

Ridgecliff Times

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About this publication

This is the first edition of the Ridgecliff Times. We will be sending out monthly papers for the students and staff of our school. This newspaper was created by London and Elena from 6-7 LeBlanc.

About the Ridgecliff Times:



Caption Our wonderful school early in the morning

Words by London Oglvie

Guess what? RMS has a brand new newspaper! It's the Ridgecliff Times! Our school paper will be filled with the

latest events, news, activities, and so much more! Our paper is completely free and we will be passing monthly editions out to whoever wants a copy! Students and staff are open to reading if

they would like to. Each copy is hand-typed by Elena and me with care. And don't worry! No gossip, rumors, or insults will be spread in the paper, only helpful information, news, a funny

comic strip, and a crossword. There will be a page on news, sports, info, and fun and games! So please stop by to read the Ridgecliff Times!

School yearbooks on sale now

Words by London Oglvie

Do you want something to remember your wonderful years as a Ram at our school? Well, yearbooks are on sale virtually now! Go to <https://paypal.me/couch.ca> and put in the code 10438321 to get your own! The deadline is approaching! So get yours by the end of April 2021! Getting a yearbook is a fun, inexpensive, and easy way to look back on your friends and time at RMS. Students and staff, friends and strangers, sixes and nines. A yearbook is a wonderful memento of our school and your time here. These books are on sale for the reasonable price of only 16.00\$. Staff is also allowed to get a school yearbook of their very own. So, teachers, you can buy one for yourself! So hurry before it's too late and get your Ridgecliff Middle School yearbook today!

Fun and Games

Word of The Day:

Classify

Meaning: To arrange (a group of people or things) in classes or categories according to shared qualities or characteristics.

How to pronounce: klas-si-fy /klasəfi/

French: Classer

Scottish Gaelic: Seòrsachadh

South African: Klassifiseer

Spanish: Clasificar

Mongolian: Ангилгах

Mandarin Chinese: 分類

Swedish: Klassificera

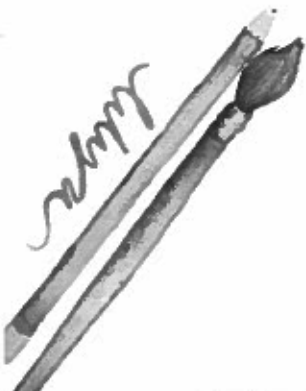
Finnish: Luokitella

Turkish: Sınıflandırmak

Polish: Klasyfikować

Hawaiian: Ho'oka'a'ike

Korean: 나누다



Ridgecliff creations

Do you have a short story, poem, or piece of art that you would like to showcase in the school? Well, now's your chance! Every month, we will be picking 2 short stories or poems and 3 pieces of artwork to put in the Ridgecliff Times. We accept paintings, drawings, and sketches. But the work needs to be school-appropriate. If you would like a chance to see your work in the Times, just send a photo of your art to the email address ole977506@gnpses.ca with your name and class! (Ex. London 6-7 LeBlanc) Any grade is welcome! And if your piece isn't picked the first time, you can resubmit it again once before it is no longer eligible. We look forward to seeing all of your lovely art submissions! Well, what are you waiting for? ART AWAITS YOU!!!



Wacky Facts!

- Did you know that in 1902, bubble gum was originally called 'Blubber Blubber'?
- Did you know that the Nobel Peace Prize was named for Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite?
- Did you know you fart on average 14 times a day and each fart travels from your body at 7 mph (Those are some speedy farts)?
- Did you know that one of the ingredients needed to make dynamite is peanuts?
- Did you know that kangaroos can not hop backward?
- Did you know that the shortest war in history lasted only 38 minutes?
- Did you know glass balls bounce higher than rubber ones?
- Did you know that hippopotamus milk is pink?
- Did you know that snails take the longest naps, they can sleep for 3 years at a time!
- Did you know the fear of being watched by a duck is called anadidephobia (seriously, it's actually true)?
- Did you know a goat's pupils are rectangular?
- Did you know that there are 31,556,926 seconds in a year or 315,569,260 seconds in a decade?

Fun and Games

Trivia time:

Theme: Famous Art(ists)

1. What year was the Mona Lisa Painted?
2. What artist was born on April 15, 1452?
3. Who invented colored pencils?
4. What painter painted only flowers and outdoor scenes?
5. What female artist had polio?
6. When was Claude Monet born?
7. What art style did Jackson Pollock invent?
8. What museum is the Mona Lisa framed in?
9. When did Frida Kahlo get hit by a bus?
10. Who did Pablo Picasso first marry?



Monthly Challenge

Every month this year, we will be posting a challenge in the Ridgecliff Gazette. If you send a picture of yourself doing the challenge to the email address ole977506@msps.ca with your name and grade, we will post your name as a challenge winner in the next edition! Also, if you complete every challenge, you will be given a big acknowledgment in the June edition of the Gazette. So, let's get right into this challenge. This month, you have to make a rock tower that is exactly 30 centimeters. No tower higher or lower will be accepted. You also can not use glue or tape. Take a picture of your tower next to a ruler and send it in! We look forward to seeing your masterpieces! Good luck master builders!



Comic Strip



Reviews

Everything to look at this month



Recommended Music

This month's recommended band is the Beatles. They grew up in Liverpool, UK, and eventually made their way over to North America around 1964. The Beatles have written many songs such as A Hard Day's Night, A Day in the Life, Strawberry Fields Forever, Something, and She Loves You. And feel-good and silly songs like Here Comes the Sun, Yellow Submarine, and Twist and Shout. The band was made up of four men named John Lennon (harmonica & vocals), Paul McCartney (bass guitar), Ringo Starr (drums), and George Harrison (bass guitar). **These guys are definitely 5-star worthy. I love their music and their attitude.** They're super cool. You should really listen to some of their music!



Recommended Books

If you're into dystopian worlds and kids fighting to survive and you don't mind a bit of blood, the Hunger Games is an excellent series to read. There are three books and a prologue. The Hunger Games is an annual event in which one boy and one girl aged 12-18 from each of the twelve districts surrounding the Capitol are selected by lottery to compete in a televised battle royale to the death. **I would definitely give this series a and 5-stars.** It is my new favorite series ever. There is also a movie for each book in the series with Jennifer Lawrence as the main character. Also, the movie for the prologue is coming out on May 19, 2021. **I definitely recommend the series.** All grades would love it.



Recommended Movies

This movie may just look like a silly cartoon, but there's more than meets the eye. This 2020 movie has a wonderful story behind it and a deep meaning. **This movie is very good and deserves 5 and 4.5-stars. You definitely should watch Soul.** You can watch Soul on Disney+, Youtube, Google Play, and Amazon Prime. It can be both silly and deep and meaningful. I would recommend watching it with your family in the basement and a slice of pizza. It is good for the whole family to watch together on a Friday evening. The movie definitely left me thinking about the meaning of life... In a good way, for sure. The movie Soul is a very soulful movie. **I recommend it for grades 6-9.** It's a great movie to watch.



Recommended Youtube Channels

If you like science, Guinness world records, and a LOT of mess, you should try Mark Rober. He's worked at NASA for 9 years and in 7 of those years, he worked on the Mars rover, Curiosity. Squirrel obstacle courses, orbie pools, and lemon cars? **This guy is AMAZING!!! Mark Rober definitely gets a 5 and 5-stars.** The only reason I go on youtube is to watch this guy. He has caught scammers and porch pirates and has set several Guinness world records such as the one for the largest elephant's toothpaste explosion. Mark Rober's videos are so very hilarious. You should really go and check his channel out! All you science nerds around the school will find it amazing. Well, what are you waiting for? GO!!!



Recommended Board/Card Games

If you like mysteries and strategy games, I would definitely recommend Clue. It's a fun mystery board game full of whodunnit and clues along the way. You have to find out who did what and where. Are you not into board games? There's a new Clue card game out! The game lasts about 45mins - 1hr and is a fun game to play after supper with your family. Although the card game setup is a tad confusing, it is super fun once you get the hang of it. **This game gets and 5 stars.** This game is super fun to play. You can buy Clue at Best Buy, Walmart, Canadian Tire, or online. I really love this game. If mysteries are for you, you should try playing Clue. Was it M. Green with the rope, or Ms. Scarlett with the candlestick?

A Year of

Everything from the good, the bad, and the masky

The Story of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Words by London Oglvie

When I first heard of this novel disease in China, I thought it was all a joke. A hoax, per se. But what I didn't know, was that sooner or later, my life would change forever.

Right before March Break, the restrictions and cases began piling up. It was like a nightmare. After March Break, school classes went virtual and I never left the house. It was crazy outside and I was

terrified. Masks, cases, virtual learning, toilet paper battles, all I wanted was to wake up and have it all be a bad dream. But of course, I knew that wouldn't happen... Then, seven months ago, I got the news that we would be going back to school. With MASKS!! "It was terrible. I hated it and still do. The only thing I like about it was when I got to pick out my own masks from my grandmother." was Taya Urquhart in 6-7 LeBlanc's reaction to this news. But we're focusing only on the bad. Let's take a look at the pros of our situation.

The Positive Side of COVID

Right now, Atlantic Canada is one of the safest places to be! Nova Scotia currently has very low cases. We should be grateful that we live where we do in this troubling situation. I have a question, do any

readers have family over in NB? The bubble is going to open very soon! I know I'll be visiting my grandparents as soon as I can. Also, the COVID vaccine has been proven safe and effective in children aged 12-15. And don't worry, 6th graders! The vaccine will be tested for your age soon.

COVID Q & A With Our Local Pharmacist

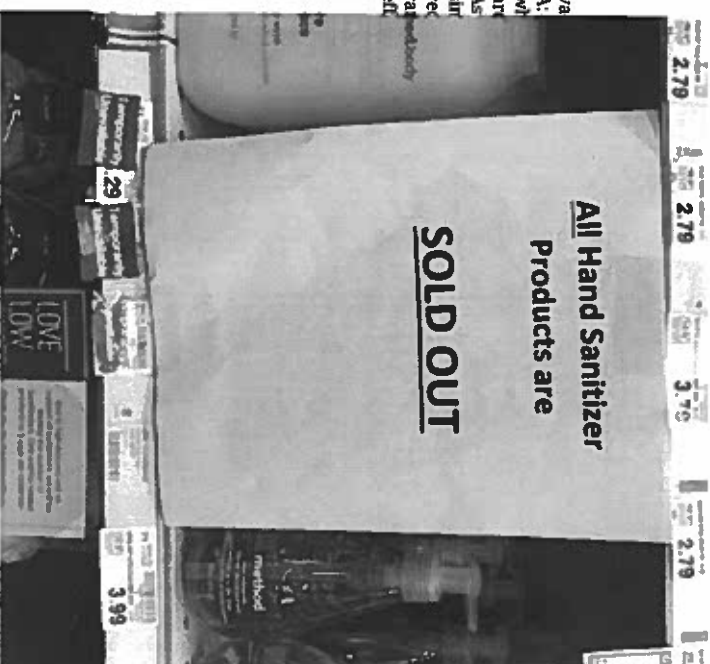
Q: What are the main symptoms of the COVID-19 vaccine and virus itself?

A: COVID itself can sometimes just look like a cold, so if you have a fever, a stuffy nose, or a cough, it's important to get a test right away. After you get the vaccine, it feels similar to a flu shot. You may have an achy arm, or feel tired. There's a second dose given 15 weeks after the first dose, and you may have a stronger feeling of achyness or tiredness, and maybe even an upset stomach. But it's not at all dangerous or harmful.

Q: How long do you think it will take until the entire population is vaccinated?

A: The government of Canada plans for all Canadians eligible to get a vaccine to be vaccinated by the end of 2021.

Q: What are the differences between the three types of



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