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FLEETWOOD**

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RUN PHOTOS**

**THE  
INFLUENCE OF  
ART**





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# THE INFLUENCE



*BY HARSEERAT LALLI*

I was always an introverted individual. Everyone I knew was too busy playing, listening to music, or watching movies; but I kept myself occupied with crayons. I guess you could say that I was the odd pea in the pod. I chose to be in the background, hoping that I could not be seen or heard. I felt vulnerable in crowds, and the judgemental stares of my peers did not ease my inner turmoil. However, when I picked up a pencil and paper, the world and its commotion faded into oblivion. It was the first day of preschool when I discovered my aptitude for art. While the other kids were too busy running around and screaming, I quietly walked up to an art easel at the back of the room. There were three colours on the easel; red, blue

and yellow. I now know that those were the primary colours, but at the time I just saw paint. I picked up a paintbrush sitting in a tin can, and began stroking it on the paper. I did not create an intricate landscape, or a replica of the Mona Lisa; but I did draw a little girl with a triangle for her body. Her head was minute, and her body was unreasonably lanky; I do not like to admit, but her proportions were just a little inadequate. It looked like a Pablo Picasso painting, because it was quite abstract; but my masterpiece was finished. It sat on the easel to dry, and soon my teacher rolled and tied it with a rubber band; so that I could take my first work of art home. That day showed me that I was an artist in the making. I no longer draw on printer paper, or colour with Crayola. I have

have matured in the sense that I now understand what materials I need to get the results I want; in regards to working with certain mediums. I know that acrylics compliment a canvas, water works well with markers, and that black ink enjoys ruining clothes. However, art class was always the highlight of my day, because it gave me the chance to work on projects that truly captivated my unwavering attention. I enjoyed experimenting with various art forms, and emulating acclaimed artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Vincent Van Gogh, and Emily Carr. I was inspired by the distinctive way each artist showcased their talent. Da Vinci explored the realm of realism, whereas Van Gogh perfected pointillism. Their extraordinary art styles implored me to find my own. I realized that I found satisfaction when I drew lifelike black and white portraits; but of course I was

not perfect when I initially began. I had a tough time identifying the correct pencils that I needed to use for certain areas when sketching; and I was beginning to get frustrated by my errors, and lack of attention to detail. However, I got through that adverse phase when I remembered that Bob Ross once said that, "we don't make mistakes, but happy accidents." All in all, I discovered my passion for the fine arts, and have continued to improve myself as an artist over the last few years. I wish I could express my gratitude to all those incredible artists that inspired me on my journey, but unfortunately they are all dead. All those countless days of drawing and doodling in a sketch pad culminated into who I am as an individual today. Life is short, but the longevity of art is absolute; and I hope others' find their love for the arts just like I did.

# OF ART



# SELECT POEMS

BY: CHENUKA LAKWIJAYA

I wish to pay tribute to all those who passed away on September 11th, 2001 and to all the families who were affected by this tragedy. These select poems emphasise the need for us to never forget the countless lives wounded and lost but yet to always trust that you will know to move forward with what you remember.



I)  
Forget  
Leave it all behind.  
Under bed and rug  
We do store our priceless pasts...  
And we forget.  
Each Monday and Tuesday,  
We try to remember.  
Each Wednesday and Thursday,  
It tumbles through the bumps  
we encounter on our unpaved  
road.  
Each Friday and Saturday,  
Forces push relentlessly  
With their feeble voices.  
All in vain...  
For the black fire will consume...  
Will forget...

And finally on Sunday,  
The black figures of that fire  
Will dance with celebratory intent,  
Around and around their great  
hearth.  
And as they do,  
They will swing pouches dripping  
with  
Our unknown melancholy  
And their chants will sound:  
"You have forgotten!"

II)  
Yet time passes.  
A breathless world emerges...  
All is quiet.  
Yet the blaring machinery  
Of what used to be continues  
To taunt an answer from us.  
On and off it comes...  
Like the fleeting eyes of a  
frightened child.

It taunts and speaks its mind.  
It etches scars  
Into our stone cased treasure.  
O! That sound is everywhere!  
How can we remember  
something...  
We never knew?

III)  
Closed are the eyes of the people.  
Close are the doors of boats  
Docked in the bay.  
Closed is the curriculum of the  
schools.  
Yet...  
There is something which  
Latches to what was.

What was it?  
What was it!  
Please! For my sake and yours  
Hold my hand through it all.  
Sift through the old grains of rice  
And find me the good!  
Seep into my life!  
For you cannot evade my mind  
forever.  
And our lost art of the restoration  
Of your beauty,  
will never to be forgotten!

And as the things we smell remind  
us  
of old times,  
Let the swift tide of time  
Replenish our dried-out throats  
With a flood grand enough to  
ignite  
The spark of civilisation.  
You are the curator of our gallery.  
Do not waver in your primordial  
endeavour  
To keep each artwork  
A testament to time itself.  
She remembers all.



# NEWS ARTICLE: WHAT IN THE WORLD?

by Manraaj Grewal and Anjali Kaur

Catching up with news is apparently not as easy as catching a cold, so here we have your dose of news from all around the world, from the North Pole to the South pole, we have got you covered. Some of the things happening all around you are:

Donald's Trump' nominee for Supreme Court judge- Brett Kavanaugh is under investigation when Christine Blasely Ford, a university professor came forward saying he pinned her down during a high school party 30 years ago and sexually assaulted her. She wants the FBI to investigate, but it is up to Donald Trump to order the FBI to do so. 65 women have signed in support of Kavanaugh, which tells us that he already knew that this case was going to surface as they got these 65 signatures within 24 hours. Donald Trump has said this: "I don't think the FBI should be involved, because they don't want to be involved, if they wanted to be, I would certainly do that." For the first time, Donald Trump is being reasonable enough and the world is shocked.

In Hollywood, Mac Miller has died and his fans are devastated, his ex-girlfriend Ariana Grande is taking some time off to deal with this tragic news. He was only 26 and is a huge loss for the singing industry and his family and friends.

In the world of sports, there is a huge controversy going on around how Serena Williams and the sexist game of tennis. She lost the game of tennis to Naomi Osaka,

a woman of Japanese heritage. There have always been fights between the umpire and male tennis players for a long time, but this is the first time, a fight happened in a female tennis match. Serena, allegedly, called the umpire "thief". Most people are saying that male players usually call the umpire much worse things but never once get penalized.

He penalized Serena as he saw her coach 'doing hand movements' and coaching her during the play. Instead of telling her to stop doing that or give her a warning, she was straight up penalized. She told the umpire that she would rather lose than cheat and win. Women are supposed to follow a strict uniform code which states that they can only wear white and nothing of any color should be worn except the tennis skirt, shorts and a white polo shirt. But Serena rebelled against this by wearing a purple tutu to show that they cannot be unfair to women, especially in this decade of the #me-too movement and women coming out to support each other. But this controversy did not stop Serena from encouraging Naomi when Serena's fans started booing her after she won.

In the science world, Space X has revealed that Yusaku Maekawa, billionaire of fashion retailer ZOZO success will be the first passenger to take a trip around the moon in 2023. They are yet to complete the rocket, but Yusaku is up and ready to shoot for the moon (literally).

Justin and Hailey are allegedly married, but we are still waiting for the big, grand wedding between the singer and the model. Celebrities are quickly catching up to the royals by having larger and more expensive events, let's see who starts the trend of having open weddings, where we get an invite too.

America wants to back out of the NAFTA agreement which is the North America freedom Trade Agreement, as Donald Trump thinks that Canada is more dependent on USA and needs USA more that they need us as our oil gets refined in their refineries. Despite the fact that USA needs our lumber, Donald Trump said that if we do not listen to their negotiations and agree to their policies which will only boost their economy, they will increase tariffs. The negotiations are still out on this topic and nothing has been decided as of yet.

Hurricane Florence has taken over the Eastern Seaboard, and Donald Trump even visited the people who have lost everything to this hurricane, but something that has got the whole internet in a frenzy is when the weatherman Mike Seidel was bracing his feet on where he was standing while reporting the weather so he doesn't fall over, two teens walked in the background as if nothing was happening and there wasn't a hurricane coming their way. This was ironic and many people 'rained' down on the news channels for exaggerating news.

# HUMANS OF FLEETWOOD

BY : MIRACLE CASILLAN & PATRICK ABULENCIA

INTERVIEWEES : VANESSA POTUSEK & KRISTIN JARDER

## What was your first impression of each other?

K: uhhh..... I don't remember (hahaha) jokes. I thought she was really nice.

V: My first impression was that she's really cool, because she had these neon pants.

## How did you guys become best friends?

K: We kind of already knew each other, because our sisters were in the same grade, and they were best friends. In grade 4 we ended up having the same class together, and that's when we started talking.

V: It was a setup (hahaha).

## What is your funniest memory together?

V and K: All of them (hahahahaha).

K: I can't think of one, all the memories are too good.

## What do you like to do together?

K: It's sounds so boring (hahahahaha).

V: We like to go on a slurpee walk, and we walk for like 10 kilometres and just talk.

## Do you have a pet peeve about each other, if so what is it?

K: Vanessa doesn't annoy me, so I don't think I have one (hahaha). We've just known each other for so long.

V: Same. I don't have one for her (Hahahahaha).

## What is one thing you like about each other?

K: This is so hard, because technically everything (hahaha).

V: I like how she's a good listener, and I can tell her anything even if it's dumb, and she'll be like OKAY.



## *Fleetwood Press*

Fleetwood Press is a student-led magazine, and newspaper that is a platform for individuals to voice their opinions on top of encouraging the creative spirit. It is an opportunity for creators of all kinds to come together, and share their work with the rest of the student body. It is our mission to feature the events and people within our school community, not to mention stretch our reach to the world outside the building as well. Whether through reporting on sports, interviewing students, or writing about current events, we would like to extend an invitation to everyone to partake in our club. We meet Tuesdays at lunch in Mr King's room A208. We hope to see you there!

## *Student Council*

Student Council is a club that organizes events for the student body to promote spirit and grow school culture. We plan events like Spirit Weeks, Milk and Cookies Sales, Snowball, Food Drives, as well as our most recent Terry Fox Run, and more. It is our mission to be role models for the school so wherever help is needed, we try to offer our services in helping make Fleetwood a better place. We hope to provide students with the opportunity to be leaders and work with others in doing something worthwhile. Our definition of team is family and we would like to welcome all of you to be a part of it. Our meetings are held every Wednesday at lunch in the Choir Room.

## *Earth Club*

Our club is dedicated to spreading environmental awareness at Fleetwood Park! We do so by holding events, contests, and creating informational displays. Come one down to room A206 every Thursday at lunch to contribute to the cause!

# CLUB FEATURES

*By: Anne Ibasco*



## Multicultural Club

Multicultural club is dedicated to representing minorities and normalizing the celebration of all cultures. By hosting fun festivals that honour traditions, the club is able to showcase the fascinating diversity present at fleetwood and help make school culture more inclusive, one event at a time.

## Reach Out

Reach Out works with the organization "Free the children" to help better our community. Currently, we are fundraising money for women in Ecuador to open a business to put their kids through school and provide for their family. We are actively trying to raise money towards our cause through holding events in our school and build our school spirit. We love to see new members join our club and give you an opportunity to make a difference in this world while making new friends!

## Make A Wish

Make-A-Wish is an organization that raises funds to fulfill the wishes of sick kids. Our Fleetwood Park Make A Wish Club holds fundraisers for this organization.



Learn more about clubs at the  
**CLUBS FAIR**  
Monday in plaza during lunch!

# GRAD QUOTES

BY: JANMEET DHAMI

## Grade 12's: How do you feel about your final year of high school? Scared? Excited? Nauseous?

"It's shocking how quickly our time at Fleetwood is passing and I think everyone's in denial about the fact that we're leaving next year but hopefully we'll accept it" - Prabhjot Aujla.

"Grade 12 has always seemed like a dream. Like something that's really far away but its actually here now! I couldn't be more excited to be graduating this year alongside my best friends and amazing classmates! G19 for the win!!" - Roopy Ghuman

"Honestly being a senior is great, walking into the first day of school I was looking around for the older kids, but then I realized that I was the oldest. It's kind of surreal because its weird to think that in a couple of months we'll be leaving and it hasn't really hit me yet. But really looking forward to all the fun senior events" - Nikki Virk.

"I look forward to what the year holds for us graduating class of 2019. This year is going to be full of emotions, laughs and too many 'lasts'. Most importantly I look forward to passing down the dragon spirit and continuing to breathe fire" - Kippy Deol.

"So far I've made some great memories and I'm looking forward to having more of those memorable moments. Grade 12 seems to be going by so fast already and I'm excited for what the future holds, but I'm also sad to be leaving a great school that I've created so many memories with, along side some great people."- Alecksia Torrance.

**As seniors, the idea of having to venture out into the "real" world can seem daunting and downright terrifying. But it's important that we all keep our heads up, and make sure we savour every moment of this year, it'll go by sooner than you think! Welcome to your last year of high school; Class of 2019!!**

# GRAD SPIRIT WEEK

By: Palwasha Saeed



# TERRY FOX RUN

Pictures  
By: Hala Nasser



# MARATHON OF HOPE

"To me, being famous myself is not the idea of the run, and it wasn't from the very beginning. To me, the only important part is the Marathon of Hope." "It took cancer to realize that being self-centered is not the way to live. The answer is to try and help others." - Terry Fox

