



CANADIAN SCHOOL BRITISH COLUMBIA ACADEMY

Newsletter

Back to School

By Joy Geisinger



After the rather bittersweet goodbye at the end of school, last year, and the extremely enjoyable, long, and wonderful summer, many of us BCA students are back for another lovely year in the halls of our beloved school. Although, BCA has had to say goodbye to a couple of students along the way, numerous new and beautiful faces have joined the school. It is never easy to return to school but due to the tight-knit family that we are, most of the students feel right at home.

In the first couple of days, we learned that the school now runs on a semester-block system. This means that we have more time in each class to finish work and have less homework. To learn this was like hearing the band, LMFAO, perform *Party Rock Anthem* live – pure bliss and party time! As for a con, the weather seems bi-polar. Either the sky mourns some deep loss or the sun is on a mission to make all of us look like Kentucky Fried Chicken. It is all quite an adventure, we are all learning to get used to having to study and are making new friends. As for the students that are not back, we miss them all terribly and hope we get to meet them sometime in the near future.

This is the first month of the year at BCA. Wish us luck! Still, we will probably have just as swell of a year even if you do not, it is BCA after all.

The News

By Jyoti

Sports News: Some players taking India cap for granted

It was no surprise that India was whitewashed in Cricket for even conceding that England was superior in all departments of the game. It was quite clear that they were also hungry to win and wanted to go the extra mile to get to that coveted number one spot.

Mrs. Ludhiana 2011: a beauty contest for married women

The entries are open for the Mrs. Ludhiana 2011 beauty contest. Married, beautiful women, aged not more than 35yrs, 5ft 3 inches or taller with attractive personalities can all participate.

PNB top floor gutted in Sec 17

Chandigarh

Electronic equipment worth lakhs of rupees and important records of two wings of Punjab National Bank (PNB) were destroyed in a major fire which gutted the top floor of the circle office.



Passengers welcome Durgam Express run

City passengers on board the first Durgam Express felt that the "excellent service" launched by the Indian Railways for commuting between Chandigarh and Amritsar from today needed a little fine tuning for better results.



On board Chandigarh-Amritsar Durgam Express.

Teacher's Corner

A Message from Your Principal

Hello! Welcome back to all the students and their families for the third year at the Canadian School - British Columbia Academy. Along with your teachers I am very excited to be part of this adventure and look forward to getting to know all the students and their many skills and talents. First, let me tell you a little about myself.

I have been working in education in British Columbia for over 20 years now and have had the opportunity of working with students at a variety of grade levels. I've taught in English as well as in French and have spent the last 5 years developing teaching and learning programs for distance learning, working with students around the province and around the world. I have a Master's Degree in Educational Technology and have worked at the university level as well as with the Ministry of Education in developing digital resources for teachers. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our students as technology transforms their learning opportunities in a variety of ways. I am married and have an 11 year old son who is a student at the school as well. I love music and reading and outdoor sports. I am passionate about learning and thrilled to have this opportunity to discover India first hand.

The new school year has started off with a "bang!" as the students enjoyed a first ever water balloon game. We have students from many different parts of India as well as from other countries and are creating a supportive and enthusiastic family atmosphere at the school. In the next few weeks we look forward to hosting a "meet the parent night". This will be an information session for parents to learn more about what is happening in the classroom. A circular will be sent out next week with more details.

We look forward to our Grade 10 and Grade 11 students writing the Provincial Exams for Semester 1 subjects in November and for Semester 2 subjects in April. Details about all upcoming school related events will be included in each newsletter so please stay tuned as we embark on our new year.

Renee Gallant,
Principal, British Columbia Academy,

Still the Teacher's Corner

I am the grade 6/7 teacher for this semester. I completed my Bachelor of Arts at the University of British Columbia with a major in Sociology in 2006, and completed my Bachelor of Education from University of British Columbia 2010. Although this is my first year as a full time teacher, I have many years of experience working with children of all ages through my work at the community centers in Vancouver. I have many passions including science, math, and reading. I bring enthusiasm, creativity, and energy to the classroom. I look forward to sharing that with the students.

Jennifer
Teacher, British Columbia Academy,

It is a pleasure to join the teaching staff of the CIBCA. I will be teaching Drama 8-11, English 8-9, and Planning 10 in the first semester. I have a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Fine Art degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design /Dalhousie University. I have a teaching background in Visual Art, English, and Drama in both Canadian and International schools. Sharing my passion of teaching with the wonderful students of this school is an exciting prospect and I also look forward to meeting with the parents.

Judy
Teacher, British Columbia Academy

BCA Management, Staff and Students take great pleasure in welcoming Kiran Dhatt as the Indian History and Culture teacher. Kiran will also be handling all Punjabi lessons. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Student Works

Poem:

Mr. Pacific Ocean

I'm the color of the sky
Mostly I'll make you smile
But sometimes I am mad
And will pull you off the sand.

If you are not careful
Then do not be hateful
I'll drag you to the deep
And mermaids you will meet.

I can sound like an airplane
But won't drive you insane
And don't be in a hurry
I'll cure all your worries.

I am good for the soul
And sometimes you'll feel cold
But the sun is a friend of mine
Yes, I'm a good friend you'll find.



Outer Space and Back

By Daniel Gallant

My name is John. If you do some digging, you could find hundreds of versions of this story, from hundreds of perspectives. This is the story through my eyes. I'm an astronaut, and they have selected me to be the first person in history to go to Mars. In the ship, I saw Mars getting closer and closer. To my surprise, the ship went right past it! I thought it was a glitch. That was my last thought before the ship went so fast I fell over-and fainted. When I came to, the ship had stopped. I put on my astronaut suit and stepped outside. The gravity was stronger than I expected. I couldn't believe my eyes! I was surrounded by buildings and plants! I puffed up with pride when I reflected upon how I was the first human being to be here. So you can imagine my disappointment when I saw a pair of astronauts planting a flag in the ground. I looked at the flag. It didn't look like any flag I'd seen before - it was red and brown swirled and didn't even look like a flag. It looked more like a sock. I almost screamed when I saw the astronaut's face through the visor. It was green! It had five eyes! I looked around again. There was an India flag a few feet from here. And that building...didn't I used to live there? A horrible realization came over me. I hadn't discovered a new planet. They had!



Humor

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Doris!
Doris who?
Doris locked that's why I am knocking!

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Cheese!
Cheese who?
Cheese a cute girl!

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Howl!
Howl who?
Howl you know unless you open the door!

By Joy



I had a pen of rupees 10
And gave it to my Uncle Ben
He sold that pen to Mr Len
Just for a simple Yen

By Sehaj

1. What do you call a donkey with one leg?
2. What do you call a fish without an eye?
3. Why couldn't the sailors play cards?
4. What is black & white, black & white....
5. What do you call a fly with no wings?

(answers below)

By Sehaj and Sophie



Answers

1. Wonkey
2. FSH?
3. Because the captain was sitting on the deck
4. A nun rolling down a hill
5. A walk.

The Monthly Festivals

by Gagandeep



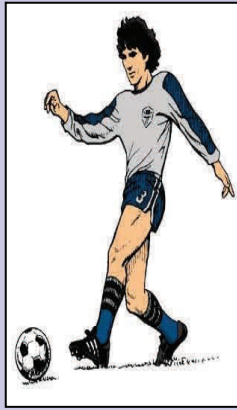
Rakhi

- * A festival primarily observed in India
- * This celebrates the relationship between brother and sister.
- * This is observed by Hindu and Muslims.
- * It doesn't come on the same dates
- * Is celebrated on the *Shravan Poornima* day in the month of August every year.
- * On the day of Rakhi, sisters decorate a *Rakhi Thali* (plate) with sweets, dhoop, roli, betel leaves and Rakhis and tie the blessed thread on the wrist of their brothers as a symbol of love and care.



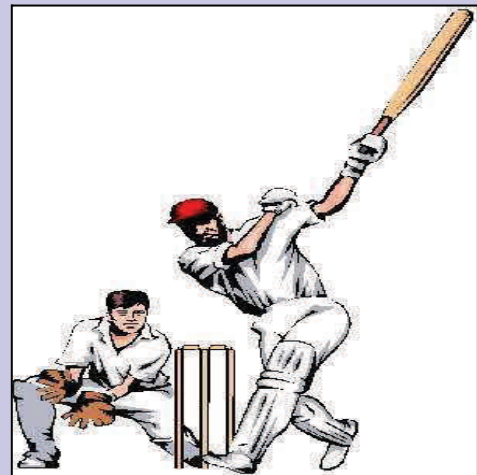
Sports

By Sherry Brar



Soccer: Soccer is a team sport game which is popular in almost every country in the world. It requires very little equipment and effort to learn the basics. Soccer is also the highest paying team sport at professional level and is ranked number one in the world's most popular games. According to FIFA, it is the "very earliest form of the game for which there is scientific evidence was an exercise from a military manual dating back to the second and third centuries BC in China".

Cricket: Cricket is largely popular in Asia, Australia and England. Cricket has many formats - from test matches, which last for 5 days, to the more recent 20-20 format, which has a duration of about 3 hours. The game Cricket was discovered by Prince Edward, the son of Edward I, in the 16th century, and was named it as Creag. It has two teams playing and the objective of the game is to score more runs than the other team and to completely dismiss the other team.



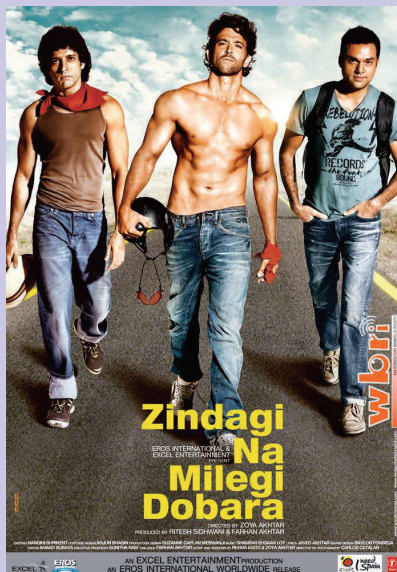
American Football: American Football is a sport played between two teams of eleven players with the objective of scoring points by advancing the ball into the opposing team's end zone. The ball can be advanced by running with it or throwing it to a team mate.

Entertainment

By Hanna

Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011)

The movie, Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara, is an adventurous, suspenseful experience of risk-taking while giving you a vivid picture of Spain. It has been rated 3 out of 5 on the best readers view and the average ratings. The movie is about a character named Kabir that just proposes to his girlfriend whose name is Natasha. Before the wedding bells, he wants to celebrate by throwing a bachelor party in Spain. He wants his two best buddies, Imraan, who is played by Farhan Akhtar, and Arjun, played by Hrithik Roshan, to be there. After a number of excited events they decide to go under water diving. The diving instructor is named Laila, whose role is played by Katrina Kaif. They all overcome their fears and insecurities by connecting with nature and exploring interesting activities, which busy day-to-day people are caught up with don't get to experience.



Fast Five (2011)

Brian O' Conner is a formal ex police officer. He partners up with ex con-artist Dom Toretto, who was in jail. Mia and Brian break Dom out of custody; they also have to get passed the authorities. They have to do a job so they can regain their freedom. So, they put together their team of top racers, but there's two enemies in store for them, which they are totally unaware of. The enemies send a team out to go capture them. The team rips up Brazil but realizes that they "Cannot separate the good guys from the bad". Now one out the two bad guys must compete with each other to capture their prey.



Top five hits for this week:

- Super Bass - Niki Manaj
- On The Floor - Jlo
- Give Me Everything - Pitbull feat Nayo, Afrojack & Nayer
- Good Life - One Republic
- Moves Like Jagger - Maroon 5 feat Christina Aguilera



Famous People *By Gurjeet*

Jack Layton 1950 - 2011



Recently NDP Leader Jack Layton stunned Canada, by announcing he was taking a temporary leave of absence to receive treatment after doctors discovered he has a new cancer. The surprise announcement came just over two months after Layton led his party to record gains in the federal election. He vowed to return to his position when Parliament resumed on Sept. 19th. "I will beat this new cancer and I will be back in the House of Commons to defend the values and priorities of Canadian families," he told reporters at a news conference in Toronto. But Layton, 61, who represented the Toronto-Danforth riding and led the New Democrats since 2003, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in late 2009 and went public with it in February 2010. He also underwent hip surgery earlier this year and used a cane during the recent federal election campaign. Layton was considered the most popular federal leader among Canadians. Unfortunately he succumbed to cancer Monday, August 22nd.

Bio:

He was born: July 18, 1950, in Montreal.

First elected to Parliament: 2004

Profession: Political writer, municipal councilor, politics professor; BA from McGill University in 1970, MA and PhD from York University in 1984.

Family:

He was married to a fellow MP Olivia Chow, and was father of two, grandfather of one.