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Football at Hugh Boyd

BY: KAIRAVEE MULYE

Before Covid-19 completely changed our school system, football was an integral part of the Boyd community. It was our joy and pride as the school was abuzz with excitement during every football game. Unfortunately, as students graduated and a new crowd surfaced, interest was lost and the program shut down.

In the past couple weeks, the Hugh Boyd Athletic Council decided to share our history and sell the old jerseys unused by the students. This included the football jerseys printed in Boyd's iconic yellow and black colour. The sale was ultimately to fundraise money for an athletic banquet at the end of the year, but everyone was also excited to wear Trojan gear for the last time. As Boyd is slowly transitioning into their future as Hawks, the school is on a mission to phase out of the Trojan name. The sale was a great way to start this process.

Graduates of Boyd would agree that football was a core part of their high school experience. 2019 grad Sean Imoo says, **"I was a running back on offense and a safety on defense. My best individual accomplishment was probably winning the provincial MVP award with the Richmond Raiders, a team which was composed mostly of Boyd players. However, my favourite memory was playing at BC Place during the playoffs."**

Not only were skills developed but connections were made as the football team became a comfort place for students. Imoo emphasizes, "It's cliché, but those teams truly felt like family. Everyone from the coaches, to the managers, to the players all had each other's backs and pushed us to be the best versions of ourselves. We felt the support from the school and community every time we played, which I think is a pretty special feeling."

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Boyd's Got Talent

BY: CELINE EPKENS



Boyd's Got Talent was a vibrant and eagerly anticipated event that showcased the diverse talent at Hugh Boyd. Whether it was through instrumental performances, hidden talents, or a passion for music, Boyd students stepped into the spotlight and shone for all of us to see. This year, the event was hosted on April 17th, during lunch break. With sparkly backdrops, hand painted posters, and black and gold scattered balloons, teachers and students of all grades gathered in the lounge to enjoy and support Boyd's diverse talents. For the lucky winner, the student council had put together a wonderful gift basket filled with lots of goodies including chips, snacks, and a collection of different candies. The judges consisted of Mr. Yong, Mr. Scoten, and Mr. Naso. Up first, was Kylie, a grade 9 student. With great vocal control Kylie brought emotion to the stage as she sang Girl Crush by Little Big Town. The next contestant was Matthew, grade 11, singing Heartbreak Anniversary by Giveon. Matthew's talent and passion for the performance radiated through the audience. Last but not least, Tiana and Allister performed two songs together - Earth Angel, and Where Did You Sleep Last Night. They combined their talent to put on an amazing performance with one singing Earth Angel and the other playing the electric guitar. For their second song, they swapped where one played the drum set and the other played the guitar while singing into the mic. This duo displayed incredibly impressive skills for musical instruments. After the closing act, it was time for the judges to discuss and provide an agreement for the talent show winner. The student council presidents presented Kylie as the winning contestant, and congratulated her with the victorious gift basket. Beyond entertainment, Boyd's Got Talent provided an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the talented and passionate individuals from Hugh Boyd.

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Moniker Committee

BY: VALENTINA YEP

The School Moniker is a student-lead committee whose main objective is to change the mascot of Hugh Boyd to a more fitting representation of Boyd today. Many reasons followed the decision to change our mascot. This included misrepresentation, lack of diversity, and the disconnection to Richmond and its values. As for the new moniker, the committee decided to choose animals that are local and can be found in our environment. The animals they decided to choose from were;

Hawks; They're fierce and powerful animals, being a good pick for the athletics at the school. Hornets; They have black and yellow stripes on them (It matches Hugh Boyd's colors), they are fierce and strong. They can also work individually and as a group (A hive).

Bees; They are also black and yellow. And they can also work alone as well as in a group. They help out the environment around us as they are pollinators, which reflects the value of supporting one another.

Hérons; Herons are Richmond's logo, and they are also graceful and confident. They also have a connection to local indigenous communities.

After a school-wide vote for the new moniker among the staff and the students, Hawks received the most amount of votes, with Hornets came in second place. We are excited for this change in the Boyd Community as we step into a more diversified and valuable future.



Conference Day

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES

This year's conference day at Boyd explored topics like culture and purpose. Many guest speakers of diverse backgrounds were kind enough to pay a visit to our school and share their stories with us. The event, on April 9th, was an important first for the school.



The day started with a talk to half of the school with a group of speakers known as "The Other People," and a lesson about diverse and safe communities for the other half. The Other People talked about their experiences with discrimination and culture. They speak about these topics with good, friendly humor.

Meanwhile, students were encouraged to discuss about the same types of topics in class. Students learned about why a safe and diverse community is important and how to keep it that way. Both halves of the school would eventually switch places.

The next activity was the Hugh Boyd Cultural Mosaic. Every student in the school gets to decorate a puzzle piece which represents their culture and their place in the school. The activity lets students get creative with how they show their culture. This truly shows how diverse Boyd's school community is.

After having lunch, the students move on to a talk with one of two guest speakers, discussing purpose. Olympic snowboarder and city councillor, Alexa Loo presented to students grades eight and nine. She talked about her experiences as an athlete and her experiences in politics. She gave a very motivational speech and shared some of her strategies for athletic success and ways to encourage change.

International public speaker and harm reduction expert, Guy Felicella presented to students in grades ten, eleven, and twelve. He shared his story about overcoming addiction and homelessness. He also gave advice on the importance of reaching out for help when you are struggling.

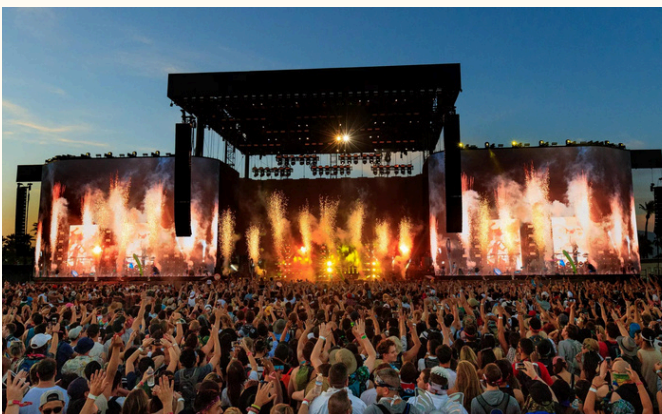
Boyd's first conference day went very well. Hopefully, there will be many more to come.



Cochella 2024

BY: AZAYDA DHANOA

Coachella is one of the most iconic music festivals in the world, held annually at Palm Desert, California. The festival is known for its incredible lineup of artists from all different musical genres. It is a place where you can discover new artists and see your favourite performers live on stage. Coachella is not just about music but also for people to channel their personality through fashion and style. There is no shortage of fashion inspiration at Coachella. The event offers a vibrant and inclusive community where tens of thousands of music-lovers across the globe come together to celebrate and bond over the art. This year, Coachella was held over a span of two weekends, each three days long from Friday to Sunday. This year showcased an incredible line up. For the headline on both Fridays, famous musicians Lana Del Ray and Lil Uzi Vert took the stage. Meanwhile, Tyler The Creator was the highlight of both Saturdays, performing some of his most famous songs like See You Again and New Magic Wand. Lastly, Doja Cat was the headliner on both Sundays. followed by Jhene Aiko and a collection of other talented musicians. Since 1999, Coachella has grown into a pop-culture mecca that participants travel across the world to experience. This year was indeed no exception to its long history of distinguished, exceptional performances.



The US Election

BY: TIFFANY TARRANT

The 60th quadrennial presidential election is coming this November and Americans will be casting their final votes to decide who will be the next president of the United States once again. The person sitting in the White House's Oval Office has a big influence on people's lives both at home and abroad, so the outcome of this election matters for everyone. On Tuesday November 5th of 2024, voters will elect a president and vice president for the next term. Most of the recent candidates in the past few elections have come from two particular parties, both dominating the US political system.

The 2024 presidential campaign began with fifteen candidates; nine Republicans, four Democrats, and two Independents. The main nominees of each party are nominated by holding a series of state primaries and caucuses. Joe Biden, the current president and a member of the Democratic Party is running for re-election for his second term. The Democrats are the liberal political party.

Joe Biden's predecessor, former president Donald Trump of the Republican Party is running for re-election after losing to Biden in the 2020 election. The Republican Party is the conservative party. Most states already heavily lean towards one party or the other, so the focus is usually shifted to states where either of them could win. These states are known as the battleground states.

The winner is usually declared the night of the election, but in 2020 it took a few days to count all the votes. After the election, a transition period takes place on the occasion of a new president.

No matter where you live, the US has immense influences on everyone and everything. It's important to know what is happening around us in the world to be prepared of what is coming.



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Jacob Collier's Djesse

BY: AALIYAH CONNOR

On Sunday April 14th, British singer-songwriter Jacob Collier performed the second show of his world tour at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in downtown Vancouver. He is known for his incredible musical abilities to play a wide variety of instruments, create complex harmonies and also for producing all of his songs himself. During the concert, he actually improvised the entire setlist. Switching from piano to guitar, Jacob didn't have a specific order of what came next, but yet the concert still had a great flow from start to finish which really showed his musical talent. He did play a couple songs from his newest album "Djesse Volume 4" and other popular songs of his like "Never Gonna Be Alone" and "Hideaway." However, he also sang other famous songs like "Isn't She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder, "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley, and even "Oh Canada!" Jacob would also interact with the audience and conduct each section, making them sing a certain note-forming a harmony, or keep a beat going which was my favourite part of the concert. It was a fun and interactive way to feel almost like we were part of the performance. As a big fan of Jacob Collier and of music in general, this concert was absolutely amazing and one I would cherish forever.



Artist of the Week

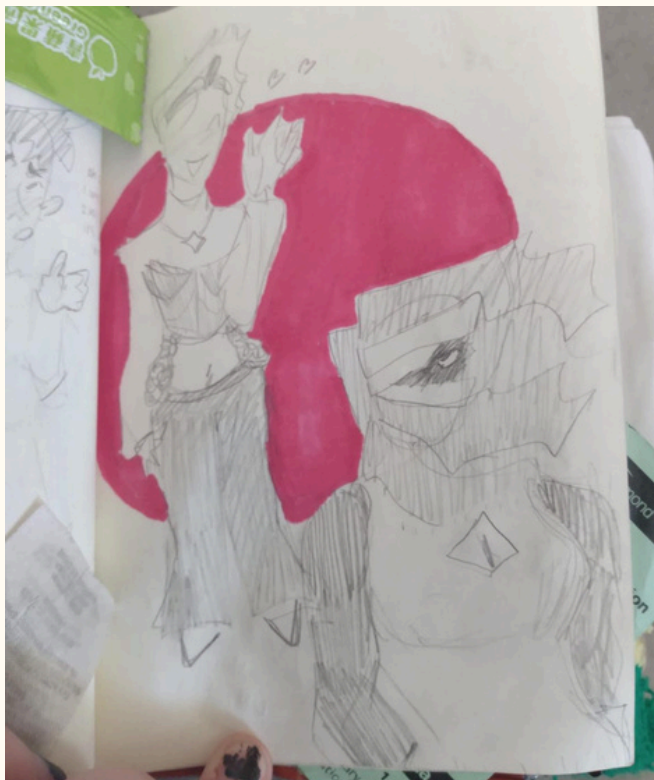
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Brook LeBlanc

Finding inspiration from stickers she find around her, Brook creates fun and unique collages using stickers, receipts, magazines, wrappers, and more! When she isn't busy with her collages, Brook finds another way to express her artistic style. She fills a small notebook with quick doodles and sketches of fan art as well as her own OCs!



Note from artist:

As beautiful as they are, I don't make finished pieces when I draw, I'm more loose and all over the place! Sketching the the things I like is just a hobby I have, and I love to tape things in my sketchbook and collage! Wrappers, receipts, anything I find around. It's me and a roll of tape against the world. Art can be anything, I just like to have fun with it!