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VOLLEYBALL HOME OPENERS - SENIOR TEAMS

BY PAUL DELOS REYES

Both the senior boys and the senior girls volleyball teams held their home openers this past thursday. The crowd made lots of noise during these heated matches against R.C Palmer Secondary.

The senior boys team played a strategic game as the team from Gr. 9-12 fought hard throughout the match. Although the team faced a loss, they endured the fierce play of Palmer's senior boys, working hard as a team and playing each point thoroughly.

Meanwhile, the senior girls made some amazing plays at their game. At first, they lost the first set of the game, but in a quick turn of events, they made a spectacular comeback and dominated the game, which resulted in a score of 3-1. Some highlights of the game included some powerful hits and impressive blocks from Sasha Bitkova and a large serving streak from Jessica Peng that led to the team claiming the set with a score of 25-5. The crowd was "Hyped up, cheering the team on, and even bringing noisemakers to take the energy to another level," says Janice Xie.

Both teams are filled to the brim with potential. Hard work and dedication are particularly important aspects of athletics. The volleyball teams seem like they are doing an incredibly good job at keeping this up. With enough practice, they can become a formidable force, earning many victories throughout the season. Go Hawks!



CAMRYN ROGERS AND JUSTIN TRUDEAU VISIT MCMATH

BY CELINE EPKENS

Camryn Rogers, local alumni and olympic gold medalist, returned to Mcmath with Justin Trudeau earlier this September. Camryn Alexis Rogers is a track and field athlete, born and raised in Richmond. She started athletics at the age of twelve, joining the “Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club” team. Two years after throwing a hammer for the first time, she achieved a gold medal in the women’s hammer throw at the BC highschool track championships. One year later, in 2016, she broke the Canadian youth and junior hammer throw records. In 2017, while attending McMath Secondary, she won gold again at the BC highschool track championships. As she graduated, and moved on to the University of California, Berkeley, she continued to excel in her competitions, with many notable hammer throw accomplishments. Heading into the 2024 Paris Olympics, Rogers became the first Canadian female gold medalist to win an individual track and field event. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited Mcmath with alumni Camryn Rogers to recognize her with her latest Olympic accomplishment. Rogers is a local inspiration to many young student athletes, and she will continue to break records and encourage others to do the same.



AN INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW VICE PRINCIPAL: MS. DHANOA

BY AZAYDA DHANOA

This year Hugh Boyd has a new addition to our staff, Ms. Dhanoa who has had experience at Boyd previously. From her experience in 2015 of being one of Boyd’s vice principals, she has returned to this position almost ten years later. Ms. Dhanoa explained how she missed Boyd and adored how much diversity there is, saying that “Hugh Boyd has students from many ethnic backgrounds.” Ms Dhanoa additionally spoke about how she appreciates



the combined studies program as every student is on their own path of growth. A few differences she noticed about being back was the new mascot change “I never really understood the Trojan,” said Ms. Dhanoa.

Becoming an educator and taking on a vice principal role is not made to suit everyone, but we know Ms Dhanoa does it well! She explained her passion for education came from when she was a teenager working as a camp counselor. Ms. Dhanoa loves working with young people as they spread a sense of positivity and have so much to offer. She describes the job as a balance. Sometimes doing things that are small, for example helping set up chairs in the gym to doing bigger things like time tables and building valedictory. As Ms. Dhanoa appreciates the diversity of Hugh Boyd, one of her goals is to get into as many classes as possible, watch students present and get to know the students and staff members. Ms. Dhanoa has worked in education for 30 years but something specific stood out to her about Boyd. Our student council team was very welcoming, stood out and there were a great number of kids that introduced themselves to her, she exclaimed.

A fun fact about Ms Dhanoa you probably didn’t know is she has worked with Justin Trudeau! Ms Dhanoa also has a wide variety of work experience. From right here in the lower mainland to London and Edinburgh. Some advice from Ms Dhanoa to the hawks includes being resilient. “We are all going to have our trials and errors but it is about being willing to get back up,” she explains. Additionally, she preaches that to make a positive impact on the school, we need to focus on doing things in the service of the school, and not for personal gain. Personal gain comes from the service done. We can already tell that Ms Dhanoa is brightening up the school with her enthusiastic and outgoing personality. We cannot wait to see what else she brings to Hugh Boyd. Welcome back!

BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE

BY VALENTINA YEP



Beetlejuice Beetlejuice is the sequel to the hit original made back in 1988, with Micheal Keaton back to reprise his role as the specter Beetlejuice. Directed by Tim Burton who is known for his works in horror films, he made the film just as enjoyable as the first one. Winona Ryder made a comeback to reprise her role as Lydia Deetz, alongside Catherine O'Hara who has returned to play Lydia's stepmother, Delia Deetz. Two new faces are in the cast, with Jenna Ortega as Lydia's daughter Astrid Deetz, and Monica Belluci as Delores, Beetlejuice's ex-wife . The movie takes place almost three decades after the original film, where Lydia is now the television host of her own show, "Ghost House" and still is haunted by Beetlejuice. They eventually come together after a family tragedy and Astrid is able to open a portal to the afterlife. Reluctantly, Lydia calls out Beetlejuice's name three times and summons the mischievous ghost to help her rescue her daughter from the afterlife. However as Beetlejuice comes back, he takes the initiative to wreak havoc wherever he goes.

Overall, the sequel is just as impressive as the original film, with even more wacky shenanigans and humor as the first. Although the plot has a slow start, the fast paced action and humor make up for it. Another good factor to the movie is the costumes for all the ghosts in the afterlife, all very creative and unique in their own way.

HARRIS VS TRUMP: WHAT COULD'VE BEEN IN 2020

BY ANAYA KOONER

Before the 2024 presidential election debate, Donald Trump and Kamala Harris had never directly debated as they were candidates for different offices during the 2020 U.S. election. At the time, Donald Trump ran for re-election as president, while Kamala Harris was Joe Biden's running mate for vice president. The debates in 2020 had Trump facing off against Biden, while Harris debated against then-Vice President, Mike Pence. However, had there been a debate between Trump and Harris at the time, it likely would have been characterized by a sharp contrast in policy and style.

Trump, known for his aggressive and unorthodox debate tactics, often interrupted and attacked his opponents. On the other hand, Harris is known for her prosecutorial style and sharp questioning, which she demonstrated during her vice-presidential debate against Pence.

Possible key issues would have included the COVID-19 pandemic, with Harris criticizing Trump's handling of the crisis and Trump defending his administration's response, highlighting their economic recovery efforts. Other significant topics may have been racial injustice, healthcare, and immigration, where their views diverge significantly. Harris might have emphasized her history as a senator and former prosecutor, while Trump would have focused on his achievements during his presidency, such as tax cuts and judicial appointments.

Seeing as Harris represented the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, advocating for expanded healthcare and social justice reforms, and Trump embodied the populist and conservative perspectives that energized his base, the debate would have almost certainly resulted in a violent clash of ideologies. Ultimately, both figures have a strong presence as skilled communicators, so a debate between them would have surely been lively and full of pointed exchanges.



THE BIG FOUR - A VIEW INTO BOYD'S MAJOR CLUBS

BY AALIYAH CONNOR

While there are many ways to get involved within the Hugh Boyd school community, joining a club has always been a student favourite! As some of our school's largest clubs, Student Council, Interact, Athletics Council and Grad Committee carry the biggest impacts throughout the school year. Here is an insight into Boyd's top clubs!

The goal of our Student Council is to bring the Boyd community together through school spirit and inclusivity. Planning through the year, they pour countless hours into organizing spirit days, fundraisers and awesome events such as Grade Wars, Boyd's Holiday Breakfast and the Year-End Carnival. The current president, Kairavee, joined as an executive member in grade 9 and has built close relations with the other members of the team, as well as the sponsor teachers, Mr. Chan and Mr. Yong. Her favourite event of the year is the Holiday Breakfast and she looks forward to the challenges this major event entails. Kairavee says she is excited to organize more events than ever before this year and she can't wait to collaborate with teachers and all the students to make sure their voices are heard.

The Athletics Council helps oversee all things Boyd athletics, including teams, games and scheduling with the help of our Athletics Director, Ms Maika. While the Athletics Council was created only a few years ago by some senior students, it, along with the sports department as a whole, has grown to become much more than what it was in prior years. This year, the Athletics Council is focusing on fundraising money for new jerseys after the Moniker change from Trojans to Hawks, as well as funding the Sean Berda Memorial Tournament. Sean Berda was one of Hugh Boyd's PE and Math teachers who unfortunately passed away last year. To honour his impact on the school, a three-day basketball tournament was created, hosted at Boyd and includes several schools in the district. Arielle, this year's Athletics Council president, says she's looking forward to the Sean Berda Tournament and hopes to have more schools involved and hosting in the district to continue spreading his name and sharing the legacy that he had on our school.



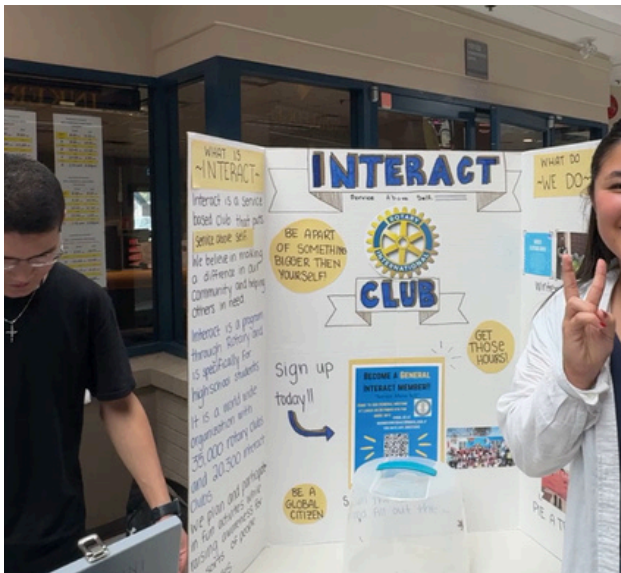
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All Interact Clubs are a part of Rotary International, a global non-profit service organization whose mission states to “service others, promote integrity and advance world understanding.” For kids aged 12-18, the Interact club can teach leadership skills and get students involved with serving their school and the community. There are nearly 15,000 Interact clubs worldwide in over 100 countries. At Boyd, the Interact club runs different fundraisers and volunteer events throughout the school year such as shoreline cleanups, the Halloween for Hunger food drive and Pie a Teacher in the Face. The club is sponsored by Mr. Aura and run by grade 12 co-presidents, Shanar and Chloe. When asked about their favourite things surrounding Interact, Shanar says she loves meeting and talking to new people at various events and Chloe says she loves the broad range of different ways they’re able to serve the community. This year, they look forward to hosting more volunteer events and finding more opportunities for members to participate in!

The Grad Committee focuses on the graduating students at Hugh Boyd. Grad Committee organizes graduation events like the Dinner/Dance, Winter Formal and the Dry Grad, as well as fundraisers that go towards the costs of said events. The main focus of the committee is to create a fun and memorable year for the grade 12 students, not just with the main events like winter formal and prom, but also smaller scale events like Senior Sunrise, Car Wash Fundraisers and spirit days! With sponsor teachers, Mr Chan and Ms Tran, committee executives Kayla, Kaylie, Maddie and Irena say they’ve got lots of fun things planned this year for the seniors to look forward to. The vice-president, Kaylie, says that being a part of the Grad Committee has given her a chance to become even more active in school and give back to the school community. It has also given her the opportunity to plan events that will create long-lasting memories, which she hopes to cherish forever along with the entire graduating class of 2025.

With the new school year upon us, it is very safe to say that all of Boyd’s major clubs have lots of great things planned for the year. Let’s go Hawks!



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