

Weekly Roar

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School newspaper back in circulation !



Journalism 120 students are busy honing their reporting skills to bring back the school newspaper. The *Daily Roar* will be printed weekly, and endeavor to cover all aspects of school life at LHHS.

There hasn't been a school newspaper at LHHS since 2011, under the tutelage of Barb Fullerton. This year, under the instruction of Mrs. VanGenne, the students in Journalism 120 are bringing the paper back into circulation. VanGenne is a past journalist herself, who worked at a CBC affiliate radio/TV station. prior to becoming a teacher.

"I really enjoy working with this talented group of writers to create a school paper", says VanGenne. "We are hoping that it will not only inform staff and students of numerous events happening in and around LHHS, but also enlighten them on issues pertaining to student life; and maybe, in the process, add some school spirit and pride to LHHS."

If you have an idea for a story, you can contact Mrs. VanGenne via email at kathy.vangenne@nbed.nb.ca or, drop in to A247 for a chat!

Poetry workshop inspires students

Bailey Demerchant

A spoken word poetry workshop that ran during lunch hour last week gave students a chance to express themselves.

Former St. Thomas University professor, Andrew Titus, hosted the workshop, which ran from October 23 to 25.

Titus encouraged students to share poems they had written and work on them individually or with others. They also looked at performances from spoken-word poets such as Lemon Andersen, Darius Simpson, and Scout Bostley for inspiration.

This is not the first spoken-word poetry workshop that Titus has done. He has given them in many different schools and said that he found most success in middle schools and coastal high schools, most notably St. Stephens.

Titus says that they get to "see that other people also do it [poetry]." He also said that young poets have no one to share with and become "tired and lonesome" because they are unable to find other poets.

"They need to work together as a team to get better."

The former St. Thomas professor also said that a large portion of people attracted to poetry have "stuff to work through." Poetry gives them an outlet to express themselves and connect with others.

"It doesn't have to be boring like school teaches us," he said, explaining how teachers attempt to teach it like math and it becomes a secret language.

Titus is very enthusiastic about poetry and seems to have a passion for it.

"I've never seen anything that didn't impress me."

POINTS TO PONDER

Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM) Logo circa 1968



Leo Hayes High School Logo circa 1999

Grads prepare for the LHHS Prom Fashion Show

Brianna White

The Prom Fashion Show is on Thursday, December 6th. Though many individuals enjoy watching the models cruise down the runway in their beautiful ball gowns and dashing tuxedos, there is a lot going on behind the stage to get ready.

The individuals who make all of this happen is the Leo Hayes High School Prom Committee. Formed in late September, these grade 12 students, with the help of two staff members, prepare themselves for the ups and downs of making it a success.

Committee member, Emily Davis says it is a fun committee but hectic.

“It is hard to find and think of businesses that would be interested in helping out with the fashion show. When we are looking for the models, we look for diversity. Not all the same body type or social status. We want to represent the Leo Hayes student body.”

Davis got involved in Prom Committee because of the posters on the wall. She wanted to be in control of something, of an event.

“The posters on the wall. I saw them and was like “I want to be in that! It sounds fun!””

The Prom Fashion Show can be a challenge, but the hard work will be worth it in the end!

Room for Backpack program reinstated

Macey Doiron

The Feed the Lions’ backpack program has been without a room to work out of this year, but this week their room was returned. In the middle of last year the space was made into a meeting room for Integrated Service Development (ISD), leaving the Feed the Lions group without a working space.

The backpack program allows students to receive a backpack for the weekend full of clothes, canned foods, toiletries and school supplies. Having space for the backpack program allows the students to come and get what they need in confidence.

Until this week, their supplies were in various locations throughout the school.

“Some was in the newly donated kitchen, some was in the lunch room, some was in the methods and resource area and some was still in the cupboards of the old room” says organizer of the group and teacher at LHHS, Kim MacDonald.

After the group’s recent food drive, all of the donations were being temporarily stored in the ISD room. Principal, Brad Sturgeon then granted MacDonald the use of the room once again as long as there is a table and some chairs for ISD meetings.

Sturgeon says, “we’re utilizing our space by making some areas multi purposed.”

MacDonald and the rest of the Feed the Lions program are very grateful for the return of their very much-needed space and are more than willing to share. When asked if she would ever let the backpack program end

MacDonald says “absolutely not. That is not an option. We just keep going. We have adjusted our plan, not our dream.”

EAL students carve out new traditions

Isaac Gilbert



A group of English as Additional Language students tried their hand at the Halloween tradition of carving Jack-o-lanterns earlier this week. Under the supervision of two Leo Hayes staff members, students cut, scooped and decorated their pumpkins to their liking. Math department teacher, William Glennwright, was one of the staff members overseeing the activity.

“These are all Canadian newcomers, most have only been here for two to three years,” said Glennwright. “But, some are on a four month exchange program.”

Although this is a process many Canadians know well, for most of these newcomers it was their first time creating a Jack-o-lantern.

When asked about the purpose of the activity, Glennwright claimed, “It’s to learn some of our cultural practices and to have some fun at the same time.”

The EAL students hail from a variety of places such as Germany, Turkey, Spain, as well as many middle-eastern countries.

EAL students have the opportunity to learn additional aspects of Canadian culture with the upcoming Remembrance Day assembly.

Successful Food drive for Feed the Lions

Emily Davis

Free The Children (FTC) and Feed the Lions collected roughly 10 thousand dollars worth of food for the Backpack program, on Saturday, October 27th.

Members of the two groups went door to door on the northside as well as collecting at different stores.

The Backpack program allows students in eighteen different schools an opportunity to bring home food they wouldn’t normally have access to.

Mrs. MacDonald, founder of Feed the Lions says, “We were very successful. We would like to give a huge thank you to Free the Children for all the help.”



School Spirit....less?

Hannah Bourgeois

When it comes to school spirit, Leo Hayes High School lacks in it.

"I don't believe that Leo Hayes has as much spirit as we could have" says Mikayla Hand, a grade 12 Leo Hayes student. "I think that the people who have the most school spirit are the graduating students because it's their last year to represent."

It seems that Leo Hayes lacks Participation in school spirit/theme weeks, and events because students are afraid of being judged and fear of stepping out of their comfort zone. But school spirit within Leo Hayes is not completely non-existent.

Piper Daken, school president, says, "Our school does have school spirit, I've seen it first hand at football games. We've had the most grads participate in grad flannel day than ever before."

Daken also said she was actually overwhelmed by the amount of participants during freak week

But where's the school spirit in non-sport related events held by the clubs and groups within our school? Coffee house was cancelled for lack of student participation and poor ticket sales. Bag-a-lion was even postponed to November 10th, because of weather and it has only 45 participants signed up.

"We probably had 140-150 grads sign up last year," said Sister K. She hopes with the later date for the event that more students will sign up to help.

"It really is a lot of fun and a very worthwhile, rewarding project"

So where does school spirit go when you take away the face paint, the jerseys, and football? Get involved and find out!

Female Football team a combined effort

Rylee Daamen

Though it seems to get little recognition, Leo Hayes has a competitive female football team. One reason is that unlike the boy's team, the female lions club has players from three **schools**: FHS, OHS and LHHS.

Number 77 on the roster, Ashely Eagles says she doesn't play for the publicity but for the game itself. "I have played for four years and also coached a boy's team, so I could either play football or coach it as a future career and be happy, since understanding the play charts for the field is easy" says Eagles.

Eagles says even when practice gets difficult like learning tricky plays, she still loves the sport." It's the longest sport I've been in."

She joined this team not knowing anything about the sport but decided that she wanted to join even when her parents were hesitant. The girl's football team play four regular games which determines if they go on to the semi finals and finals.

Eagles says "we play all over, but it varies, we have played in St. John, Oromocto, Moncton and Willie O'Ree." She also mentioned that she plays against two St. John teams: Lightning and Stomp and the Hampton Huskies, and Moncton Sting Rays.

She enjoys being on the team because of the long season, working together to understand each other's plays, the social aspect and how they can get to know girls from other schools.

Documentary Opens LHHS Students' Eyes to Environmental Issues

Emma McCluskey

Shark Water Extinction informed LHHS students about the pressing issue of the extinction of sharks and its serious negative effects. "If we don't know what's going on we can't help it," said Science teacher Mr. Phillips. "The oceans affect us all. If we lose ocean diversity we'll lose our quality of life."

According to the documentary, more than 150 million sharks are killed each year. In Costa Rica the killing and removing of shark fins for soup has become a billion dollar industry. Students learned that shark meat is being mixed into our food and makeup products. Part of the concern is that it is toxic to humans because of the high levels of lead within their bodies.

Megan Kincaid, a grade 12 student said that the documentary has an important message, that millions of sharks are being killed for profit and being put into items without the public's knowledge. Kincaid said that she was aware that shark was an ingredient in some makeup products but didn't know that it was in food and animal products as well.

Fellow student, Kathryn Andrews, said companies should let the public know, "They shouldn't be trying to trick us," said Andrews.

The documentary, *Shark Water Extinction*, was directed by Rob Stewart, a Canadian filmmaker and marine biologist, whose life work was helping save sharks. Tragically, Stewart died during a dive while filming.