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RIVERSIDE HALLOWEEN 2012

Halloween 2011, the teachers of Riverside Secondary put on a surprise dance of the infamous song and dance "Thriller" by Michael Jackson for the students; this year Halloween 2012, the teachers came back and performed the summer's hit "Gangnam Style" by Korean artist PSY. Could this be the start of a tradition here at Riverside?

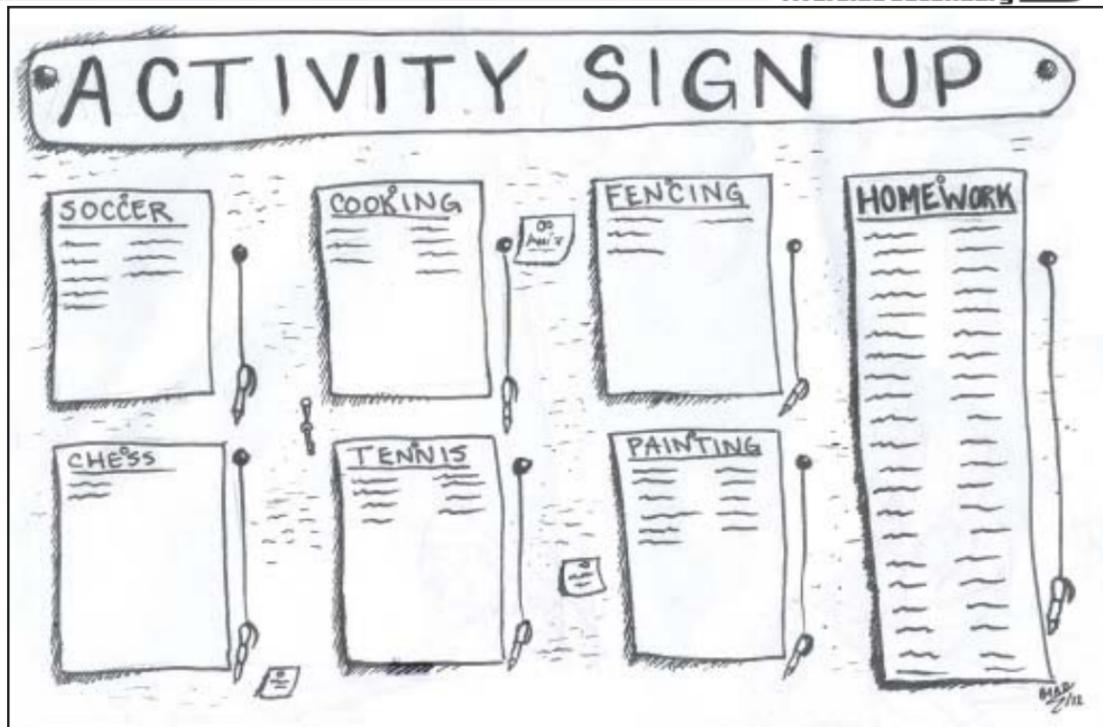


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Are we a culture of followers ?

Admit it. At one time or another, you have probably heard about a new song everybody loves, a movie that everybody's watching, or a new book that everyone's talking about. You've decided that you want to fit in, so you jump on the bandwagon, and obsess over this new idea. Some say it is human nature, others disagree. Is our obsession with following others having a negative effect on society? Have we become a culture of followers? People have always followed trends. Even in the 1920's, people dressed a certain way to fit in. Some trends are good, such as a lady who in 1918 wore poppies, in honour of soldiers. This trend caught on, and we still wear poppies today (see page 4). However, modern trends are just about advertisers trying to make a buck. Recently, there has been an obsession over following trends, to the extreme of people spending hundreds of dollars. Apple, the company who created the iPhone, iPad, and iPod, have greatly benefited off of the bandwagons and trend followers. The hype created with each new release of their products has made their products a must have, even with the lack of innovation in recent years. A perfect example of following trends is the recent success of boy band "One Direction." Teenage girls everywhere are raving about Harry Styles and Niall Horan, bringing the band to an overnight success. Old posters of the Jonas Brothers have been torn down to make room for the faces of the new "Fab Five." This instant success would be impossible without "bandwagoning." Once the word spread about the band, and the heavy media attention started, everyone began to "love" One Direction. The fans began to call themselves "Directioners," and worship the 5 pop stars. Do I believe all these people actually like this band because of their music? No. In order to fit in, people just start to like this band, despite the fact that they are a musical replica of boy bands from over a decade ago. Will people really care about One Direction in two years? Just like their predecessors before, One Direction will fade into obscurity, with everybody listening to the next group. Interestingly enough, the bands that have left a legacy, such as The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, and The Beatles, were trailblazers, not a cookie cutter band. Bandwagons also have negative effects in politics. Studies show that when voting in an election, undecided voters will often vote for the candidate proclaimed to be winning, instead of the candidate they agree with most. This may be because they don't care who wins, or that they are uneducated about the importance of elections; but either way the outcome will have consequences. People are always going to jump on bandwagons, and try to follow trends. But we can become more aware of what we are doing, and maybe you'll think twice about spending \$200 on front row tickets for a band that you discovered last week. Maybe you won't spend \$400 on a phone with a bigger screen, even though your phone is just fine. And maybe, you can be yourself, and follow your heart, not other people.

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Cartoon drawn by Jordyne Bird

POINT POINT

Learning begins at home



Keely Knutson
Columnist

Although homework is an unsettling thought amongst young teens and children, the thought of it going away completely is unfathomable. France is considering making a law against children receiving homework. Why? The French government believes homework is consuming too much of a kid's childhood, causing them to miss out on opportunities. The French school days are from 8:00-4:00 weekly, excluding Wednesdays. With the schedule they're given, I'm not sure how they expect the students

to get any practice in without having homework to review what has been learnt throughout the day. If you're not sure of what has been said or done in class, you have the opportunity to review and practice. Doing homework is also a slow opportunity to study for tests; because you don't get a block during school to study. Even if the French schools do offer a study block, it's not like any studying is really being done while you're surrounded by your friends. The French governments' theory states that the poorer children don't have as many resources to fulfill their homework as the more wealthy ones do; therefore, homework should not be given at all. If the students need help or don't have the resources required, why not offer free tutoring services or take-home study sheets rather than take away homework completely. The

French government is making it seem as though taking away homework will bring equality to the children of France. I feel as though homework would bring more equality as the children with less advantages could work up to someday provide their children with necessary resources. It seems as though the government is using "no homework" as a decoy to distract people from taking into consideration that a half day will be added to their schedule. The French government will see a drastic downfall in grades if homework is banned. The Canadian government doesn't seem to have an interest in the matter, but Canadian students are keen at the sound of no homework. I'm hoping the students of Riverside will know what's right from wrong, and what's right is doing your homework to help keep up your grades.

No homework, no problem



Sarah Wall
Columnist

Picture this: you've just been in school for six hours, with four different teachers pounding information into your head, class after class, day after day. It's now 4pm, and you've just arrived at home after walking in the pouring rain. You have to make dinner before your parents get home from work, and you have practice for a rep team that you can't miss from 7:30 to 9:30pm...not to mention you have to shower and eat sometime today as well. Oh, and

don't forget! You have homework for every class you're taking, including prep for two tests and an essay. But no pressure. Homework is something every child experiences in their minimum of twelve years of schooling, every day of the school year. So when French president Francois Hollande announced his plans to abolish homework throughout the country this past October, you can imagine the happiness of students. Parents and teachers, however, were less than pleased. As for Hollande's reasons for ending the homework battle, he stated that giving students work to do outside of school hours doesn't equal a level playing field for all children, simply because some have

different resources at home, producing varying results in the quality of homework produced. With less advantaged children lacking in the supplies needed to do modern day homework, such as computers, this proposal gives them more class time with teaching support; rather than floundering at home to complete work that is vital to their learning. More class time for learning is another key factor in Hollande's plan, in which he plans to extend the school week from four days to four and a half days. Hollande's proposal sees thousands of students breaking free from the daily struggles of homework, allowing them to learn as a whole, to use class time efficiently, and level the playing field of learning.

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We Day inspires students to take action

Elise Patricelli
staff reporter

Riverside students took action once again this year by attending *We Day* on October 18. *We day* was held in Rogers Arena holding 20,000 guests to share in this

motivational day. The stadium was filled with high energy, hope and commitment to change the world. Throughout the day many speakers and performers took the stage such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Spencer West, Magic Johnson, Molly Burke, and

of course Marc and Craig Keilburger, along with many others. "The speaker that stood out the most to me was Desmond Tutu because I thought he seemed so genuine and seemed like he was speaking from the heart," said Rapid Change teacher Mrs.

Blaxland. Students were very inspired by this day. "Molly Burke's performance stuck with me because it was so powerful and unique. One person can make a difference. They just have to be determined, willing to put themselves out there and able to stand up for what they believe in," said grade 11 student **Anika Green.** Music from Demi Lovato, One Republic, and former Riverside student Tyler Shaw, along with many



Former Riverside student, Tyler Shaw performing at *We Day*.

courtesy of K. Disu



The group of Riverside student that went to *We Day*.

courtesy of K. Disu

other performers pumped up the crowd. *We Day* has been happening since 2007 giving students, and educators much to look forward to. Spencer West was a speaker that moved people to see their true potential by pointing out what you have, rather than what you're without. Despite the fact that he has no legs, West is a powerful man that is here to

redefine possible. "Being true to yourself is what's really important. That you can look at yourself in the mirror and know that you've done everything in your power you possibly could without regrets," said grade 11 student **Nicole Robb.** *We Day* will be back next year to inspire many more, so work on making a difference and earn your ticket.

Riverside students help homeless bundle up

Nick Sjodin- staff reporter

It's winter again, and with it comes short days and freezing nights, nothing new for people that live on the east side of Vancouver. It is a sad reality that many cannot afford the basic necessities, such as a warm meal or clothing to protect them from the cold nights. Thankfully, the leadership group lead by **Joni Blaxland,** from Riverside

Secondary decided to help out the needy. On November 16 the students went to Oppenheimer Park and donated coats to those who cannot afford them, as well as, they were served a lunch. Riverside's leadership group has been going to Oppenheimer Park for three years. "It's an amazing feeling for both myself and my students. We really feel like we have made a connection with the people downtown and have made

a difference," said Blaxland. Other items were included in the care package, such as towels and toiletries. Blaxland's inspiration came from her daughter. "While my daughter was going to Heritage Woods her Family Studies class went on this field trip and she loved it so I adopted the idea," said Blaxland. The students know they are doing good in the community, and they plan to continue the tradition of the visit.



Leadership students with collected items for their visit. K. Shong/ Eddy

Riverside helps to feed tri-city's residents in need



Riverside student pushing carts full of food for the homeless.

K. Shong/Eddy

Nick Mizen -staff reporter

On October 31st, Halloween night, the well-known organization *Free The Children* held their annual event "Halloween for Hunger" which works with schools to gather food for those in need. Students are expected to go door to door and collect non-perishable food items. Students from Mrs. Blaxland's independent Green Shirts class organized for Riverside

Secondary to participate in the event. "Halloween for Hunger is an event where volunteers organize and disperse on Halloween night between 5pm and 9pm around south side Port Coquitlam and promote the cause," said Blaxland. On November 2, all the food was collected and sent to SHARE, an Tri-city organization that helps families in need of basic necessities. "Also participating were the Riverside feeder schools, by

having food drives within the school, as well as some of the middle school students who were going door to door," said Blaxland. In 2011, over 290,000 people participated in Halloween for Hunger, and donated 833, 648 pounds of food, which is enough to feed 168 families of four for a whole year. The charity has been contributing to families in poverty since 2009 and is promising to continue as long as there is a need.

Jack Dina, Kobe Zhou & Erin O'Toole
present...

POTSHOTS

TOUGH TALK FOR A TOUGH WORLD



Football for R'side?

There is something missing here at Riverside, and it's played with a pig skin. Why doesn't Riverside have a team? It is a question that has been asked for a long time. Football is a great sport to play, but a lot of people here at Riverside don't have the opportunity to learn and enjoy since we don't have a team. If Terry fox can have a football team and a hockey program, why can't we have both as well? It doesn't mean we have to be a top tier football team as Fox does, but even a bottom division football team would be nice.

Movember...photos?

Movember is a time where men across Europe, Australia and North America grow out a dirty moustache to "support" prostate cancer. But actually it is just an excuse for them not to shave their facial hair. Unfortunately, graduation photos lay right in the middle of Movember, and who wants to have a dirty stash in their photo? It's your last high school photo ever and you should be clean cut and dressed your best. 20 years from now when you look back at your grade 12 yearbooks and you see yourself with a hideous moustache; you'll regret your choice. So do us all a favor a shave your moustaches. Or get in there early for the photo.

Trick or treating for teens?

Halloween is a chance for people everywhere to dress up, carve pumpkins, and go door to door begging strangers for candy. Some people believe that Halloween is for kids only, suggesting that by the time you're in high school, you will be too mature for such childish antics. But what's stopping you from dressing up and going door to door? If you put a solid effort into your costume, don't you think you *deserve* some kind of reward? They say that good things come in small packages, and a 'fun-sized' candy bar might just be a perfect example of that.





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Remembrance Day at Riverside



Warrant officer Andrew Richards (right) and Lance Corporal Warren Byrnell (left.)

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Formal Remembrance Day assembly at Riverside with performances and two guest speakers was poignant.

Darcy Claybo- staff reporter

On November 8, Riverside held its Remembrance Day assembly based on the theme of peace. Led by student MC's **Megan Dally** and **Sara Doncaster**, the assembly commenced with an introduction by principal **Anthony Ciolfitto**, followed by the singing of O' Canada, with the assistance of the senior band and choir. After that, the Korean Drummers performed a song called "Serenity." Lance Corporal **Warren Byrnell**, a Korean War veteran, then spoke about his experiences from the war. The senior band then performed a musical interlude called "Fanfare for the Unsung Hero," followed by a reading of a peace poem by **Iva Volaric**. Then Corporal **Andrew Richards** from the Royal Westminster Regiment spoke about creating peace. After that, the Musical Theatre 11 and 12 students performed a moving poem, titled



Musical theatre 11/12 students performing moving poem.

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"Anthem for Doomed Youth." Another peace poem, read by **Martha Krepa**, followed the performance. Then the choir sang a song called "Shanti," accompanied by a peace themed PowerPoint presentation created by Leadership students. The "Last Post" was performed by **Jonathan Malmberg**, and students rose for a moment of silence, followed by Reveille (the bugle performance after the moment of silence), which was also performed by Malmberg. To close the ceremony, the MC's read the names of local war veterans, with students holding tea lights in their memory.

On November 6, Byrnell also spoke about his experiences with war to Ms. Ross' Social Studies 10 classes. He gave insight to why we honour and support veterans. He joined the reserve army in 1947, where he trained to drive vehicles around the camp to different areas. In May 1950, when he was 22 years old, he was deployed to Korea, where he was to transport broken vehicles to the base workshop to be fixed. After everything these soldiers go through, it is important to recognize them. We should always remember the sacrifices that the soldiers have given to bring us peace.



Korean war veteran presentation.

A.Jaffer/Eddy

The history and significance of the Remembrance Day poppy



John McCrae, author of *In Flanders Fields*.

courtesy of Google.

Arianna Jaffer
staff reporter

Every November, an abundance of little red flowers flourish on the chests of Canadians. The poppy is worn to commemorate the millions that died in the wars, but what does it really mean? The poem *In Flanders Field*, written by Canadian poet and physician, **John McCrae**, begins with the line "In Flanders Fields the

poppies blow," reflecting on the fact that before the First World War, minimal poppies grew in Flanders Fields. Flanders Fields was the generic name for battlefields during World War I because the fields were set in the medieval County of Flanders. Post-war, the poppies began to thrive on the remains of the battle, consisting of leftover lime from the explosions and

bombardments. The lime increased the number of poppies, and after the battles the fields would be bursting with the small red flowers. After McCrae's poem was published in 1915, the poppy became a symbol for all of the fallen soldiers. In 1918, **Moina Michael**, an American YWCA worker, published a poem called *We Shall Keep the Faith* in tribute to McCrae's *In Flanders Field*. Michael began wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat on the left of her chest, trying to begin a trend. Later, she campaigned for the poppy to be made the national symbol of remembrance, which was adopted at a National American Legion conference in 1920. Every November, close to 18 thousand plastic poppies are sold across our nation by veterans, legionnaires and cadets outside supermarkets and shopping centres. The

profit made from the poppies goes towards an association called the Poppy Trust Fund, which financially supports veterans in need. The proceeds are used for assisting the veterans and their families to help them purchase necessities like food, clothing, shelter and prescription medicines.

In addition to the stationary blood-red poppies, white and purple poppies are available for those who choose to forgo the traditional red poppy. The white poppies are Pacifist alternatives, sold by the Peace Pledge Union, whereas the purple poppies are issued by Britain's Animal Aid. The purple represents the animals that were affected by the war, and can be worn beside the red. The poppies are meant to be worn on the left of one's chest, closer to the heart. Our beloved poppy emblematises respect for the soldiers and anyone else that has bravely fought for our nation, so wear a poppy on your left chest to show recognition for our Canadian troops and as a constant reminder to ourselves that war still unfortunately rages in the world where many lives are taken daily.

In Flanders Field

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields."



Riverside's Rapids of the month



Payman tutoring Noor Aziz in Calculus. Jack Dina- staff reporter

Payman Baharmand is a grade 12 Honor Roll student with a big heart. With his busy school schedule, he still finds time to tutor students during his lunch hours, to volunteer at Riverside, and for the community in his spare time. His polite and warming personality has gained the respect of his peers and teachers. Payman aspires

to go to UBC or SFU for a Major or Honours degree in Microbiology and Immunology. Payman is a Leadership student; he and his class volunteer at Hawthorne and Central Elementary on Wednesdays and Thursdays. He is also a member of G-13, and volunteered at the British Columbia Librarian Teachers Conference, helping them set up and directing

the visitors. His passion for contributing to the culture of school, as well as balancing his studies is something to aspire to. Just recently Payman and a group of six others went out on Halloween to collect non-perishable food items for Halloween for hunger. Payman and his group went out in the rain for four hours and collected over three hundred pounds of food.

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Jonna Evans showing off her fencing skills.

courtesy of Jonna Evans

Brooklynne Clark- staff reporter
Jonna Evans, a grade 9 student at Riverside has been fencing with Port Moody Fencing since she was nine years old. She has entered in competitions all over the Lower Mainland and during her time in fencing, she has won lots of awards, including 1st place in a competition in Seattle, and 2nd in a Port Moody competition. Last year, Evans even

had the privilege of competing in the Olympic Oval in Richmond. Evans is hoping to get a scholarship for fencing and wants to keep it as a hobby to stay fit. "I really like fencing because it is something that no one really does. It's very unique and requires a lot of strategy. Fencing helps out my mind a lot by keeping me mentally and physically fit," said Evans.

Playgrounds for everyone

Abby Frost - staff reporter

In the Coquitlam School District there are many children with a designated special need and cannot use the current playgrounds. **Mrs. Hirji**, a teacher at Castle Park Elementary, is trying to 'spread the word' about a plan to build a universally accessible playground "to cater to the varying abilities and needs of children." In order to get the money to build this playground, Castle Park's Parent Advisory Council has been fundraising quite a bit. Castle Park fundraises an average of twenty five thousand per year and they currently have thirty thousand set aside to go towards the playground. The playground is going to cost around three hundred thousand to construct. To raise that amount of money needed to build this playground, Castle Park has entered a contest held by the Aviva Community Funds, an organization sponsoring the contest and supplying the winner with the money needed for their playground. This contest is between schools throughout District 43 and is currently in the semi-finals stage. Voting for the semi-finals will occur December 3 to the 12 and will include the top 90 ideas for an



Castle Park students. courtesy of Google

accessible playground. **Mrs. Hirji** would like to express her gratitude and say thank you to all the voters throughout Port Coquitlam and to the Rapid Change group at Riverside for making the cause known and for voting every day. But everyone still needs to vote on December 3 to 12 if the playground is to be eventually constructed. "Port Coquitlam is turning one hundred years old next year and we don't want one more playground built that doesn't include everyone of all abilities."

Who needs textbooks?



Riverside Co-op class. I. Wong/Eddy

Iris Wong- staff reporter

Riverside's co-op program is led by **Mrs. Nordheimer**; it is a class of students that take Math 11, Physics 11, Chemistry 11 and Work Experience in one semester. Any grade 11 student that has the marks for the math and science courses can sign up to join. "Benefits of co-op would be that students get to use the technology; they get work experience placements that help them learn and it teaches effective time management," said Nordheimer. This year,

the students get to use school provided iPads for the classes which are much easier to use rather than having multiple textbooks according to the students. Some of the common work experience placements that students get from being in co-op are placements with vets, opticians and science world. **Cassidy Kersch**, who is in co-op, has a placement with a physician at Eagle Ridge Hospital. She goes to the training programs at the hospital, and works with the patients. Kersch described co-op as a program that is fun and hands on with the experiences it provides. "At first, I wasn't sure about having a whole semester with the same classmates, but you make friends and get to know each other as you go," said Kersch. Students can have more than one work placement. **Alex Van Emmerik** currently has three placements: Royal Columbian Hospital, Surrey Memorial Hospital and at an office for a pediatric surgeon. Emmerik shadows the pediatric surgeon, and helps with papers while learning about related topics like anatomy. If you are interested in joining see Mrs. Nordheimer for more details.

Riverside students skype with mayor

Samantha Van Emmerik
staff reporter

This year *Riverside Connects*, a program that allows professionals to Skype into Riverside's classes, has been introduced. "It is initiative where Riverside classes connect with significant members of our community," said **Mrs. Kim** Economics 12, and Social Studies 10 teacher. This new program allows the students to directly connect with individuals from the community they are interested in and that they can learn from. **Greg Moore**, the mayor of Port Coquitlam, became a valued member of this new program when he skyped into various classes. **Hannah Gogo**, a grade

10 student, found the skype call useful because she "got to learn new things that the mayor wants to do to Port Coquitlam or what he thinks the youth will benefit from." **Mr. Ciolfitto**, the principal of Riverside, believes *Riverside Connects* is "an opportunity to bring the expertise that's out there to the classrooms, from people who are in the field." When the students are really engaged in what they are doing it sets up an excellent working environment. "It was great; the opportunity for the school to reach out and Skype in with leaders from whatever fields they want to get information from is an excellent opportunity," said Moore. In this day and age it is hard not to see a teenager

without a cell phone in hand as one walks through the halls. Technology is rapidly changing schools. All this new technology is finding its way into the classroom. *Riverside Connects*, is yet another prime example of technology helping to educate high school students. There are many opinions on the digital aspect of teaching. "When it comes to safety, I worry about it. There tends to be a bit more anonymity because it's not face to face. People I think are more inclined to maybe say things that they didn't necessarily filter out," said **Mr. Ciolfitto**. "It has its pros and cons, but I don't think going to a completely digital environment is the best learning



Riverside students talking to the mayor.

K. Shong/Eddy

environment, but if you can enhance the classroom experience by introducing some of the digital side of it whether it is someone skyping in and talking to the class or using online discussion forms, it enhances the experience," said

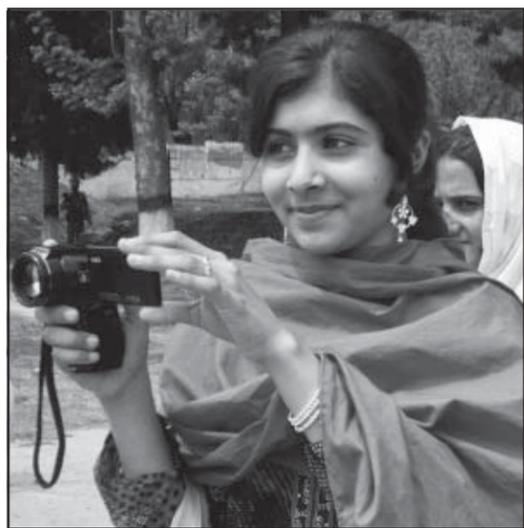
Greg Moore. *Riverside Connects* will continue to happen in the classes. The students had an amazing time and hope to do it again soon. "We had a great time, it was a great experience and I hope to do it again sometime in the future," said **Moore**.



Pakistani girl speaks up for education

Kirsty Chan
staff reporter

Like a lot of twelve year olds, **Malala Yousafzai** kept a diary. In 2009 she kept a detailed account of her life as a young girl caught in the conflict between Taliban militants and the Pakistani army in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Yousafzai's journal was published by BBC in the blog "The Diary Of A Pakistani School Girl." The diary follows her from January through to March of 2009 as females in Swat were forbidden from attending school and deadly skirmishes between the two warring groups disrupt her once



Yousafzai with a camera. *courtesy of Google*

carefree life. Her innocence provided a fresh and overwhelmingly personal view of the conflict, but it was her passionate belief in the importance of education for everyone that became the running theme.

Yousafzai's fame grew as she was featured in videos by the New York Times, nominated for the Children's Peace Prize in 2011, and won Pakistan's 2011 National Peace Prize. Her success brought her dangerous enemies, though. By bringing international attention to her cause she put herself in a position of danger from the Taliban and their supporters. In an interview held in 2011 she discussed the possibility of being confronted by the Taliban.

"I think of it often and imagine the scene clearly. Even if they come to kill me, I will tell them what they are trying to do is wrong, that education is our basic right."

The moment turned out to be an eerie foreshadowing of the girl's future, on October 9, 2012 Yousafzai was ambushed while on her way home from school by a Taliban gunman. She was shot twice, once in the neck and once in the head. The fourteen year old girl has been taken to a hospital in the United Kingdom that specializes in treating wounded soldiers. Yousafzai remains in critical, yet stable condition. Reports say that she is now able to stand with assistance and write short notes. In an interview with Time Magazine, **Dr. Kritis Dasgupta**, medical director of a hospital in Washington, D.C., gave his opinion on a possible prognosis.

"Given the severity of the injury, there is a strong possibility there may be some deficits. That doesn't necessarily mean she can't function and have a fulfilling life, but [there is a chance of] higher-level cognitive deficits... She was shot in the left side of her brain. That can affect language abilities."

For a girl who used language to move the world, it's a bleak forecast. This is far from a success for the Taliban, though. Yousafzai's story reached headlines and hearts around the world and inspired people, from Madonna to the UN, to demand girl's rights are upheld. Gordon Brown, the UN Special Envoy for

Global Education, has started a petition in honour of Yousafzai which will be delivered to the president of Pakistan in November. Two years after writing her diary, Malala Yousafzai is the face of equality in Pakistan and a hero to anyone who has ever been



Yousafzai from a documentary in 2009. *courtesy of Google*



Yousafzai in the hospital with her family. *courtesy of Google*

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oppressed. Her passionate fight for education and equality has struck a chord with people around the world. The resilience of a single schoolgirl has proven strong enough to withstand bullets and opposition, leaving a living martyr for a cause more worthy than ever.

Gender inequality around the world



A picture showing a girl before and after her appearance transformation. *courtesy of Google*

Kirsty Chan- staff reporter

Without argument, we live in one of the most developed countries in the world. The average Canadian's quality of life is within the top one percent of the entire world and with free healthcare, well-developed social programs, and a cultural mosaic, we like to boast of being one of the most liberal countries in the world. In spite of, or perhaps because of, this perceived liberalism we have developed a dedicated blindness to the inequalities that occur around us every day.

It's all too easy to dismiss the horrors that occur around the world, assaults on journalists in Egypt and "honour killings" in India, as a foreign problem. When a fifteen year

old girl in Pakistan is shot by the Taliban for advocating education, we can shake our heads and take a moment to be grateful that we live in such a progressive, developed place. But when a fifteen year old girl in Port Coquitlam is driven to suicide by the condemnation her peers because of a moment of manipulation and pressure, the illusion of an egalitarian society begins to falter. Under the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, women were required to wear burqas because, according to a Taliban spokesman, "the face of a woman is a source of corruption." This sexist logic is echoed closer to home when compared with a statement by a Toronto police officer who said that if women didn't want to be sexually assaulted, then they shouldn't dress "like sluts". The similarity in mentalities isn't a coincidence and unfortunately it isn't rare, either.

There's a strange paradox taking place around us, a strongly sexualized culture that encourages objectification of girls (beginning at an ever younger age) combined with the virtue of purity put on a pedestal. We live in one of the most liberal countries in the world, but for

either gender, our freedom is conditional, it isn't given away freely without any societal pressures. For a teenager, those expectations are heavy and the irony is that the ones who should have the most sympathy for them, their peers who are under the exact same influences, are quick to pass the harshest judgement. While girls around the world are given no choice at all, girls in Western society are made to choose between two extremes of immaculacy and promiscuity with no right answer.



A woman in a burqa. *courtesy of Google*



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There is no justice with vigilantes

David Terzis - staff reporter

A Vigilante is someone who takes the law into his/her own hands by trying and/or punishing another person without any legal authority. A case could be made that a vigilant deed is an action that is done for a justifiable purpose, thus making it acceptable. However, where this takes a downward turn is when emotions play a part in justice. One may demand a more extreme punishment for a crime than what is actually fair. Should vigilantes be tolerated in society? "Anonymous", a group of vigilantes online, are notorious for providing self-proclaimed justice to our society. As greatly feared "Anonymous" made an error when persecuting who they thought to be at fault in the

Amanda Todd scenario. They leaked an innocent man's name, address, and put the man in grave danger of the law. In attempt to be a strong force to aid in society, the group did the exact opposite and put an innocent man in danger, not unlike many vigilantes. On February 26th of this year, Treyvon Martin a seventeen year old African American in Florida, was shot by George Zimmerman who claimed that Treyvon was "acting suspicious" in the neighbourhood- a statement that likely derived from stereotype. Perhaps being proactive in this situation and simply talking to Treyvon would have been more advantageous than reacting and shooting Treyvon. Media has condoned vigilantes on television and in comic books for decades by glorifying assault as justice. Vigilantes are regarded as heroes

in reacting to the evil people in our world; they commonly reacted violently by using their "superpowers" to reinforce justice. Perhaps the most famous vigilant "Batman" was a hero to the city known as Gotham. Batman worked in a comic book because in a comic book the situations were ideal for the masked vigilante. He always had weapons that wounded but never killed, and if ever overwhelmed he always had a sidekick who would miraculously save him; these situations are not so prevalent in real life. An action done by a vigilante is often sparked by revenge, which is ironic as revenge is often the emotion at the root of bullying. Vigilantes would be more helpful if they could gather their energy in a less reactive way and a more proactive way. Vigilantes do not follow the



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Batman is a well known fictional vigilante.

law, and that is where the justice takes a turn for the worse, because they are commonly reacting and not thinking of a proactive way of solving the problem. If people start to define their own laws, society will have people disregarding the authentic law all the time; for those reasons society cannot have vigilantes doing what they feel is justifiable. Evil people are much scarcer than evil actions,

sometimes good intentions can lead to immoral actions. If society starts to compromise what is right and wrong in the systems point of view then it only makes for more problems. People are emotional, irrational and very capable of making mistakes, our legal system however must remain concrete; vigilantes are not to be tolerated in society, the law is not to be interpreted but instead followed.

Mental health, an issue that's too often ignored



Don't leave people with mental illness in the dark.

courtesy of Google

Joanne Lau - staff reporter

Society is complex, and there are many issues without answers. Mental health is a big issue that people have trouble acknowledging. Some struggle to deal with it head on; others ignore or avoid the topic. The reason is the stigmatization of mental illness and the inadequate system in place to deal with it, especially among young people. Fifteen year old, **Amanda Todd** took her own life to end the torture of cyber bullying last month; however, questions remain surrounding other factors that may aggravated the situation. Society today does not have a clear understanding of mental health. Many are fearful in approaching those affected based on lack of education around treatment, and perhaps not having enough resources to help. As for those affected, they may resist seeking help due to underestimating their own conditions. A shift in the mind set towards all these factors has a great amount of potential that could help deal with an issue this important. A common reaction of those who come in contact with a person who is diagnosed with a mental health condition is avoidance, which can lead to fearing peer rejection for those who suffer from mental health problems. Studies that have shown, promoting friendship and acceptance is an important step and some may say that it could be the "big first step" to the process of helping and letting people know that you are not there to reject. There are studies done by professionals that prove that kids who are affected by mental health struggle in school. A program called "Social Emotional Learning (SEL)" in schools helps those with the following: to achieve 15% higher in achievement tests; better attendance records and grade point average; to strive for more constructive, less destructive classroom behaviour, and more enjoyment in school. Having the program is another way that can reduce the feeling of rejection that the general public tends to have with those affected with mental health issues. With all these factors it's clear that it's a complex issue with many unanswered questions, however, society is slowly making progress towards understanding and aiding those with mental health disorders.

Bullying, an epidemic that has gone too far

Brooklyn Clark - staff reporter

Bullying in schools and in the lives of teens and children all over the world is a complex issue which has been happening for as long as anyone can remember. Whether someone is being bullied for their sexual preference, the way they look, their religion, their race or just for being a little bit different than most people, it is a serious problem. As sad as that is, bullying happens every single day, all over the world to thousands of people. While a large part of bullying does take place in schools, the real area where bullying has been happening for the last few years is online and on social media sites. According to a cyber-bullying statistic, over 50% of teens have been victimized. The scariest thing about cyber bullying is the fact that many other teens see what is happening to the victim and decide to do nothing about it. Many people even join in by "liking" a comment on a photo or post, or commenting on it which ultimately encourages the bully to keep going. The results of bullying in general, but mostly online, often lead to depression, insecurities, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts. This is obvious by the unreasonably high number of teenage suicides which have taken place within the last few years in BC, including the most recent victim **Amanda Todd** who committed suicide on October 10th because her bullying issues just became too much to handle. Although online activities are the biggest problems in bullying, the government has come up with a new and unique idea and plans on trying to prevent bullying by using technology. Students of British Columbia who are being bullied or who witness acts of bullying will now be able to report it anonymously from their phones on a new smartphone application. On June 26th, 2012 BC Premier Christy Clark announced that the province is investing two million dollars into the project to make sure that every child feels "safe, accepted and respected." "No one deserves to be bullied. It has to stop," said the Premier. The app is supposed to come out next September, and the government is hoping that it will help people identify and address bullying problems.



Stop bullying in its tracks.

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Seattle photo trip goes by in a flash

Nick Sjodin
staff reporter

On Friday, November 2, Fine arts classes from Riverside took a trip down to Seattle. The classes included Photo 11/12, Graphic Design 12, Film & TV 11/12 and some Yearbook Students. The trip was organized

by Mrs. Kelly Selden, and supervised by Mrs Teri Bates, Bonnie Angstadt and Mrs. Pat Holngen. With their cameras ready, the classes participated in one day of intense creativity, differing for every class. The Film 11 students were given a script at the beginning of the day and they had to shoot the movie before the trip home. The Photo class went around Seattle looking for unique photo opportunities.



Riverside Fine Arts students posing for a group shot.

courtesy of Milton Parent



courtesy of Kristina Kukushkina

Seattle Public Market.



courtesy of Kristina Kukushkina

Seattle Space Needle.

“The trip is a lot of work to organize and has gotten even more complicated with medical coverage and permission from the Superintendent of School required to go across the border. A great thing though is that students don’t have to have a passport when on a field trip and can cross the border with photo ID and a birth certificate,” said Selden. “I enjoy taking the students to a new city and allowing them to take photos around the Pike Place Market. We also always see one or two Photography shows to get inspired which is always great,” said Selden.

Selden has been doing the trip for 12 years now, once a semester, and plans on continuing.

Mrs. Bates was ecstatic about the trip. “I think it’s a wonderful bonding experience; the students really enjoy it. I’ve done the trip twice a year for the last eight or so years. A great thing about going with Mrs. Selden is that she brings the Film 11 class. She does all of the organizing; I know it’s a ton of work,” Bates said. The trip is very popular among the students, who love going down to Seattle. “It’s an awesome experience. It’s actually pretty amazing,” said Aaron Coursin, a student from Photo class.

R’side students are recognized at Circle Craft

Iris Wong
staff reporter

Every year, Circle Craft hosts a Christmas Market at the Vancouver Convention Centre that features creative artwork made by students in the Lower Mainland in a Student Art Exhibit. The market is held on November 7-11. This is Riverside’s sixth year to be featured. Up to 20 student artwork pieces from Riverside are chosen to be in the exhibit to show a wide variety of



Taylor Kinnard’s artwork.

courtesy of Taylor Kinnard

creations from the art programs. The pieces can be drawings, paintings, mixed media, photography; anything that is 2D and can be hung on a wall. “Having our student’s work featured in the Circle Craft show provides a great experience for them; especially because it is shown in such a public and high profile place,” said Mrs. Selden.

A piece that has been chosen for the student exhibit is “Bach from the Dead,” made by Photography 12 student, Matt

Brown. It is a photograph taken from a film camera that he took and developed of a subject in a ghost costume holding a synthesizer. “I’m very excited about having my work in circle craft because it’s never happened to me before. I’m sure it will help in the future as being an excellent addition to a resume or application. And I can say that a lot of people have seen it and even have drawn inspiration from it! That is what I love the most, that people I don’t even know will see it,” said Brown.

Another piece that is in the student exhibit is a portrait of an actor/musician named Jared Leto that was inspired by an artist named Gwenn Seemel. It was made by Taylor Kinnard, an Art 12 student who spent 8 hours to create it. “I feel pretty awesome about getting into the Circle Craft show for a second year; I think it’ll be awesome to put on applications for post-secondary.”



I. Wong/Eddy

Matt Brown’s piece.



courtesy of Ethan Hunt

Ethan Hunt’s artwork.

Riverside students compete in BC Honor Choir

Justin Smith
staff reporter

Coleen Logan and Alexis Kim, two Riverside students, recently participated in BC’s Honour Choir, a program where exceptional singers from around the province engage in a number of workshops that focus on developing their voices, and improving technique beyond what is capable in High School. After sending in their audition tapes and competing against 100 other singers, the two were accepted into the program, and got to work with a world class musician, Eugene Rogers. Logan and Kim are the first students to represent

Riverside in an honour choir over the past few years.

“It was last around the spring when this all started. My friend Coleen gave me a package, and I filled out all of the paperwork. I then sent in an audition clip,” said Kim on the audition progress.

Logan originally found out about the program from her mom,



Coleen Logan and Alexis Kim, students that participated in the BC Honor Choir.

J. Smith/Eddy

a Maple Ridge choir teacher.

“The audition process was you

could go in and have a live audition with the teacher, or send in an audition tape, which I decided to do, because it was much easier,” said Logan.

At the end of last year, the girls found out that they were accepted into the program, and at the beginning of the school year, they received their music. They performed a wide variety of songs, from classical to

modern pop.

“The best part about the experience was that I got to work with Eugene Rogers. Eugene is a highly trained musician, and he has a PHD in music. He taught us things we wouldn’t be able to learn at a High School level,” said Kim.

“Eugene Rogers is an amazing conductor; he has so much energy and he brings new ideas to each session. He always brought new and exciting views to each session,” said Logan about working with Rogers.

If you would like to find out more information about the BC honour choir, or if you want to audition yourself, you can contact the choir teacher, Ms. Chua.



Teaching Artists' exhibit impressive

Sophia Sato
staff reporter

October, the month of fallen leaves and cold crisp air can inspire one's inner artist, and just that artistry was displayed this October 28 at the Evergreen Cultural center in Coquitlam for

Every artist has someone that gave them a passion; someone who inspires them.

- Richard Stuart
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the exhibit called "Artist Teaching Artists". Special guest speaker, Coquitlam mayor, **Richard Stuart** talked about teachers getting the opportunity to inspire artists every day. "Every artist has someone that gave them a passion; someone who inspires them," said Stuart. The reason why the exhibit got its name, "Artists Teaching Artists," is to recognize all the teachers who submitted art as mentors for the next generation of artists. Dr. Charles Best Secondary School's principal **Mrs. Mary O'Neill** and



Ms. David with her art piece, What a Pear? S.Sato/Eddy



Ms. Seldon with her art, Wallscapes. S.Sato/Eddy

many Coquitlam city Councillors were also in attendance. The gallery opening was a chance for any teacher, SEA, or custodian in SD43 who wanted to submit a

piece of art that they had made. From Riverside, **Mrs. Beth David** had her encaustic "Firebird" and acrylic/mixed media "What a Pear?" on display. **Mrs. Kelly**

Seldon's photography on metal called "Wallscapes 1, 2, and 3" was also included in the art exhibit. The exhibit is on until November 24.

Popular and trendy Fall fashion for a budget

Samantha Van Emmerik
staff reporter

Fall is finally here and all the latest fashions have come with it. Many key words have been incorporated with all the latest high fashion designs. Androgyny is taking a major role with the new styles; women are wearing mannish shirts, suits, boots and hats. Designers supporting this new trend include Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Sonia Rykiel and Stella McCartney.

Staying up to date with all the latest fashion is hard because brand name apparel is expensive. But by following a simple rule, finding the best clothes for all the best prices will be easy: avoid buying



Original fashion inspiration. c.o. Lookbook.nu

major brand name items. A good idea is to scout out all the popular items from the high



Budget fashion look. c.o. Google

end stores and then take the ideas to a store such as H&M or Forever 21, where similar

styles can be found for much better prices.

The celebrity look this fall is, "tight jeans with boots and a chunky sweater," according to **Lea Michelle**, lead actress on Glee. After shopping online at Forever 21 and H&M, this look was created for a much lower price than its expensive inspiration! The white, cable knitted sweater was found at H&M for \$17.95, pants H&M \$29.80, the circle scarf at Forever 21 \$15.80, the heeled booties from Forever 21 \$39.80 and the crossbody bag was found at Forever 21 for \$29.80. The total for the outfit came to \$133.15. The season has just begun,

so now is a great time to scout out the popular merchandise and shop for chic new apparel without breaking the bank.

J.K. Rowling's new book appeals to older readers



Rowling with her new book. c.o. Google

Kristin Macey
staff reporter

The *Harry Potter* series was the best-selling book series in history, translated into 67 languages, and has earned many awards, so when **J.K. Rowling** wrote *The Casual Vacancy*, there was a lot of pressure on Rowling to write a book that would live up to expectations.

The Casual Vacancy is Rowling's first full-length novel since *Harry Potter*, as

well as her first book for adults. When Rowling announced that she was writing a new book, many people expected her to write something similar to *Harry Potter*, but her new book couldn't be more different. The main difference is that it is a book written for *adults*, meaning that there is a lot of explicit content. This caused some problems with younger J.K. Rowling fans that were expecting something as exciting, action packed, and G-rated as *Harry Potter*.

Within hours of its release, the book was a hit, though its

popularity could be attributed to Rowling's name, rather than the book's content. Rowling even considered writing under a pseudonym, but decided against it, claiming that it was "braver" to write under her real name. However, if you look at the book without comparing it to *Harry Potter*, it's a very intelligent, funny book with extremely realistic, flawed characters. The book isn't at all a fantasy; it's just a group of regular people living in a small town called Pagford. It's unique from many other books because the characters may not be the most

likeable, but they are extremely relatable. They aren't perfect people at all; they make a lot of mistakes.

Rowling takes you into the minds of these characters, and I found myself relating to the way the characters think. Rowling also tackled some pretty serious subjects, such as child abuse and self-harm. She portrayed these subjects with amazing accuracy, as if she'd lived through it herself. *The Casual Vacancy* is definitely not appropriate for children, but I would recommend it to an adult or young adult audience.

Many iconic old bands have been making a comeback

Victoria Davelaar
staff reporter

It seems old bands never die out with many iconic musicians still on tour. Sir Paul McCartney's "On the Run Tour" is coming to BC Place on November 25. Bruce Springsteen is also visiting Vancouver the following day, November 26. Canadian Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Neil Young played November 11 at Rogers's area.

Paul McCartney's last show in

Vancouver was in 1964. Many fans of The Beatles jumped at the opportunity to see the old Fab Four man live. However, tickets were hard to come by, they sold out in less than ten minutes.

Bruce Springsteen is on tour for his new album, "Wrecking Ball." He has made a few special appearances around America within the last year. He was a featured guest for a week on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and ended his stay with a short concert. He has also played free shows to support the Obama campaign. He

is known to play very lengthy concerts, with his longest stretching over four hours.

Neil Young has also just played a show at Roger's Arena. He is an inductee in both The Canadian Music Hall of Fame, and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

It seems that many favourite old bands are making "a comeback" with Barbra Streisand, Journey, and Noel Gallagher all playing shows within the month. Hopefully teenagers and young adults get to experience these acts before it's too late.



Sir Paul McCartney.

courtesy of Google



Take your kid to work day an eye opener for kids

Elise Patricelli
staff reporter

The 18 national Kids to Work Day took place on November 7. On this day grade nine students were sent to work with their parents to a career environment as part of their Health and Career Education classes. By taking part in this activity, grade 9s will be job shadowing an adult and seeing what their workplace is like and what the job consists of. "I learned that I need to be out and doing a job that's more social and involves talking to people," said grade nine student **Abbie Frost**. Students will be seeing what contributions workers are making to the workplace and the amount of responsibility it can take. "I hope that they will get to know, ideally if they are going with their parent, not only what their parent does during the day, the experience of it which is different than just

knowing what happens. I also hope it helps them to reflect on what types of things they'd like to be spending their days doing

Now it's easier to understand why my parents are so tired when they come home, being that I was exhausted when I was done. -Sophia Sato

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for a job. Or maybe things they don't want to be doing," said **Mrs.Epp**. Kids to Work Day is an insight to these students about life after school as they are brought into communities making bonds with their parents and other students. "My favorite part was working with one of the head

people that taught me how to make a chart and do other things like answering phone calls. It was nice to experience what my mom does, because I didn't really know before. "Now it's easier to understand why my parents are so tired when they come home, being that I was exhausted when I was done," said grade nine student **Sophia Sato** who visited Industrial Alliance Pacific. This day will open student's eyes to how education affects their future. Students are given an outlook on different careers and jobs available for their future by taking part in Kids to Work Day. "I learned that working isn't always fun. You need to stay calm when people are very upset or rude around you, you can't go off and cuss at them. You have to remain very self-aware of your feelings," said Sato. After students experienced this activity, they were given a sheet asking questions on



Sophia Sato hard at work.

S.Sato/Eddy

what they learned about the workplace, job, career, etc. Teachers and parents say this is a

great experience for the students to get a look at what some of the responsibilities of the future are.

BC universities offer many choices for Riverside students



Students with university reps. Kristin Macey/Eddy

Kristin Macey
staff reporter

On October 25th, representatives from 39 different universities across Canada came to Riverside to offer to 11's and 12's information about their schools. This is the third year Riverside has been doing this event, and this year it was organized by **Mrs. David**. The multicultural leadership group, led by Ms. Yamamoto, aided in the smooth running of the event. There were university representatives from the Maritimes, Ontario, the prairies, and as well as schools from across BC. The idea was to provide one place for

students to get information instead of visiting the campuses or searching 39 different university websites. It provided an opportunity for different universities to recruit students and offer information about admissions and different programs that are available at the schools. "It helped me learn about scholarship requirements, and I found out that I'm actually able to get into some places," said **Kelsey Nikl**, grade 12. It also helps students see many of the options and figure out if they want to stay in BC. "I found it useful because it helped me narrow down the options of universities that I wanted to go to," said **Ryan Evans**, grade 12. However, some students found that there wasn't enough information about admissions. "They didn't actually tell us how hard the schools are to get into, they just talked a lot about their campuses," said Nikl. Almost all of the universities handed out pamphlets with information about campuses, courses, facilities, residence, entrance requirements, costs, and scholarships. Students were also able to talk one on one with representatives about any additional information they wanted to know.

Victoria Davelaar
staff reporter

As another year of students think about post-secondary education, Canadian schools have been coming to Riverside to talk about their post-secondary education programs. A more in-depth session featuring B.C. Universities and Collages took place on November 6 for Grade 11 and 12 students who were interested in furthering their education. The session included information about the programs the schools offer, the requirements that need to be met if you are considering applying at their school, information about the campuses, and extra circular activities you could participate in if you went that school. The different schools were set up in classes and in the library. They all had presentations set up and a representative from the school a student could speak with and ask questions. The information was appreciated by the many students who were at the event. Some schools that had presentations included: University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, Capilano University, and Douglas Collage. Many students felt that the Universities and Colleges who were presenting to a smaller group



K.Shong/Eddy

Students watch university presentations.

of people, such as Thompson Rivers University, were the most beneficial, as they could tailor their presentations to the students in the room, and the subjects they were interested in studying. The presentations could be improved if the larger universities such as UVIC and SFU split the students into smaller groups so more questions could have been answered. If you missed the presentations, most of the information that was shared today is available on the schools websites. B.C. Universities and Collages have made presentations at many high schools around the district and are intending to continue the informational sessions for years to come.

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Crepe truck fuses language and food

Abbie Frost
staff reporter

On Tuesday, October 23, a crepe truck came to Riverside. Students in Spanish, French and Japanese had to order their crepes in the language they're studying and the ESL students had to order in English. **Powella**, the owner of the crepe truck commented that it was a great motivator and an opportunity for students to test out their language skills with a tasty treat as a reward. Students and staff were able to choose from many different toppings including: sugar

and butter, lemon, Nutella, dark chocolate, Nutella and banana also jam and peanut butter. The crepe truck mostly visits schools in Surrey, but thanks to Mrs. **Elizabeth Bancroft** who arranged this visit, and might for semester two as well. The Crepe truck is not presently with the street food operation but

does regularly sell crepes at Vaniano on the weekend and farmers markets during the week.



Students enjoying the crepes.

K.Shong/Eddy



Rapids make a splash at the Red Serge Tournament



Mr. Gee coaching his girls volleyball team.

K. Shong/Eddy



Riverside Senior Girls competing at the Red Serge Tournament.

K. Shong/Eddy

Ismael Franco
staff reporter

The 13th annual Red Serge volleyball tournament happened at Riverside on Friday November 2 and Saturday November 3. The Red Serge is put on by the RCMP detachment to give back to community athletics, and to give exposure to the good work that the RCMP does out in the city. Ten teams from all over the province participated in the tournament, such as: Penn High from Penticton, Kelowna Senior Secondary, Heritage Woods, Charles Best, Pan North Royals, Handsworth Secondary from North Vancouver, South Delta, Earl Marriott from White Rock, and McMath Secondary from Richmond. Red Serge is also a way to provide a competitive tournament as a tune up for the provincial championships as a last way to gauge where a team stands in the Provincial rankings.

Riverside provides the volleyball for the tournament, while the RCMP fundraise for the entire tournament, including gift bags for all the athletes in the tournament. Tim Horton's supplied hot chocolate, coffee, and Timbits for spectators and athletes. Aside from fundraising thousands



Mr. Roos with the Red Serge .

K. Shong/Eddy

of dollars in gifts and prizes, the RCMP planned an opening ceremony where Savannah Maxwell sang "O Canada." The Red Serge opening ceremony had many special guests in attendance, such as Assistant Superintendent, Sylvia Russell, the Mayors of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam Richard Stuart and Greg Moore, and Mr. Roos from administration. Many city councillors also gave their thanks to the RCMP for hosting the tournament that supports athleticism and the RCMP in the community. Another guest speaker Inspector Paulette Freill, a female officer with great influence from the RCMP, spoke at the ceremony about the opportunity for woman in the RCMP citing her own journey. The RCMP also had a match where they took on an all-

star volleyball team of the athletes, and they also provided a speed spike competition for the players (won by Megan McNamara from South Delta.) The final standings were, in first, South Delta, in second Pacific Academy, in third Kelowna, and in fourth Heritage Woods. All-star athletes were recognized from the tournament as well. Although Riverside placed seventh out of the top ten teams in the province, Mr. Brian Gee was very pleased with the way the team performed. "I feel the team did awesome; we have seven grade ten's on the team so essentially we competed as a junior team in a senior league," said Gee. "The two grade 12's on the team, Gabby Fortin and Marguerite Ferguson, played outstanding on the weekend," said Mr. Gee.

Intramurals showcase an opportunity to compete

Ismael Franco
staff reporter

It seems that every year the intramural championships are very important to Riverside students. It doesn't matter if it's volleyball, basketball, handball, or even soccer because the competition is always fantastic. The regular season usually consists of a month and a half of games. Riverside has two leagues called High School Division and Pro Division. The high school division has teams with less skilled players, and the pro division is for the more experienced athletes. People who usually want a challenge in the sport and want to earn the intramural championship join pro. Although in the past there have been a few unfair teams that won the playoffs easily, so now there is a rule that you cannot have over two senior or junior players who play the sport. The first intramurals sport

(volleyball) has recently concluded. The high school champions were won by Captain Eric Longman and the squad, while the pro division was won by Gabby Fortins team. Fortins team consisted of five senior girl volleyball players who faced the teachers in an entertaining finale. Now we are currently in the middle of basketball intermurals and the favourite to win, seems to be Team Neufeld and the rest of the staff. Perhaps nothing is more exciting in intramurals than the playoffs, where Riverside students showcase talents. The finals are always guaranteed to be exciting, so come and support your peers as they face the teachers! After basketball intramurals, there's handball, soccer, and a whole new dodge ball season. Sign up now, and join Riverside's ultimate intramurals!



Volleyball Intramural Champions.

courtesy of Mr Gee.

Riverside wrestling, taking down the competition

Nick Mizen
staff reporter

The Riverside Wrestling team will be entering their 15th season this December. "The season starts the first week of December," said Darren Kimura, the community coach of the Wrestling team; "however, we are just beginning practices now." The dates are still yet to be confirmed, but the season will last until late February. The season this year is expected to be highly competitive with every school in the district fielding a team.

Terry Fox looks to be the biggest team and are also high in talent, while Centennial's and Carney's team are the two smaller teams. Riverside will field a medium sized team with high potential. Perhaps, most promising are Carrey Sheppard four years into Riverside's wrestling program and Mateo Cariglino with two years in Riverside's wrestling program. Coach Kimura looks to have strong expectations for the team this year. "We have a good balance

of wrestlers right now. My expectations are that we have two or three wrestlers that should be provincial wrestlers, and a few new wrestlers who will be in a few years if they continue with the sport," said Kimura. The Riverside Wrestling team looks to have a positive season ahead, especially with Riverside alumni Darren Kimura as the coach. Kimura is entering his 8th season in the program after taking the job in the 2004-05 season, when he was in his grade 12 year at Riverside.



Riverside Wrestlers and Coaches.

courtesy of Kamil Khan



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Riverside girls alumni

Ismael Franco - staff reporter

Last year's volleyball season, the senior girls represented Riverside in a great way by making it to the finals in the BC AAA provincial tournament and coming in a fantastic 2nd place. The stars of the team consisted of **Mallory Sall**, **Megan Rosenlund**, **Katie Woo**, **Laura Penell**, **Taissia Alexandria**, **Gabby Fortin**, and **Marguerite Ferguson**. Of those players three of them are still currently playing for universities. Katie is playing in Kelowna BC for TRU (Thompson Rivers University), Megan is attending Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo BC, and Mallory Sall is playing for Minot State University in North Dakota US. On October 27th the Minot State Beavers competed against Bemidji State. Not only did the

beavers win in three straight sets but Riversides own Mallory Sall was the player of the game with twenty two kills and five digs! Their old coach **Bryan Gee** is very proud of how good his girls are doing but volleyball isn't the only thing Riverside is good at.

They also have five graduates from last year who are currently playing university level basketball, **Laiken Cerenzie**, **Michelle Spacek**, **Natalie Carkner**, **Denise Spacek**, and **Megan Sherwood**. Natalie is currently playing for TWU, Laiken and Michelle are at Simon Fraser University, Megan is attending TRU with her teammate Denise in Kelowna. Riverside not only has proven to be one of the top schools in the province for female athletes but also one of the schools with students given athletic scholarships.



Former Riverside student Mallory Sall in action for the Minot State University Beavers.

courtesy of Michael Linnell

Giants win World Series



Pablo Sandoval of the San Francisco hits a home run during game one of the 2012 World Series.

courtesy of M. Sanchez

Taylor Reeves - staff reporter

After winning four straight games against the **Detroit Tigers**, the **San Francisco Giants** are World Series champions for the second time in the last three seasons.

The sweep came as a surprise to baseball fans as the Tigers strong pitching and high powered offence was predicted to dominate the series. However, it was the Giants pitching and offence that came out on top, limiting the Tigers to just six runs while scoring sixteen.

The Giants faced elimination six times in the postseason, but fought back and kept the momentum going against the Tigers.

Game one of the World Series was all about **Pablo Sandoval**, or "Kung Fu Panda" as he is called affectionately by

fans. The 240 pound slugger became the fourth player in history to hit three home runs in one World Series game, leading the Giants to an 8-3 victory. Two homers came off Tigers ace **Justin Verlander**, considered by many to be the best MLB pitcher. Games two and three both resulted in 2-0 wins for the Giants thanks to strong performances from pitchers **Madison Bumgarner** and **Ryan Vogelsong**.

The Tigers offence scored three runs in game four, but Giants second baseman **Marco Scutaro** was the hero. San Francisco's most consistent player drove in the go-ahead run, setting the stage for closer **Sergio Romo**.

He struck out the side, and the Giants became champions with a 4-3 game four win.

The National Football League is back on the field

Kobe Zhou- staff reporter

The NFL is back and there's more hype surrounding the league than there has ever been.

For the first time since the league started back in 1922, all 32 teams in the league have a legitimate shot of winning the Lombardi trophy.

The elite groups of players on each team give every team a chance of winning any game. The Browns could beat the Packers, the Bengals could beat the Patriots and the Dolphins could beat the Ravens.

The elite group of quarterbacks

this year is impressive: from rookies such as **Andrew Luck** and **Robert Griffin III**, to sophomores such as **Cam Newton** and **Andy Dalton**, to the veterans of the league such as **Peyton Manning**, **Tom Brady**, **Aaron Rodgers**, **Drew Brees** and **Matthew Stafford**.

Going into only its ninth week, every team has won a game. A major factor this year is the defence; as the old saying goes "defence wins games". The **Chicago Bears** live by that motto. The Bears have one of the most dreadful offences in the league, led by QB **Jay Cutler**

who has only got them 162 points through 7 weeks. The defence on the other hand, has limited the opposition to only 78 points which is an astonishing average of 11 points per game. The defence is a big reason to their 5-1 start.

The past three weeks have already featured huge upsets, such as: the **Browns** defeating the **Bengals** and the **Seahawks** defeating the **Packers**.

If the first eight weeks foreshadow the rest of the season, many more huge upsets are in store for football fans across the world.



Cam Newton in action. He was drafted first overall in 2011 by the Carolina Panthers.

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NBA needs strategy back

Robert Klimowicz - staff reporter

When someone mentions the NBA the first thing you think about is Miami, Oklahoma City, or Los Angeles.

The thirty team league has progressed into a five team league. Miami, Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, San Antonio, and Chicago own the league. The past two seasons these five teams finished top five in the league and are predicted to do the same this year.

The **Miami Heat** shocked the sports world by acquiring **LeBron James** and **Dwyane Wade** in the 2010 offseason. They made their Championship team even stronger in the offseason by signing **Rashard Lewis** and all-time leading three point shooter **Ray Allen**. competitive.

In the 2012 offseason the **Los Angeles Lakers** signed two time MVP Steve Nash and three time



Miami's James and Wade (celebrating their championship) are two of the highest paid NBA players.

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defensive player of the year **Dwight Howard**.

The league has gone from strategically drafting and trading players to buying players. If a team did not have a player in a certain position that they need, they would give up a few draft picks to get the player they need.

Teams are just buying players these days, where is the strategy in that?

The **Boston Celtics** made a big move by acquiring Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett in the 2007 offseason. Unlike the Heat and Lakers, Boston traded to acquire these players instead of going over the salary cap to sign them. The Celtics traded four players for Kevin Garnett and three players for **Ray Allen**.

The league needs to go back to the way it used to be.



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