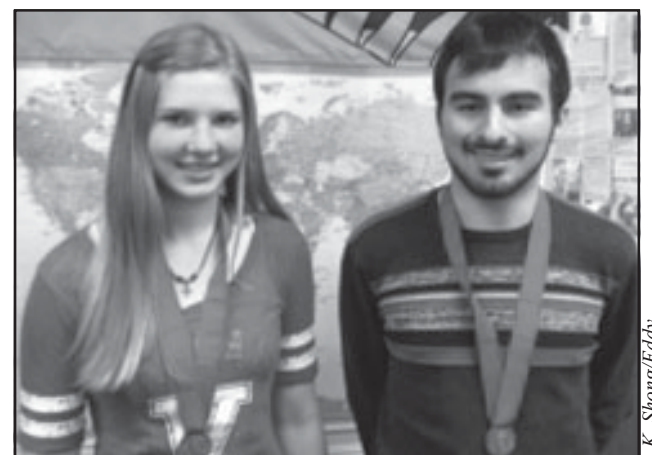
and ended at noon. "The party was excellent," said **Mr. Frank Bird**, a senior buddy from Hawthorne Seniors Care Community. Hawthorne staff accompanied the elders on the bus to Riverside for the tea party. **Geomar Lo**, a grade nine leadership student who partook in the tea party, said it was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the older generation in the community. Blaxland's leadership students and **Ms. Ashlee Lazar's** Family Studies 11 students helped set up for the tea party. In addition, **Ms. Miriam Cyr's** Foods 11 students provided drinks and snacks. "The tea party was a huge success," said Blaxland. It was the first time that Riverside Secondary School had hosted a tea party for the senior buddies. "The students learned that the older generation has lots to offer," said Blaxland.

R'side students succeed in Begbie History contest

Bryan Logue- staff reporter

On April 18, the Begbie History Contest was written at Riverside. Developed during summer 1993, the Begbie is a social studies competition written across Canada, and is available to secondary students in grades 10, 11, and 12. The contest is composed of 25 multiple choice questions, a short answer written response, and an essay question. This year, the short answer question was the comparison of two political cartoons from the 1930's. For the essay question, the students were given 11 documents to analyze, and had to draw conclusions to create a thesis for their essay. This year's essay topic was the zoot suit riots of 1944. For every 250 entrants, 1000 dollars is awarded to the

winners. The student with the highest score in Canada is awarded a dinner with the governor general. Last year, over 30 students participated in the contest, with one student winning the contest at the national level. This year, 16 students wrote the contest, several of which placed in the top ten percentile in Canada. Two students, grade 11 student **Katrina Besler** and grade 12 student **Sebastian Zein**, placed in the top five percentile in Canada. When asked if he felt the Begbie was worth it, Zein said "There's nothing to lose, nothing to study for, and you could potentially have dinner with the governor general. It's all about critical thinking and analysis on the spot." 2013 is the last year that the Begbie contest will be taking place. "We want to get a lot of people to write it," said Besler.



Sebastian Zein and Katrina Besler with their medals. *K. Shong/Eddy*



Science students travel to Orlando

Brayden Fengler
staff reporter

The Riverside Orlando science trip was a great success yet again. Every year a lucky group of science student have the privilege of flying down to Orlando Florida for a weeklong event, where students participate in a variety of education programs throughout the various theme parks in the Orlando area, such as: Universal Studios, Sea World, Disney World and also the Kennedy Space Center. While participating in the educational programs at the parks, students are taken behind the scenes to learn about the science involved in the attractions in ways



Orlando group at Nasa in front of the sign.

courtesy of Mr. Brown

that an ordinary park guest would never get the chance to do. The days can be long and exhausting though, starting as early as six am and ending as late as eleven pm. "Going to Orlando with your parents is one thing, but going with your class mates and friends is a once in a life time experience" said **Lindsey Courbold**, who has gone to Orlando twice this year, on the school trip, and with family. Students also get free time at the parks after the educational programs –free to enjoy rides, scenery and soak up the sun. There is nothing quite like taking a week off school to ride roller coasters and learn science along the way!

"I had a fantastic time with all my friends and even made some new ones. It was the best science unit ever!"

Lauren Au



Orlando group in front of Cirque Du Soleil.

courtesy of Mr. Brown

Riverside's Communications students vist France



Communications students on top of the Eiffel Tower.

courtesy of Mr.Larrivee



courtesy of Kiara Grant

Cole Kent
staff reporter

This past week, for the 14th year-in-a-row, Riverside sent over a select group of French Immersion students to France. Accompanied by French teacher **M .Larrivé**, the students embarked on an exciting trip that they will surely never forget. Some highlights of the trip were visiting Medieval castles, Carca Conne, Notre Dame, Sacré Coeur, le Palais Garnier, and of course the Eiffel tower. Despite the main attraction being the Eiffel Tower, the students said they enjoyed the other monuments and unique experiences as well. Overall, the trip was quite popular

among the students and as always it helped improve the students' French speaking skills while being immersed in a different culture. Larrivé had also said that the trip is a great one because the kids get the chance to go into a whole new culture and they get to have a first-hand experience of the culture they study here at school. Larrivé has had the privilege of going on this trip 50 times. Also, as he nears retirement, this might end up being one of his last trips to France with his students. "I hope that the students gained an appreciation for their home culture and the one they visited as well as a better knowledge of themselves," said Larrivé.

"Speaking only French for two weeks was a challenge, but it was a rewarding one."

Marissa Martin



The entrance of Academie Nationale de Musique.

courtesy of Kiara Grant

The grand adventures of 2011 alumni

Emily Chan



Former Riverside student Emily Chan is currently in Ottawa studying a double major in journalism and Human Rights at

Carleton University. Emily says, "Combining both majors was definitely beneficial for me and the programs are exactly what I was looking for." Emily works for 'Free the Children', for which she has done benefit concert work, protests at Parliament Hill, and gave her the opportunity to do an interview at the Junos. Emily, along with her other endeavors, is doing online work with a news website called **The Vancouver Observer** over the summer.

Tyler Shaw



You can vote for Tyler on www.muchmusic.com, where the votes will be tallied for the three finalists.

Tyler Shaw is currently studying at The University of Prince Edward Island where he got a scholarship for soccer and is playing goalie for the team. Along with school and soccer, Tyler is also pursuing his dream of becoming a songwriter/singer. Recently Tyler has been seeing great results in his singing career; he entered the Much Music covers contest, and made it to the top three! Tyler's cover was of **Brittany Spear's - I Wanna Go**. Tyler said, "It's great to see that my dreams are slowly coming true, but for me this just the start."

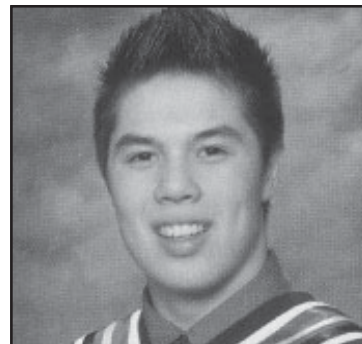
Ken Do



Since grad 2011, Ken has worked on sets such as Fringe, Falling Skies, Percy Jackson 1 & 2, Alcatraz, Supernatural, Mission Impossible, Secret Circle,

Twilight: Breaking Dawn, and This Means War since high graduating and also acquired another world champion title in a different martial arts circuit. He competed and became British Columbia's gold medalist in the Provincial competition, Canada's gold medalist in the National competition, and he is currently awaiting the world games to begin this October. Recently, Ken has started studying at Simon Fraser University to earn a degree in Health Sciences. His advice? Keep an open mind, work hard, and give yourself options by trying something that interests you!

Nick Roemer



opportunity presented to you to get ahead and not forget to thank those who got you where you are."

Nick Roemer is a 2011 graduate from Riverside who pursued an apprenticeship as an automotive technician at BCIT. Nick was fortunate to be involved in the ACE-IT program and was able to complete his first year academic portion of the apprenticeship in grade 12. Nick now sits as a third year apprentice since he started early. Nick's advice: "Grads, the important things are to enjoy what you're doing, take advantage of every

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

—Nelson Mandela

The tassel's worth the hassle!

~Author Unknown

With graduation on the horizon, here are some words of wisdom for the seniors of Riverside Secondary as they go on their way to *infinity and beyond.....*

Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference.

~Arie Pencovici

I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

~ Author Unknown

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning.

~Orrin Hatch

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

You're on your own.

And you know what you know.

You are the guy who'll decide where to go.

~Dr. Seuss

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Words from Mr. Ciolfitto thoughts on graduation

It is my pleasure to wish our Grads of 2012 a fond farewell. You have made many memories and lasting impressions on our fine school. You have showcased your leadership in and out of the classroom, demonstrated a strong sense of empathy, care, and community mindedness, and inspired us with your talent. The relationships you have forged with each other, including our staff will last for many years to come. You will come to appreciate these relationships more as you go your separate ways, realizing that the time you spent together over the past four years can never be replicated. My hope for you is that this next phase of your life is filled with playful adventures, new opportunities for learning, and employment experiences that challenge and excite you. Do not settle for less than your heart's desire, and in life are done in isolation. You are the product of a loving and supportive family and friends. Co

Anthony Ciolfitto

Principal

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Grad Transitions: practical process or a waste of time?

Jesse Frempong - staff reporter

Grad Transitions at Riverside is a necessary process for grade 12 students have to complete to graduate. But many students feel that it is another 'hoop to jump' on top of exams and graduation. The Grad Transitions program is designed to prepare students for post-secondary life; it covers finance, volunteer and work hours, healthy

living, and resume building. Grad Transitions has been around for four years now, and students seem to be more and more reluctant about completing them. Grade twelve student **Adam Fraser** commented that "I feel like I'm not going to end up following any of the plans I wrote down, and I personally think that it was just another burden in my life." On the other hand, some students feel

there are benefits that can come with it, such as getting help with perfecting a resume. Riverside counsellor **Mr. Lemire** says, "Most students don't see it as valuable; they see it as just another hoop to jump through. But what it does accomplish is to help students put in some thought and research about post-secondary schooling, and life after graduation." Mr. Lemire added

that, "students' post-secondary plans will most likely change regardless whether or not you have an idea of what you want to do after grad." Before grad transitions, students had to complete a graduation portfolio, which was even more work. The Ministry of Education replaced portfolios with grad transitions because it is a simpler process for both students and teachers.

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A look at the stress grad can cause

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Chad Sigsworth - staff reporter

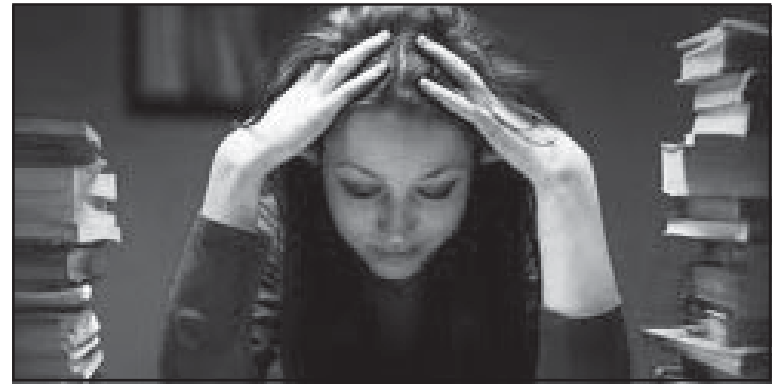
When students first enter high school as a young grade nine, graduation seems to be far away and out of the picture. However, as time flies and the big day arrives, it's hard to believe it's all over. This is usually the time when it hits students that everything is about to change; and that can be a very stressful feeling.

For the last twelve years, school has been from 9-3 for five days a week. It's been the same routine over and over again. There was never really an option of anything other than that. Now, depending on whether or not students choose to work, go to school, travel or whatever it is, that sense of

structure from school 9-3, Monday through Friday will essentially be gone.

Along with leaving the known schedule of the last twelve years behind, a lot of your peers will be left behind too. Not everybody will have been friends, or even know each other that well, but regardless, they've been together through it all. Also, with many students going away for whatever reasons, it is possible that good friends will be left behind. For some people, realising that this time with good friends could essentially be over is a lot to suddenly take in.

The biggest thing on a new graduate's mind, however, is how



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For many students, the time leading up to grad can become their most stressful time of the school year.

to handle the huge transition to a new life. Sitting around all day and sleeping isn't an option. Whether it is post-secondary school, a job, travel or whatever the plan, some

actions must be taken. There are so many changes after high school that it is important to embrace the adventure and not let any anxiety get in the way.

What are your post-secondary plans?

James Matthews - staff reporter

What a student chooses to do after they finish school is often one of the biggest decisions of his or her life. For the vast majority of students, the choice is post-secondary studies. But for some, the year directly after grade 12 is one they fill with volunteering or travelling in what is known as a Gap year. Gap years got their start in England in the 1960's, but it has since become popular worldwide. People who partake in these activities can meet hundreds of new people and contribute to the global community. Many students wish to combine service and travel for their Gap year activity. Various programs and locations are available to choose from and the experience provides a new vantage point on day-to-day life. You could backpack through Europe, travel by train on the



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Riverside student Daniel Martinez will be attending a music school in Spain.

Trans-Siberian Express or discover a new side of Canada. It is possible to travel alone or in a group, allowing you to get the most out of the experience. If you're interested, Gap Year

year participants the opportunity to reach countries and their populations through various intuitive activities. These opportunities range from Outdoor Activities Instructor to English

A broad Specialists are available on the net. For a gap year activity, volunteering at the same time as traveling allows for a great experience. *Lattitude Global Volunteering* offers gap-

Teacher; all of these activities on a volunteer basis. Opportunities also span the globe, allowing students to gain a new perspective on countries such as Poland, Ecuador and China to name a few. You can reach *Lattitude Global Volunteering* at their website: lattitudecanada.org. Riverside's **Daniel Martinez's** post-graduation plans may not fall under the heading of a traditional Gap year, but travelling is definitely on the horizon for Martinez who is off to Spain, where he will be studying music. Though he is fairly new to the guitar (he started at the age of 14 - inspired by *Rock Band*), Martinez has grown into a musician worthy of attending **Taller de Music's Academy** in Barcelona. So whether it's a passion fueled by *Rock Band* or a newfound interest, many options are available to those wishing to gain new perspectives.

Cost of grad doesn't always suit the budget

Chad Sigsworth - staff reporter

By the time graduation is done with, it will have been the most expensive event of every student's school career. Many students end up spending hundreds of dollars on this one day event, and some students, (particularly girls,) can spend upwards of 1000 dollars. Why is it so much more for the girls? For starters, their grad dress alone can cost as much as 500 dollars, sometimes even more. It depends on whether or not you buy them in store, order them online, or need to get them fitted properly. Then

they must go out and find good shoes to go with this dress, and shoes aren't cheap either.

Also needed are special hair and makeup designs. Girls can end up spending three times as much as guys simply by getting their outfit

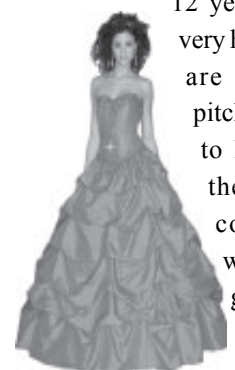
for the big day. Guys however, have it easier. They have the choice of either renting or buying their suit/tux. In some cases, this doesn't cost more than 200 dollars. In contrast to the girls, it is cheap, but it still leaves a massive hole in your wallet. Students also need to pay for their grad limo for the day of grad. If you can get a decent amount of people on your limo, the price will decrease partially since the price is split over a variety



of students. However, not every limo is packed with 20 people. For some of the smaller groups, paying for a limo can cost up to 100 dollars each. There are also the grad tickets that cost money. Each student needs to pay 125 dollars for their one ticket for the grad dinner and dance. This is the most exciting part of graduation for the students and they need to spend over 100 dollars on it. In addition to the day of grad, some students attend grad trips. Of course nobody is making them go on these trips to Cuba or Mexico or even Europe, but it's a great time and students love going. It's just unfortunate that a

trip like that can cost thousands of dollars. At the end of the day, graduation is very expensive. It doesn't matter whether you are a guy or a girl you will still be spending hundreds of dollars at least. For 18 year old teenagers, sometimes that kind of money can be difficult to acquire. That's just one reason you should try to stay on your parents good side throughout your grade

12 year. It can be very helpful if they are willing to pitch in and help to lessen all of the stress that comes along with graduation time.





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Riverside hosts 13th annual talent show



MCs Tyler Shaw and Yancy Ambrose. *courtesy of Keith Disu*

Sami Manley - staff reporter

This year, students put on the thirteenth talent show at Riverside. "There was an amazing variety of music dancing, and creativity," said **Marina Malz**, one of the many people who attended this year's talent show. "Students practice and prepare to get up on stage to show off their interesting and creative talents," said **Keith Disu**. There was dancing, singing, bands, and instrumental pieces. The amount of music and style types was "astounding," said Malz about the evening's mix of rock, heavy metal, hip hop, classical.

There was even Irish dancing. There were many guest performances, such as a duet with **Mrs. Bates**, the school's photo, film, yearbook, and art teacher, and **Gord Johnston**, one of the schools custodians; they sang the classic song, "Born to be Wild." There was also a surprise performance from Taylor Shaw, who graduated from Riverside last year. "Flat out Amazing!" said Gord. "It was so much fun!" said **Maggie Lees**, one of the many talented performers. "Getting ready to get up on stage was a bit nerve racking. To be honest I was afraid I would mess up," said Lees.

There wasn't just one winner; there were multiple winners in all five categories: instrumental, vocals, bands, dance, and people's choice (which was announced the day after the talent show.) In instrumental, **Jesse Kazemir** won, and then in the vocals category, the winner was the act called *The Sisters*. In the band category the *Four Fiddlers* were victorious. In the dancers category *Sounds for the Soul* won with her riveting tap dance routine. Finally the people's choice award was given to **Julian Galipeau** for his fantastic Whitney Houston tribute. "A big thank you to all the kids who

helped out and made this talent show possible," said Mrs. Bates.



Albert Liao. *courtesy of Keith Disu*



Ms. Bates and Mr. Johnston are "Born to be Wild." *courtesy of Keith Disu*



Julien Galipeau: *S.Manley/Eddy People's Choice.*



Eric Wilmott rocking out on the electric guitar. *courtesy of Keith Disu*

Riverside classes take photo journey

Jesse Frempong - staff reporter

Riverside's photo class recently had the opportunity to visit parts of Vancouver on all-day-long fieldtrips with their classmates. Ms. Selden's grade 11 and 12 photo classes travelled to Chinatown for inspiration and take photos for their projects. In Chinatown, they visited the Sun Yet San garden, which is a classical Chinese garden where the class got a brief description of what the garden is all about, and to get an understanding of the differences between Chinese and Western cultures before taking their photos. The class also visited an instagram photo gallery located on East Georgia, and a photography galley showing an exhibit of Fred Herzog's work, a photographer known primarily for

his photos of life in Vancouver. Ms. Bates' photo and yearbook class travelled to Granville Island and do an assignment where they had to choose an inspirational quote and take photos which visually demonstrated the quote. Senior yearbook student **Yancey Ambrose's** quote was "The future belongs to those who are willing to get their hands dirty", which was represented with photos of objects in different career paths intended to resemble that you should 'work hard for what you want'.



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Boats docked beneath the Vancouver sky at Granville Island. *courtesy of Yancy Ambrose*



Pictures taken in the Sun Yet San gardens of Chinatown.

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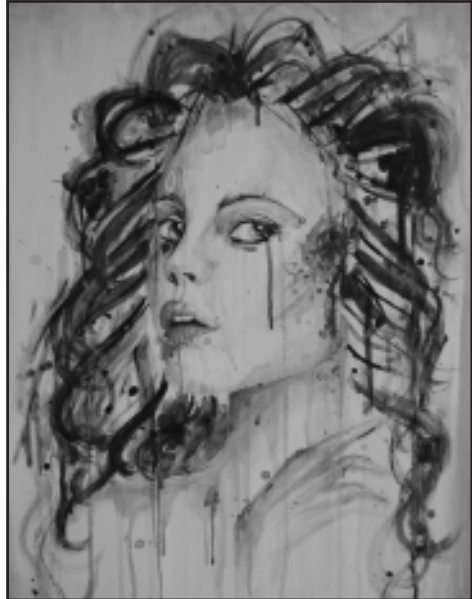
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Riverside students pursue art



Alexis Johansen. K. Shong/Eddy



Alexis Johansen's painting. Alexis Johansen



Aileen Choi's artwork. courtesy of Aileen Choi



Aileen Choi. K. Shong/Eddy

Carter Lefneski - staff reporter

Each year, Riverside's art department produces many fine artists that use the skills attained to pursue further studies at colleges and universities, and later in their chosen careers. Two such students are **Alexis Johansen** and **Aileen Choi**. Both are graduating this year and have plans to pursue art-related careers. Johansen has applied to the University of

Toronto, the University of Victoria and Ryerson. Her hope is to be accepted at Ryerson to study architecture. Johansen has taken a variety of courses to prepare her for this. "Science and math courses are necessary for architecture, but the art component is equally important," said Johansen. She feels she has developed a strong portfolio revealing her versatility through contributions made on her time as well as through her art classes. Choi

has also built a comprehensive portfolio of 3D art, paintings and digital photography through her art classes. "My art electives gave me a good foundation of skills and knowledge," said Choi. She submitted work to the Coquitlam Center Emerging Artist show and won a scholarship which she will use for her studies at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design. Choi wants to major in photography.

Guitar students compose songs



Students in the guitar class.

K. Shong/Eddy

Sami Manley - staff reporter

Ms. Allia Yeates's guitar students are writing songs for their final project. For the last couple

of weeks, the students have learned how to use different chords in many different ways. Then the students experiment with

them to create music, experimenting with melody and note combination, like strumming or plucking. "By doing this project the students learn about song structure and how music is put

together," said Yeates. The song's lyrics were to be either written by the students, or the students could use the poetry that Ms. Yeates



Ms. Yeates. K. Shong/Eddy

Drama 9/10 presents -Traumas and Dramas

Arianna Jaffer - staff reporter

The grade 9/10 Drama class has spent the last two months working on a collage style production, improving their play building skills. The student-written play consists of a collaboration of scenes based on four ideas; secrets, lies, dreams and reality. The students have incorporated the four original ideas into a performance that relates to being in high school and the differences of childhood and teenage hood.

Most of the scenes in the show are based on real stories, experiences and memories from the students' lives. "The stuff has been culminating, and it's all been put into the play bit by bit," said **Michael Trigueiro**, a student in the class. **Mrs. Roberge**, who teaches the Drama class, said that she gives this project to all of her Drama 9/10 classes, though she has never assigned this



Mrs. Roberge's Drama 9/10 class performing their collaborative play.

A. Jaffer/Eddy

particular theme. Roberge continues to incorporate this project into her classes because "it teaches everything from communication

skills to group dynamics, and it gives students the ownership of the work." The students have had an enjoyable experience

working on play building, according to **Kira Dauke**, another student in the class. "It's really relatable, and it's really deep, but it's a comedy. I feel like Drama's such a judgement free zone, because we've all shared so much about ourselves and some people have really been through a lot, and they felt comfortable enough to tell us about it which really brings us a lot closer," said Dauke when asked her opinion on the project. "It's probably like the best thing we could have done in this class. It brought us all together and we all became more of a family after this," said **Teressa Abdallah**

The Drama 9/10 class presented their comical, yet relatable, play during block D on the 29th and the 30th, and it was open to whoever wanted to come to see the product of their hard work.

Upcoming Concerts

Chickenfoot

When: June 5th
Where: Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Genre: Hard rock

Bryan Adams

When: June 16th
Where: Rogers Arena
Genre: Rock

Nickelback

When: June 26th
Where: Rogers Arena
Genre: Alternative rock

K.D. Lang

When: July 4th, 7th, 8th
Where: Commodore Ballroom
Genre: Country

Slash

When: July 14th
Where: Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Genre: Hard rock

Snoop Dogg

When: July 20th
Where: Commodore Ballroom
Genre: Rap

Neil Diamond

When: July 21st
Where: Rogers Arena
Genre: Soft rock

Skrillex

When: July 22nd
Where: Pacific Coliseum
Genre: Dubstep



Children's day is once again a hit with students

Leonard Zein - staff reporter

On May 4, 2012, Riverside's Multicultural Leadership program hosted its annual Children's Day celebration. A group of about 40 elementary school students from Hazel Trembath, Kilmer, and Castle visited Riverside on a field trip spanning the first two blocks of the day. Traditionally, children's day is a Japanese celebration held

annually on May 5, and has been celebrated there since 1948. This year, however, May 5 fell on a Saturday, and thus the Riverside festivities had to be held on May 4. Arriving in the cafeteria, the students were introduced to the school by **Ms. Catherine Yamamoto**, the event organizer, who then handed the microphone to vice principal **Steve Roos** and principal **Anthony Ciofitto**. After the introductions had been

made, the students moved through stations in the cafeteria, participating in traditional activities such as origami and face painting, as well as more Western activities such as mini golf and a hockey shootout. After the activities had been completed, the group took a short break, snacking on ice cream while enjoying a classic Japanese cartoon. The children then took a tour throughout the school, guided by students in the Multicultural Leadership program, where they became oriented with the school's layout and met with the teachers of various classes. Once they got a feel for their future school, the group returned to the foyer and posed on the staircase for a photo with teachers, staff, and student volunteers. Many of Riverside's senior students enjoyed the event as well. "It was cool to see the young kids; it's something to remember," said **Matthew Lai**.



Mr. Ciofitto on Children's Day.

All photos courtesy of Ms. Yamamoto



Leonard Zein on Children's Day.



All the kids at another successful Children's Day.

Student philanthropy nets Vancouver Charity \$5000

Tony Chen - staff reporter

Riverside students, **Kim Bui**, **Tom Kadota**, **Madison Trampleasure**, and **Sara Behrouzian**, who competed against other Planning 10 students to win the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) final on May 22. The semi-final teams were chosen from every Planning 10 class. Each teacher chooses the best team from his or her Planning 10 class. Principal **Anthony Ciofitto** then decides the top nine Riverside teams to participate in the YPI final. This year, the process of the YPI was changed because Planning 10 is no longer a linear

course. The Riverside YPI semi-final was cancelled due to this change. In the previous years, all of the YPI finalists would be current Planning 10 students. This year, some of the finalists were students from Planning 10 classes in the first semester. YPI was founded in Canada in 2002 by the **Toskan Casale Foundation**. YPI combines in-class learning, fundamentals of philanthropy, and hands-on experience. **Ms. Alia Yeates**, a Planning 10 teacher, said the YPI is a big growing process for student. This year, the winning charity was a Vancouver charity called "Last Door". It's a charity that provides free treatment for

people with a severe addiction to alcohol and drugs. The charity was awarded 5000 dollars by the **Toskan Casale Foundation**, a non-profit organization located in Toronto. "The YPI project was a very exciting and unique experience," said **Trampleasure**, a member of the winning team. Riverside Secondary School has hosted YPI for seven years.



This year's YPI winning group in their charity's shirts.

K. Shong/Eddy

'Snaps' abound at Open Mike Festival

Tony Chen - staff reporter

Riverside Secondary students, **Julien Galipeau** and **Jessica Arthur**, won the Gold and Bronze medal, respectively, at the School District 43 Spoken Word Festival at Port Moody Secondary School on May 4. Nine Riverside students from **Ms. Lori Leonard's** English 11 Honors participated in the open mike format. This format, as opposed to formal speeches, is very popular with students because the focus of the judging has shifted to creativity and passion. The format grew out of Poetry Slams, which is performance poetry. The topics ranged from acceptance of others, to young love, and to why parents can be so embarrassing. The contest, organized by Port Moody Secondary School teachers, parents, and students, attracted about one hundred secondary school students from School District 43. Galipeau's poetry slam was about identity and discrimination toward the homosexual community. He received not only the Gold Medal, but he was also the only person to have ever received a perfect score. "I had always liked performing in front of other people," said Galipeau. Arthur's presentation was focused on the power of speech. "I was very surprised when I won the Bronze Medal," said Arthur. All of the Riverside students who partook in the Spoken Word Festival scored above 92 percent.



This year's english public speaking participants. (Jessica Arthur and Julien Galipeau, the two medalists.)

K. Shong/Eddy

R'side students shine at French contest

Darcy Claybo - staff reporter

On May 12, two Riverside students, **Daniela Di Francesco** and **Sarah Rajani** came first and second in their respective categories at the provincial French public speaking contest. Grade 10 student, Di Francesco wrote her speech about blood diamonds. She talked about the rebel armies in Africa using diamonds to support the rebellion against the government. The inspiration for her speech was the **Kony 2012** campaign, and its connection to blood diamonds. Di Francesco enjoys public speaking because you get to voice your opinion about topics that are pretty unknown by the general public. Rajani, who is in grade 11, wrote her speech, titled "Perception," about different conversations she had with people in the past, comments or compliments people had given her, and interesting things that had stuck with her. Rajani also thoroughly enjoys public speaking. "I like the practice that it gives me, in the sense that it's a way to step out of your everyday qualms about yourself." Congratulations to both girls for all of the hard work and dedication they put forth.



Sarah Rajani and Daniela Di Francesco, the two medalists.

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Western Lacrosse Association 2012 Season Preview

Taylor Reeves
staff reporter

The Western Lacrosse Association, or WLA, is a seven team Senior A box lacrosse league based out of British Columbia. The league currently consists of the Burnaby Lakers, Coquitlam Adanacs, Langley Thunder, Maple Ridge Burrards, Nanaimo Timbermen, New Westminster Salmonbellies and Victoria Shamrocks. Despite being a summer amateur league, the level of competition is very high because many of the players play professional box lacrosse during the winter.

The WLA has typically been dominated by three franchises; Coquitlam, New Westminster, and Victoria. After years of success, all three teams have the resources to consistently put talented players on the floor. However, this all changed during the 2011 season when Coquitlam fell to last place. The playoff picture became significantly different, with first place New Westminster taking on fourth place Maple Ridge, and second place Victoria matched up against third place Langley.



Thunder captain Matt Leveque with the 2011 WLA championship trophy and banner.

Photo Courtesy
Carl Meadows

New Westminster had few problems with Maple Ridge, defeating the Burrards four games to one. However, Langley shocked the lacrosse world when they swept Victoria to secure a spot in the WLA finals. This was the first time the Thunder had won a playoff series.

Even more surprising, Langley went on to defeat three time defending champion New Westminster in six games to win the 2011 WLA championship. This also meant Langley advanced

to the Mann Cup, a seven game series in which the best Senior A team in British Columbia takes on the best Senior A team from Ontario. Although Langley came up short in the Mann Cup, it was still an incredibly successful season for the team.

New Westminster is always a threat with their star-studded roster, but their offense was shut down during the finals and will need to regroup this year. Victoria is also a good team that will likely be in playoff contention.



Thunder forward Rob Van Beek during the 2011 Mann Cup.

Photo Courtesy
Carl Meadows

However, after allowing 44 goals in four playoff games, questions have been raised about their defense and goaltending. With a number of returning players and the addition of high scoring forwards **Lewis Ratcliff** and **Garrett Billings**, Langley will look to continue their success.

Burnaby and Maple Ridge are both fast, young teams that could potentially slip into the playoffs, but their lack of experience may hurt them in the postseason. Nanaimo will likely not be a threat

this year, but with a number of high draft picks, their future looks bright. Finally, Coquitlam's experienced roster looks great on paper, but they'll need to do a much better job of keeping the ball out of their own net. Look for Coquitlam goaltender **Nick Rose** to have a good season after working his way into a starting in the National Lacrosse League.

With teams like Langley and Burnaby emerging as competitors, the 2012 season should be the most exciting yet.

Canadians look forward to another successful year

Mitchell Stewart - staff reporter

With the MLB season kicking into full gear coming into the summer months, the single-A season will be starting up very soon.

The home town *Vancouver Canadians* will take the field for the first time this season on June 15, as they open the season on the road in Spokane. They play five games in Spokane, then bus home to have their home opener on June 20. The Canadians home opener will host the *Tri City Dust Devils*, the same team that they beat in the finals last September.

Having just a seventy-six game season, it is crucial for teams in single-A to get out to a hot start in the month of June. The Canadians did exactly that last season, picking up wins in eleven of their first four-teen games in June last year.

The season is split into two mini-seasons in single-A; in the first half of last season, the Canadians tied for the best record in their division with the *Eugene Emeralds*, who also won the second half. This meant the Canadians, who had the second best overall record, made the

playoffs. After beating the *Eugene Emeralds* in the first round, the Canadians beat a strong *Tri City Dust Devils* team in three games, winning the Northwest League Championship.

This season, the team will hope to repeat their strong start from last year, and make another run to the Northwest League Championship.

The Canadians have seen some great players go through their system, so fans could be watching some future big leaguers at Nat Bailey Stadium this season.



The 2011 Canadians season - successful off the field as attendance increased for a third straight year.

Photo Courtesy
Taylor Reeves

CFL introduces new jerseys

Taylor Reeves - staff reporter

The Canadian Football league introduced new jerseys for each of the league's eight teams in the beginning of the May. Designed and manufactured by Reebok, these new uniforms feature technological improvements as well as new design elements. Many CFL teams took this league wide re-design as an opportunity to create a new look for their team, while others made minimal changes. Stewart Clark, director of marketing for Reebok Canada, had this to say about the re-design.

"Reebok is proud to introduce its re-engineered CFL jersey. For a greater range of motion and a better on field experience, the new on-field jersey is tighter, lighter and now features a moisture wicking technology incorporated in the fabric.

The new on-field jerseys have been complimented by players because of the tighter fit. BC Lions



Lions players show off their new uniforms. From left to right: Khalif Mitchell, Travis Lulay, coach Mike Benevides, Geroy Simon, and Paul McCallum.

Photo Courtesy
Nick Procylo

slotback Geroy Simon said that the new uniform "fits like a glove" and "makes holding almost impossible for defenders." The moisture wicking technology will also help players stay cool.

The replica fan jerseys are also improved, with more durable fabric and a better fit. The most exciting addition for fans will likely be the option to get a

stitched name and number. Previously, jerseys were only screen printed. Blank replicas retail for \$109.99, while customized jerseys retail for \$189.99. The BC Lions opted to keep their look similar after winning a Grey Cup by only removing the black piping from the orange home and white away uniforms.

Canucks Summer Update

Cole Kent - staff reporter

With the Vancouver Canucks disappointing playoffs coming to an end, all fans are now anticipating a big change this off-season. And with both the General Manager and Head Coach being re-signed with the organization, all attention is now turned towards the goal-tenders. The Canucks have been able to enjoy a brilliant goal-tending duo this season, but after this year's playoffs, it is probable that one of the net-minders will be on his way out of Vancouver. During the 2012 Stanley Cup playoffs, it seemed as though 26 year old **Cory Schneider**, was trusted with the starting role in the crucial games. Then after the playoffs finished, Canucks veteran goal-tender, **Roberto Luongo** stated that if asked to, he would waive his contracts "no-trade" clause for 5 teams. These teams are: *Florida*



Photo Courtesy Vancouver Canucks

The 2011 season was a disappointment for most fans.

Panthers, Tampa Bay Lightning, New Jersey Devils, Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Chicago Blackhawks. There are some things the Canucks would need in return from either of these goaltenders. The two big changes they need are more two-way forwards and a replacement for the injured **Ryan Kesler**. Whatever happens this off-season, the Canucks will certainly start next season with a new and improved team.



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Kehler drafted, proudly represents Riverside

Brody Hughes
- staff reporter

The life of ninth grade student **Colton Kehler** was forever changed on the afternoon of May 3, 2012 when he was selected 154th overall in the 7th round of the WHL bantam draft by the Edmonton Oil Kings. Kehler said he is "relieved and happy" for being selected, adding that it was a big moment in his life as it gives him the same opportunity as other players and opens a door for his future. Last season Kehler was team captain for his A1 Bantam hockey team, playing in 55 games, scoring 50 goals to go along with 45 assists. After Kehler

graduates, he plans to play in the WHL; however, if that does not work for some reason, he wants to go back to school and play university NCAA hockey in the states as he believes that his education is as important as hockey is to him. Kehler's favourite hockey player is LA Kings captain **Dustin Brown**, who he tries to resemble his play after. Brown has become successful from being able to use his size to overpower and finish a play whether that would be with a goal or a hit, something scouts at the BC cup saw in Kehler. "It was definitely my favourite moment from all the years of playing, being

able to go out and play with the very best players from across BC in front of scouts."

Growing up, Kehler always wanted to play hockey and got the opportunity at the age of nine. Throughout the years Colton has always played at the highest level of hockey.

Hours after being drafted, Kehler became a local celebrity on the social media websites Twitter and Facebook with an outpouring of congratulations from middle school-ers to graduates. But most notably, Boston Bruins forward **Zack Hamil** sent out a



(Left) Kehler runs his opponent into the boards in a Bantam A game.
(Right) Colton Kehler mugshot.

Courtesy of C.Kehler

congratulation tweet to Colton on Twitter. Hamil is a former Riverside graduate and the only player to play in the NHL from Port Coquitlam. Only time will tell if Kehler will be able to join Hamil and become the second person to play in the NHL from Port Coquitlam.

Injury bug hurts Rapids

Mitch Stewart - staff reporter

Riverside's rugby team got off to a slow start this season, losing each of their first three games. They started to turn the tables a little bit after winning their next two games, but it wasn't enough. The team couldn't pick up enough slack to make the Fraser Valleys and play more than the



courtesy of H. Malz

The Rapids get into a scrum during a rugby game this season.

minimum number of games. Injuries really hurt the team throughout the season, as a few players came onto the team for the final few games because the team didn't have enough players. Another couple of players who were on the team last year couldn't play due to injury before the season as well. Commitment was also an issue for the team. Many players did not attend enough practices to understand the game and compete properly.

Hopefully, next year's team will have more returning players. The team was made up of mostly grade elevens this year, and most of them had never played before. Although rugby seems like a game that just relies on size and strength, knowing the game well is a huge asset to being a successful rugby player.

If the young players on the team this year all come back for next year's season, the Rapids could be a force to be reckoned with for the 2013 season; that is, if the injury bug does not hit the team once again in 2013.

Handball heating up



A.Green/Eddy

Taylor Green catches a pass during a handball game.

Mitch Stewart - staff reporter

While the year is coming to an end in a few weeks, intramurals is just heating up. The European handball season is now underway, and it is generally the most popular of the four sports to watch, and play.

Unfortunately, the season has been cut short this year, due to the combination of a long basketball season, and the teachers' job action. Each team plays three games in the round robin format, and there is almost no margin for error. If a team is to win all three of its round robin games, the team will move onto the semi-finals; having a one in the loss column could mean missing the playoffs. Out of three pools of teams, only four of the teams make the semi-finals; so three pool winners, and one wild-card team. The semi-finals for the high school division will be played on June 12, and the pro division semi-finals will be played on the June 13. The big finale of not only European handball, but also the entire year of intramurals, will be held on June 14, two days before classes end. June 14 could get intense, so come out and cheer on the teams!

SPORTY SHORTS

Rasche continues to impress



Jesse Frempong - staff reporter

Grade nine Riverside student **Teagan Rasche** joined track and field three years ago and has been experiencing great results ever since. Her top events consist of: race walking, hammer, and javelin. At this year's Fraser Valley's track and field meet Teagan placed first in the 1500m-race walk, second in hammer, and fourth in javelin. To prepare for these events, Teagan practices and trains twice a week. To achieve full potential at the meet Teagan says, "It is necessary to be healthy and always stay hydrated

before doing any event." Before the referee pulls the gun, Teagan says "I feel my heart racing, and I try to stay as calm as possible." Track and field means a lot to Teagan, and she hopes to make it to nationals in all three events next season and says, "It would be a pleasure to win a medal in each event."



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(Left) Teagan sets up for the hammer throw.
(Right) Teagan sets up to throw the javelin.

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