

# Class Newsletter

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Photo by Slavica



See more of our  
students' fun trips  
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## A SUPER START TO SUMMER!



## Taking a Trip to Banff

*"It was a really great trip, I was super happy with the great weather, but what I enjoyed most was spending a fun day with all my lovely students!"*

-Slavica

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, our ESL and LINC students went on a trip to Banff and Lake Louise en lieu of their normal class activities. Boarding the buses just before 9:00 AM, a fantastic chance to practise English and navigation skills commenced, though only one of those was intended. Luckily, no one was left behind (well almost...you know who you are 😊 and everyone had a great time seeing the sights of Lake Louise and downtown Banff.



## Reinette's Class Reads Canadian



Find out what the  
advanced afternoon  
class found out about  
Canadian authors.

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Banff & Lake Louise





“One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.”- Henry Miller

# Positive effects of traveling

Written by Veljko Marjanovic

There are several positive effects of travelling. First of all, refreshing your lifestyle makes you happy and relaxed. It is nice to see new places and do some new activities. Secondly, you can learn about new cultures by travelling. For example, in Bosnia, when you are done with your coffee, you have to flip your cup over, or they will keep serving you coffee.



Finally, travelling has helped me make new friends. For instance, I met a friend, Dane, in Bosnia, who is still my friend today. For these reasons, travelling has had so many positive effects.



## The Thieves

A descriptive story by Ghulam

The first thief is tall and thin. He has a long face.  
The second thief is short and fat. He has a round face.  
The other thief is short and thin. He has an oval face (egg shaped). The thief with a round face has a big nose.  
The thief with a long face has small eyes and a long nose.  
The fat thief has big ears and short hair.  
The thief with an oval face has

big eyes and a small mouth.  
The thief with a big nose has big eyes and a big mouth.  
The other thief has a long mouth and a ponytail.  
The thief with a small mouth has small nose and small ears.  
One man has ears that look like the number 8.  
The man with a small nose is bald.  
All of the thieves wore T-shirts and jeans.

- Ghulamali Turman

## My First Day in Canada

It was time to leave the house and go to the airport. I left my country, Croatia, on October 10, 2010. I knew I had a long day of travel ahead of me. I was flying to Canada for the first time and wasn’t sure what to expect. I landed in Calgary and my wife now (who was my girlfriend back then) was waiting for me at the airport. I went through immigration at the airport and was ready to see the new country. It was long flight and I was tired from traveling that far, but in the end, it was a good experience for me and I love to see new countries and travel. I stayed at her place at the beginning because I didn’t have any family or friends in Canada. We went to a restaurant for dinner and it was good to try new food and see a new culture that day. That was my experience and first day in the new country, Canada.

By Veljko Marjanovic



# Volunteering in Calgary

By Emma P.

To help you get to know your area and your community, you can volunteer. Volunteering is a fun way to get new skills, help your community, and add something to your resume. There are many ways to volunteer that do not need advanced English skills. Volunteering is a fun way to practice English too.



Emma P.



There are many volunteer opportunities at the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association, which is close to the school, as well as many other places to volunteer around Calgary:

✚ The Stampede

Help Calgary throw its annual event by working on the grounds or at one of the many pancake breakfasts.

✚ Calgary Food Bank (SW, Windsor park)

Give back to your community by helping hand out food at the food bank.

✚ Meals on wheels (city wide)

If you drive, you can help provide food and gifts for those in need who have trouble leaving their homes.

✚ Calgary Public Library (City wide)

Immerse yourself in books and help people find what they’re looking for at the library.

✚ Canadian progress club (city wide) and Women’s Centre (NE/SE, Bridgeland-Riverside)

A way for women to volunteer around Calgary in many ways and with all levels of English.

✚ Habitat for Humanity (City wide)

Help to build houses for the community with a group of friends (or students). You do not need to be skilled at construction.



✚ Calgary Humane Society (SE, Douglas Glen)

Spend some fun time taking care of animals; walk dogs, calm down some cats, entertain some rabbits, or feed some lizards.

✚ Calgary Zoo (NE/SE, Bridgeland-Riverside)

Live on the wild side by helping around the Zoo and take care of some of the animals there.





**To become a citizen, you need to meet the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) Level 4 or higher (IRCC will return your application as incomplete if you do not send acceptable proof that you know the language).**

To see if you are eligible to become a citizen, check this website:

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizenship/check-eligibility.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizenship/check-eligibility.asp)

When you apply for Citizenship, the government will tell you where you will do your citizenship test.

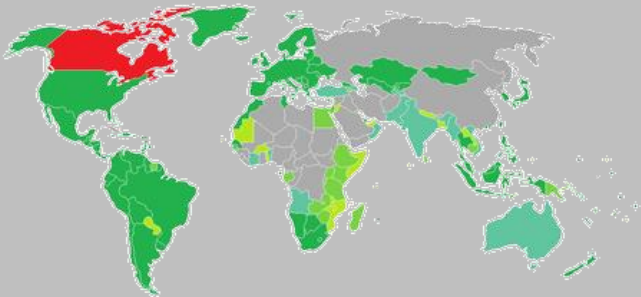


# Becoming a Canadian Citizen



*In order to **apply** for Canadian citizenship, you must:*

- ❖ Provide **proof** that you know how to **speak and write** in 1 of Canada's official languages (either **English or French**)\*\*
- ❖ Be a Permanent Resident (PR)
- ❖ Have lived in Canada as a PR for at least **3 years out of 5 years** before you apply
- ❖ Have filed your taxes for at least 3 years during the last 5 years and any income tax you may owe must be paid
- ❖ Download and fill out the forms in the Canadian Citizen Application Package for both you and your children.
- ❖ Include all supporting documents.
- ❖ Pay the application fee.
- ❖ Mail your application to the Centralized Intake Office (CIO) in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada



Oh Canada... Luis and Ricardo will learn all about Canada from the book that their classmates gave them.

Congratulations to Ricardo, Luis, Chaouki, and family on becoming Canadian Citizens!





I am very grateful to have a place only 22 km from a beautiful, sunny town in the south of Croatia. Dubrovnik is one of the most visited destinations, not only in Croatia, but in the whole of Europe and lately the whole world. Amazing architecture, Old Town, clean, blue sea and many other attractions awaits you in the "Pearl of the Adriatic".

**City Walls** – these once defensive stone walls that protected the city from invaders today are one of the largest and most recognizable sights of the city. Built in the Middle Ages, they are 2 kilometers long and reach a height of 25 meters. You can stroll around the city walls and gaze at the beautiful blue sea.



Enjoying the day with my daughter.



Beach "Banje"  
This is the main beach in Dubrovnik.



Charmain's daughter enjoying the view of Dubrovnik



**Stradun** – Stradun is the main street in the old town of Dubrovnik. Its name originates from the old Venetian word for "Big Street". Our lovely **Snezana** is enjoying the stroll.



**Fort Lovrijenac** – also known as the "Gibraltar of Dubrovnik".

Fortress Lovrijenac is a detached fortress located outside the city walls. The fortress is 37 m high, and it served as the main fortress in the defense of the city. Fans of **The Game of Thrones** can recognize this landmark in the scenes of **King's Landing**.

# Plain of Six Glaciers Hike in Banff National Park-

By Maria N.

Have you ever done a Tea House or Plain of Six Glaciers hikes in Banff? These are great, fun and popular hikes! When you go uphill you see beautiful landscapes of Lake Louise, the Rocky Mountains, and even some animals common in that area such as bighorn sheep, mountain goats and ground squirrels. You start the hike at massive Fairmount Hotel



located on Lake Louise and as you climb higher and higher the hotel appears like a small dot in a distance. Even if you do this hike in the middle of summer you see patches of snow here and there, and it can get rather chilly and windy, so you need to be prepared and take some warmer clothes with you. The trail finishes with a meadow where Tea House is located, and then you can go even further and get to the Abbot Pass Viewpoint. From there you can see the Lower Victoria Glacier and glaciers on top of Mount Victoria.



# Canadian Authors



There have been many different individuals who have significantly impacted Canadian society. One of the most significant impacts on society comes from none other than literature. Canada has a range of authors who accomplished many things and wrote a lot of essays, poems, and novels. To expand their knowledge of Canadian authors, the ESL Advanced Reading and Writing Class received the challenging task of studying one Canadian author. Some were more enthusiastic than others. It was a learning curve and resulted in thoughts of: “It wasn’t as bad as I thought it would be,” “I felt good when I did it,” “It was absolutely worth it,” and “I was encouraged to read one of the author’s books and appreciate her creation.”

## THE FAMOUS, YET VERY PRIVATE LIFE OF MICHAEL ONDAATJE

**Michael Ondaatje** was born on September 12, 1943 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. When he finished his secondary education, he moved with his mother, Doris Gratiaen, to England where in 1954 he attended Dulwich College in London. In 1962 he moved to Canada so he could study at the Bishop’s University in Lennoxville, Quebec. Then, in 1965, he obtained a bachelor’s degree from the University of Toronto. In 1967 he completed his master’s degree at Queen University in Kingston, Ontario. Michael started his writing career along with his teaching profession. Since then he has received eleven awards and achievements. He is mostly known for his ability to demonstrate and express personal struggles and other human feelings by using intense language, and the ability to write between the lines of prose, poetry, and novel. He is well-known for writing *The English Patient* which was filmed in 1996. Michael Ondaatje is married with two children to novelist and academic Linda Spalding, the author of *A Dark Place in the Jungle* and *The Purchase*. It looks like he is not finished with his work yet and would like to stay private without any influences conflicting his work with his private life.



-Dorota-



## FARLEY MOWAT

**Farley Mowat** was born on May 12, 1921 in Bellville, Ontario. His father, Angus, was a librarian and fought at the battle of Vimy Ridge, France in World War I. Farley lived in Windsor, Ontario from 1930 to 1933. He studied at the University of Toronto. Farley’s first book, *People of the Deer*, published in 1952, was inspired by a field trip to the Canadian Arctic. While he was studying at the University of Toronto, Mowat was outraged at the conditions endured by the Inuit people living in Northern Canada. Farley Mowat is one of Canada’s most widely read authors. His books have been translated into 52 languages and have sold more than 17 million copies around the world. In his book, *My Discovery of America*, published in 1985, he documented the reason why he was refused entry to the United States. The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society ship, *RV Farley Mowat*, was named in Farley’s honour. Farley was courageous, outspoken, helpful, smart, and as a fighter he always fought for what he believed in. *Lost in the Barrens*, *Little Brown*, and *People of the Deer* are just a few of his books that he received awards for. I believe Farley Mowat was a true Canadian hero.

-Brahim-

## EMILY CARR’ BIOGRAPHY

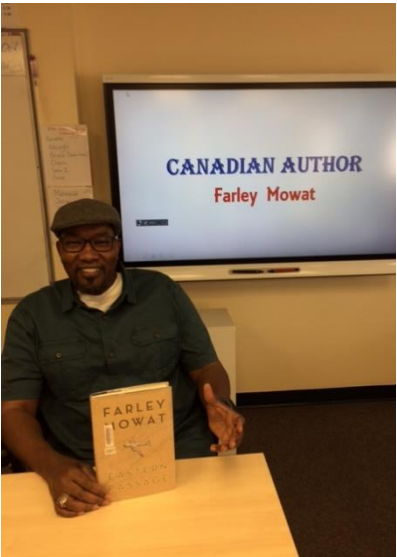
**Emily Carr** was a Canadian artist and writer who was born on December 13, 1871 in Victoria, BC. Her parents died while she was young. She began art lessons when she was sixteen. When she was nineteen, she went to study art in San Francisco. This artist and writer was inspired by the indigenous people of the Pacific North Coast. She lived in San Francisco from 1889-1895, then she traveled to England and attended a private school. Emily also went to France in 1910 and the trip influenced her work. She was discouraged by the lack of artistic success. In addition, Emily Carr was also obligated by financial constraints that forced her to return permanently to Victoria, BC. She felt obligated to quit her art and worked as a potter and dog breeder. However, Emily Carr started to restore her contact with the Group of Seven. The Group of Seven was a Canadian landscape painter’s group from 1920 to 1933. During this time the Group of Seven named her, *The Mother of Modern Arts*. They also gave her a nickname called Carr Klee Wyhk. Essentially, Emily Carr was best known for her work she produced. Her work trends in the development of modern art in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Emily’s personal life was presumably positive. She liked running, playing with animals, and traveling frequently. At the age of 74, Emily Carr passed away on March 2, 1945 in a hotel in Victoria, BC.



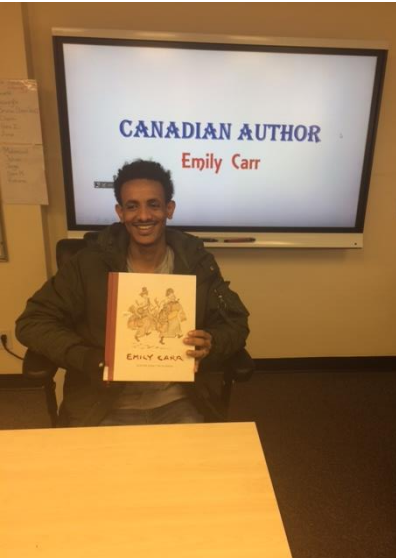
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LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY

Have you read *Anne of Green Gables*? Of course, you did. Everybody read it and loved it. But do you know who introduced the red haired as the lively and vivid Canadian girl to us? Today I am going to talk about **Lucy Maud**

**Montgomery**, the author of the *Anne* series book. Lucy was born on November 30, 1874 in Clifton, Prince Edward Island. Unfortunately, her mother died when she was twenty months old. The poor girl was very lonely. For her whole childhood, Lucy was raised by very strict grandparents. She created imaginary friends and worlds to ease her loneliness. Her imaginary friends were named Katie and who lived in the fairy room behind the bookcase in the living room. Basically, Lucy was Anne and Anne was Lucy. If you have read the book, *Anne of Green Gables*, you might be familiar with one sentence that Anne often said, “That I can imagine.”

Although life was strict with her, it could not block her ability for writing. At age thirteen she submitted a poem for publication. The newspaper refused her poem, but she would not give up. During her marriage she took care of her husband who had serious depression. She was working to support her family and raising two little boys. Her words, “For much of my life writing was my one great solace”, comforted her during difficult times. In 1898 Lucy moved to Cavendish to live with her grandmother. She was inspired to write her first book during this time in Prince Edward Island. The following year she published her first book, *Anne of Green Gables*. It was an immediate success and it established her career.

Lucy was a deep religious woman. She taught students in the church and organized lots of community events. During World War I, most Canadians had lost their religion of God, but Lucy encouraged young men to volunteer for Canada and wrote articles helping people to believe in God. Canadians often call Lucy Montgomery “OBE.” OBE is the special medal which can only be worn in public in the presence of the King or Queen. She was the only lady who had gotten it from King George V. She received many other outstanding awards. Until now her book is still the best seller in the UK.

The *Anne* series books are essential books for every girl’s growth. You and I, both have been Anne. We have had a similar soul as Anne when we were young. In China, we have many different versions of the original English book. There are thousands of readers and there are thousands of different Annes. I circled Prince Edward Island on the map and told my daughter she should go there one day and that she might be the next female author. As Lucy Maud Montgomery said, “Canada has so many stories, our country needs more and more authors to let the world know about Canada.” I also told my daughter, “Whether we are happy or in pain, we have to look beyond it just like Anne.”

-Cherri-

MARGARET ELEANOR ATWOOD



“We still think of a powerful man as a born leader and a powerful woman as an anomaly.” I began my story with that quotation because it refers to feminist subject matter which we can find in many of Margaret Atwood’s books. Also, she is the

best example that woman should be perceived differently.

**Margaret Eleanor Atwood** is a very talented Canadian writer, poet, literature critic, novelist, essayist, teacher, and environmental activist. She was born on November 18, 1939 in Ottawa, Ontario. Most of her time she spent in Northern Quebec. Margaret traveled back and forth between Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie and Toronto because her father did survey work as an entomologist. For this reason, for a long time she was not able to graduate any full school year, but books and comics kept her company. As a 6-year-old girl she started writing and at 16 she decided to be a writer. She has loved books, so they have surrounded her all her life. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Victoria College at the University of Toronto, and she obtained a master’s degree from Radcliffe College at Harvard University.

Margaret Atwood is very versatile and clever because she is an author of novels, fiction books, drawings, graphic novels, and libretti. She is famous all over the world, and her books have been published in many languages. Summarizing the previous work of the author, we must emphasize that Margret Atwood received many prestige literacy awards inter alia. For example, the Nan Baker Prize, Arthur C. Clarke Award, Franz Kafka Prize, National Book Critics, etc. She was a candidate for the literacy Nobel Award. Many of her books have been screened such as *The Handmaid’s Tale* as a series. This novel had a musical adaptation as an opera as well. *In the Wake of the Flood* is a movie documentary. *Alice Grace* and *The Wide World of Wandering Wenda* was adapted into a children’s television series.

Margaret Atwood’s penmanship and her beautiful precise style delights many people. For this reason, I wanted to bring her figure closer. Certainly, we will be able to enjoy her new works more than once.

-Margaret

KENNETH OPPEL

**Kenneth Oppel** used to be an editor of the Trade Magazine. His most outstanding award was the Governor General’s Literary Award he received in 2004. He obtained a BA degree in Cinema Studies and English from the University of Toronto. Kenneth Oppel is one of the outstanding Canadian authors of the present era in fiction for both adults and young adults. Some of his well-known books are; *The Silverwing*, published in 1997, and *The Skybreaker*, published in 2005.



Cherri



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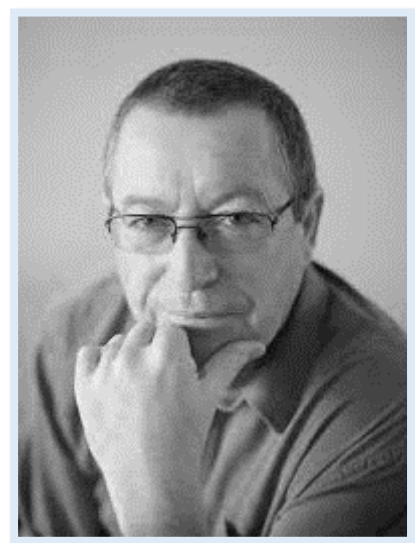


Kenneth Oppel

-Amir-



ERIC WALTERS



**Eric Walters** is one of the best-known Canadian authors for children and young adults. Eric was born in Toronto, Ontario on March 3, 1957. His mother died of cancer when he was only four years old and left him and his older sister with their father, who was struggling with mental and physical issues throughout his life. As Eric’s father was unable to work, the family suffered financially too. He worked for the first time when he was ten years old delivering groceries on his bike to help with the rent. Eric Walters is probably the hardest working writer in Canada. He received his BA in Psychology, Bachelor of Social Work, and Master of Social Work from York University. He was a teacher and a social worker. Eric began writing novels for his class during his teaching career. His students were reluctant readers and writers and in order to encourage them to become more involved in literature, he began to write. Eric’s first novel, *Stand Your Ground*, was created for this class in 1993. He has written 92

books since then. His novels are available in many countries across the world and have been translated into 11 languages such as, French, German, Chinese, and Swedish. Eric is also known for giving presentations to the students across Canada, blending drama and storytelling and the audiences participate to excite them about reading and writing. He has published more than 60 novels for young adults. These works have collected more than 80 awards. As any famous author or person, Eric Walters has many quotes of speech, for example, “Every journey, no matter how far, starts with one step.” Eric’s books are being considered the best-selling children’s literature books in Canada. He has written a novel about Terry Fox called, *Run*, and he was donating all his royalties from *Run* to cancer research. Eric also gave his time and effort to support this project. He is now living in Mississauga, Ontario and left both teaching and social work and focuses his time on writing philanthropic work. In 2008 Eric and his wife funded a child outreach program which provides direct support and education for over 500 orphans in Kikima in a rural area of Kenya.

-Sara I.-

ALICE MUNRO



It is very remarkable that the Royal Canadian Mint issued a commemorative **Alice Munro** Coin in 2014 to celebrate her Nobel Prize win. Alice Munro was born in Wingham, Ontario on July 10, 1931. She has known since she was 14 that she wanted to be a writer. Alice’s mother, Anne Laidlaw, started suffering the effects of Parkinson’s disease when Alice was 13. She had to take over much of the housework, and she said, “It gave me a sense of responsibility, purpose, and being important. It didn’t bother me at all.” Alice wrote her first book of short stories, *Dance of the Happy Shades*, when she was 15 years old. She married James Munro in 1951 when she was 20 years old. Alice would think about her stories during her baby’s naps before she ever put pen to paper. From the age of 25 to 35, she feared she didn’t have the talent to be a writer. During that time, she had written more than she

finished and suffered from horrible writer’s block and anxiety. At the age of 32 the family moved to Victoria, BC where they opened Munro’s Books, a popular bookstore that is still in business. Alice and James Munro divorced in 1972 when she was 41 years old. She then returns to Ontario and became a writer in residence at the University of Western, Ontario. Five years after her divorce she got married to Gerald Fremlin, a cartographer and geographer. He died 37 years later. Alice Munro didn’t attract much attention outside of Canada until her work began appearing in the New Yorker. Her first New Yorker story was *Royal Beatings* in 1977. Alice’s work has been described as “having revolutionized the architecture” of short stories. She won the following awards; Governor General’s Award, Giller Prize, Man Booker International Prize, and the Nobel Prize for Literature. Alice’s writing has established her as one of our greatest contemporary writers of fiction.

-Monica-



Sara I.



Monica



Other Canadian Authors Include...

**Roch Carrier:**  
Roch Carrier wrote the short story *The Hockey Sweater (Le chandail de hockey)*. It is a fun story about both Canadian hockey rivalries and a metaphor for the political situation between Ontario and Québec during the 1970s. Emma recommends this short read!

**Bradley Somer:**  
Bradley Somer is a Calgarian author who wrote the novel *Fishbowl*. It is about a goldfish who is finally able to escape his bowl after seeing the world from a 27<sup>th</sup> floor window. Our teacher Susan recommends it greatly!

**Timothy Findley**  
Findley wrote the book *The Wars*. This book describes a young Canadian’s experience of discovering himself and his love of horses in World War I. It is recommended by our teacher Darren.

**W.P. Kinsella**  
This Canadian writer wrote the story *Shoeless Joe Jackson*. It is about a magical corn field in Iowa turned into a baseball diamond, with themes of baseball and family. This writer’s baseball stories are some of Darren’s favourites (they remind him of times with his dad).

**Thomas King**  
The short story *Borders* was written by Thomas King. It is a story about a First Nations family trying to reunite across the Canadian-US border. A great short read if you would like to learn a little about the perspective of the First Nations peoples of Canada.



# Who is this person?

A trivia game made by Donna's class

**\_\_\_\_\_**

6) This person was born on July 1, 1961. She died in a car accident on August 31, 1997 in Paris. She liked to help people. She also raised awareness and advocated ways to help people affected by HIV/AIDS, cancer, and mental illness. She had two sons.

## Who is this person?

-Cam-



-Ghulam-

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7) This person was born on October 6, 1953 in Gdańsk, Poland. This person is a founder of the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity in Poland. He is the main initiator and promoter for the group's grand finale and annual worldwide festival. All of the money that he collects goes to the Children's Hospitals in Poland. The hospitals buy new equipment and medicine. In one year he collects a few million dollars.

## Who is this person?

-Stan-

**\_\_\_\_\_**

**ANSWERS:** 1) Phi Nhung 2) Terry Fox 3) Roger Godhead (Robin Hood)  
4) Ralph Klein 5) Mackenzie Bezos 6) Diana, Princess of Wales (Lady Di) 7) Jerzy Zbigniew Owsiak



# Vyshyvanka has become a symbol of Ukrainian national identity



## Vyshyvanka - By Liliya Globa

Last May you might have seen men and women wearing beautiful embroidered shirts and blouses in different cities and towns of Canada. These people are Ukrainians who celebrate Vyshyvanka Day. Vyshyvanka is the type of Ukrainian national embroidered clothes. This holiday is celebrated every spring and it traditionally falls on the third Thursday in May. This is a relatively new holiday, as the first Vyshyvanka Day was celebrated in 2006. The main ideas behind this holiday are popularizing Ukrainian folk traditions of creating and wearing embroidered clothes and uniting the Ukrainians all over the world. You can find Ukrainians in many different countries, but Canada has the second, after Russia, biggest Ukrainian diaspora in the world. About 1,360,000 people of full or partial Ukrainian origin live in Canada and they represent the eleventh largest ethnic group in this country. (So, no wonder you could see people in vyshyvankas in May). Embroidered shirts, blouses, tablecloths and towels are typical not only for Ukraine. You can find them in Hungary, Romania, Macedonia, Russia and many other countries. However, it has become more than just a traditional form of art only in Ukraine.

In embroidery there are certain types of stitches that people have used for centuries. They are the running stitch and the cross stitch. Some people say that in the old days people embroidered their shirts to protect themselves from evil spirits. So, they used a cross stitch to guard their necks, arms and chests. Nowadays the Vyshyvanka has become a symbol of Ukrainian national identity. On this day Ukrainians organize Vyshyvanka parades, concerts of Ukrainian folk music, exhibitions, flash mobs and all sorts of charity events.

# The Creator’s Finest

Almost 20 years ago to this day while I was going door to door advertising for local businesses, I met an elder from northern Ontario. His name was Curtis. He saw characteristics of himself in my appearance and gave me the choice to see how long I could survive with the lifestyle I had chosen or stay with him and learn to live a new way. I chose to stay. We conversed for a while discussing certain topics about the past and what we could have done differently throughout the years.

The longer Curtis and I sat and talked the stronger our bond grew. Curtis would play the guitar and sing old songs that he learned growing up. I would sit, listen, and pay attention because Curtis told me there would be

questions later. He had a certain way with words and songs that brought to life so much more meaning when he sang or spoke.

As weeks went on Curtis started to put me to the test to see how I would react to certain situations. He was trying to comprehend my personality traits. One morning I awoke on the couch to loud bangs, it was Curtis throwing firecrackers off the steps towards my direction. Curtis had an amazing sense of humor.

As months passed, Curtis taught me how to carve rattles out of sticks and helped me to expand my imagination by focusing on a task or goal and how to follow through no matter what the outcome, good or bad. Curtis taught me

that there are two sides to everything in this life and it is up to me to decide what side I take, negative or positive.

Approximately 5 years later I decided to go back out on my own, taking with me as much wisdom and knowledge as my brain could capacitate. Curtis and I kept in touch daily, until he became ill and passed on. To this day Curtis remains in my heart and on my mind. I constantly look towards the sky and pray for his guidance. I have nothing but love and gratitude for everything Curtis taught me.

By Brannon Hooper

## EQUILIBRIUM SWAG TRAVELING THE WORLD



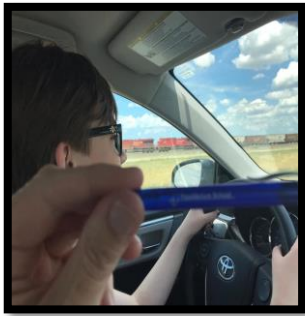
Equilibrium School’s swag is on a trip to Warsaw



Equilibrium’s swag at the Pantheon (Rome)



Equilibrium’s swag at the Duomo (Cathedral di Santa Maria del Fiore)



Little Equilibrium pen on the prairie!





# MAD LIBS



Mad-Libs are fill-in-the-blank games you can play with your classmates. All you have to do is ask your partner for nouns, verbs (action/non-action), or adjectives! Write their words on the lines provided and fill in the blanks of the two paragraphs about the Calgary Stampede below. See what your classmates get and then read Phillip’s LINC class’s whacky results!

### FOOD AT THE STAMPEDE

- 1 Non-Action Verb: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Adjectives: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Nouns: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

### ANIMALS AT THE STAMPEDE

- 5 Adjectives: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
4 (Action) Verbs: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
4) \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Nouns: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

### FOOD AT THE STAMPEDE

Oh. Em. Gee. I \_\_\_\_\_ (*non-action verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo \_\_\_\_\_ (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a \_\_\_\_\_ (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like \_\_\_\_\_ (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a \_\_\_\_\_ (*noun*). It was \_\_\_\_\_ (*adjective*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

### ANIMALS AT THE STAMPEDE

The animals at the Stampede are \_\_\_\_\_ (*adjective*). They \_\_\_\_\_ (*verb*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*verb*) so much!! I love how they \_\_\_\_\_ (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell \_\_\_\_\_ (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like \_\_\_\_\_ (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my \_\_\_\_\_ (*noun*), but it \_\_\_\_\_ (*verb*).

## PHILLIP’S CLASS’S WHACKY ANSWERS



### Food at the Stampede

Oh. Em. Gee. I hate (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo nice (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a desk (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like me (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a bear (*noun*). It was cold (*adjective*) and thin (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Gyorgy

Oh. Em. Gee. I hate (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo hot (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a big truck (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like rat (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a lizard (*noun*). It was slow (*adjective*) and selfish (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Phulpreet

Oh. Em. Gee. I hate (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo painty (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had an insect (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like lawn (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had my son (*noun*). It was happy (*adjective*) and dangerous (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Amy

Oh. Em. Gee. I like (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo slow (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a car (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like Calgary (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a train (*noun*). It was fast (*adjective*) and beautiful (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Fatima

Oh. Em. Gee. I feel (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo mermerizing (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a chair (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like board (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a train (*noun*). It was amazing (*adjective*) and fascinating (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Maria

Oh. Em. Gee. I want (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo colourful (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a wife (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like sister (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a book (*noun*). It was angry (*adjective*) and happy (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Rich

Oh. Em. Gee. I like (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo good (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a water (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like GMC truck (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a coffee (*noun*). It was handsome (*adjective*) and short (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Chaouki

Oh. Em. Gee. I like (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo excellent (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a food (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like car (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a book (*noun*). It was good (*adjective*) and boring (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Divya

Oh. Em. Gee. I like (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo kind (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a school (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like hospital (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a Phillip (*noun*). It was nice (*adjective*) and polite (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Fadya

Oh. Em. Gee. I see (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo nice (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a glasses (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like glasses (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a pencil (*noun*). It was tall (*adjective*) and fat (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Zahra

Oh. Em. Gee. I hate (*verb*) the food at the Stampede. It tastes soooooo careful (*adjective*)! I went on Tuesday and had a girl (*noun*) for lunch. It tasted like dog (*noun*), and it was the best I’ve ever had. One time, I had a ball (*noun*). It was amazing (*adjective*) and expensive (*adjective*). I think I’ll get it next time I go!

-Svitlana



### Animals at the Stampede

The animals at the Stampede are large (*adjective*). They sleep (*verb*) and stay (*verb*) so much!! I love how they make (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell ugly (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like chair (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my bed (*noun*), but it left (*verb*).

-Gyorgy

The animals at the Stampede are crazy (*adjective*). They go (*verb*) and jump (*verb*) so much!! I love how they run (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell huge (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like cat (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my son (*noun*), but it flew away (*verb*).

-Phullpreet

The animals at the Stampede are terrible (*adjective*). They fall down (*verb*) and sleep (*verb*) so much!! I love how they walk (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell painful (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like my son (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my skate (*noun*), but it played (*verb*).

-Amy

The animals at the Stampede are smart (*adjective*). They love (*verb*) and hate (*verb*) so much!! I love how they walk (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell tall (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like Phillip (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my school (*noun*), but it flew away (*verb*).

-Fatima

The animals at the Stampede are colourful (*adjective*). They breath (*verb*) and drive (*verb*) so much!! I love how they laugh (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell useful (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like cucumber (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my Canada (*noun*), but it slept (*verb*).

-Mei

The animals at the Stampede are amazing (*adjective*). They jump (*verb*) and kiss (*verb*) so much!! I love how they shoot (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell exciting (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like TD Bank (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my sky (*noun*), but it cried (*verb*).

-Mohammad

The animals at the Stampede are wonderful (*adjective*). They fly (*verb*) and eat (*verb*) so much!! I love how they take a shower (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell cute (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like iPhone (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my chair (*noun*), but it played (*verb*).

-Carmen

The animals at the Stampede are beautiful (*adjective*). They go (*verb*) and jump (*verb*) so much!! I love how they look (*verb*). And my favourite part? They smell fun (*adjective*)!! I could smell them all day! I went and saw the horse racing yesterday, and the horses were so beautiful, they looked like sand (*noun*). I wanted to pet one, so I walked up to it, and I held out my window (*noun*), but it touched (*verb*).

-Alex





**By Dale**  
There's nothing better than a nice fresh cup of coffee and a shot of Baily's Irish Cream Liqueur to go along with it, but there are other alternatives that are equally as good and far more affordable. If you're the creative type, this homemade

recipe is a tried and true method that results in a wonderful impromptu gift to bring along when you are invited to someone's home for dinner. Share the liquor; share the recipe! Get out your trusty Pyrex measuring cup. Most of these containers, as well as measuring spoons, are in standard and metric measurements.

## Irish Cream Recipe

**Ingredients:**

- 1 ½ cups (350 ml) half & half cream
- 1 can (295 ml) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 ⅔ cups whiskey (any rye whiskey will do)
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee granules
- 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ⅛ teaspoon almond extract

**Directions:**

In a blender, combine the cream, sweetened condensed milk, whiskey, instant coffee, chocolate syrup, vanilla extract, and almond extract. Blend on high for 20 to 30 seconds or until coffee granules are dissolved. Store in a tightly sealed container in the refrigerator. Shake well before serving.... lasts up to two months. Makes about 1 liter.  
Note: I found this recipe at [allrecipes.com/recipe/23534/original-Irish-cream](http://allrecipes.com/recipe/23534/original-Irish-cream) and adapted it. Sweetened Condensed milk only comes in a 10 oz. can where I live, and the heavy cream lumps up in the container when cooled; my version is smooth as silk and not so rich.

Enjoy!

# Tidbits and Fun Tips



**Sewak Sandal's drawings**



## FASHIONISTAS

FEATURING SOME FABULOUS LADIES CAUGHT IN OUR OFFICE



Maria, Nargiza & Svitlana



Hanna & Hoa

## EQUILIBRIUM WORD SEARCH

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International  
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June  
Lake Louise  
Learning

May  
Newspaper  
School  
Stampede  
Victoria





YEEEEHAW! Equilibrium School never shies away from celebrating the start of Stampede season, and this year was no different. It's one of our favourite ways to Pay it Forward like Dina would. A western mood was set with an auction, in which some lucky students won Canadian and Stampede swag. With loads of pancakes, sausages and fruits, no student could go hungry, which helped them pay attention to the Stampede presentation put on by Darren and Richard.

# STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

## Every Day is a Learning Experience

By Troy Bennett

Camping can be hard to do with my fiscal situation, but nothing can keep me from the bush. Some of the things necessary are challenging to accomplish, but with smart thinking and a little creativity I can adapt to my soundings. Being handicapped doesn't mean I can't, it just means it takes longer, requires different tools, or that I have to find new ways to get things done. I have had many experiences in my life that help with this. So far, I'm getting most of the necessary things done without too much trouble. The moral of the story is: life is a learning experience, so keep you eyes open and don't give up.







# EXCURSIONS

Summer's here and our students know it! Our **LINC classes** celebrated the end of their semester by going out to Riley Park and having a super fun picnic, with food, frisbee, and other exciting games. The **ESL students** took a trip out to Stephen Avenue to enjoy the Stampede festivities and check out The Core's Devonian Gardens.

