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# Editorial: Helping our Community

by Jessica N.

FYI's visit to the Our Place was definitely an inspiring experience. As an inner city community centre and a non-profit organization, Our Place acknowledges people coming through the doors as family members instead of clients. It serves Victoria's most vulnerable, such as the impoverished, the elderly, the working poor, the mentally and physically challenged, the addicted and the homeless.

Our Place has all the necessary facilities and supplies for free. Our guide, Community Relations director Tracy Campbell told us that most of the money came from donations and volunteering. Volunteers decide to help "family members" by serving breakfast, for example, or simply giving donations to those in need. They do it out of love, to inspire hope and belonging, Tracy says.

Our Place offers countless programs to help those in need. With a vision of nourishment, hope and belonging for everyone, Our Place offers over 1500 meals a day, medical services, showers, laundry, an address, and other needs for living. There are a few dozen housing units, as well as educational programs to help family get a job. There is even a safe injection site, so those with addictions can be as safe as possible, and even be diverted from using drugs.

Not all people live a perfect life, and many go through lots of hardships. One staff member,

Shirley, told us her story and how she came to get support, find employment and study. Her story was very inspiring and it was truly incredible how she came to break her family cycle of abuse and drug use. Stories such as these can vary. There is no need for an explanation for why anyone ends up on the streets, as everyone at Our Place is accepted no matter what.

It was also amazing how so many people are helping those in need, just out of love, and how many people in the city are willing to help. In my opinion, a world filled with people like this would make it as close to a perfect one as possible. If there were enough people like these volunteers who could encourage others and make them aware of the problems the world is currently facing, it would be a definite improvement.

As a project to help those in need, the Social Justice and Media class will be making a website to inform others and explain why people are homeless, and how they can help. In February, we will be spending a night outside without a shelter to experience a glimpse of what it may be like to be homeless. Please sponsor us to support the good work of Our Place, follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @Homelessin victoria, and join us walking and raising funds in Our Place's Coldest Night of the Year on February 24th.

Share some love and help make the world a little more perfect. Merci!

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# Central's New Extension

by Floyd S and Taro H.

Central is adding a new extension! Central needs more space, with classes without classrooms and more condos on the rise this is an issue. Central's classrooms and utility rooms are maxed out for an intercity school. So SD61 is doing something about it. What do you think? Keep reading to find out our schools opinions. Here is what people at our school thought.

First we talked to Grade 7 student John M. He said "I think it's great that SD61 is finally doing something about the lack of space at Central, and it's annoying not having a classroom and having to move around all the time. We also don't have any lockers or a place to put our backpacks and school supplies." John also said, "it would be cool to have a bigger gym and other places to do studying etc."

Larry D, a grade 8 student, told FYI "I think it is the worst idea ever to be said, I think we should be using this money for better tech and more opportunities for us, the kids. We want to have fun when in school not more space."

We then interviewed one teacher, who did not wish to be named. She stated, "I think it's not a good idea. I think instead SD61 should keep classes small." She also, "I think the space we have is fine, but I think other than more support for students, SD61 should upgrade the systems in the school."

Another staff member said, "I think it is a great opportunity for the kids of SD61 to learn in a new working environment, and I

am very excited, and I can't wait to hear when they will start building."

Mr. Macintosh shared his thoughts on the subject: "As principal, I must say that this is an amazing idea! The school really needs the space and the students will really benefit from more services and with all the new condos coming downtown, we need extra space."

So the teachers and students all mostly for SD61's decision to add an extension to Central.

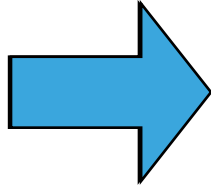
What are your thoughts on this? Come talk to us.



*One proposed design for a new wing for Central*

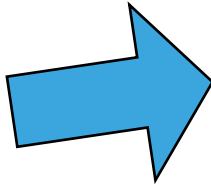
# Fake News, Hoaxes and Photoshopped

IS IT TOO GOOD OR OUTLANDISH TO BE TRUE? THEN IT PROBABLY ISN'T.



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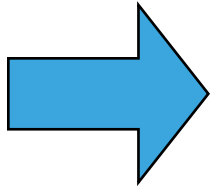
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by FYI staff

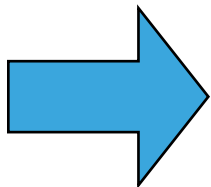
When the next round of NAFTA talks come to Seattle in May, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will make a side trip to Victoria and may visit Central Middle School. Last week, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) contacted Central to discuss if we would like to have the PM with us.

ASK EXPERTS ABOUT THE STORY. WHAT DO FACT-CHECKING SITES, TEACHERS, EXPERTS HAVE TO SAY?



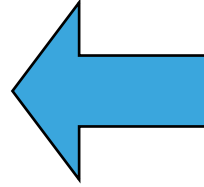
Alice Mensonge, spokesperson for the Prime Minister, said the the Prime Minister enjoys visiting students all across the country. "Central has a reputation across the country for its incredible programs, strong academics, and powerhouse volleyball teams." Apparently Prime Minister Trudeau would like Central to organize a students versus adults game so he can play volleyball, an activity which he loves to do in his spare time.

DO IMAGES SEEM LIKE SOMETHING ISN'T QUITE RIGHT? HAVE YOU SEEN THIS IMAGE ANYWHERE ELSE?



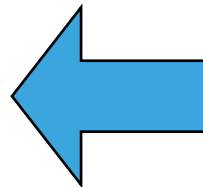
# Pictures: What to Believe in the Media

The program for the day will include visits to classrooms and Exploratories, an assembly where the PM will address our students, a meeting with staff to talk about education issues, and, of course, the volleyball game. An avid canoeist and kayaker, talks are also underway for the Prime Minister to join Ms. Albach's Outdoor Education Exploratory for a paddle on the Gorge.



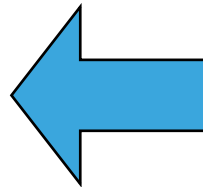
CHECK YOUR BIASES.  
DO YOUR OWN BELIEFS AND OUTLOOK AFFECT HOW YOU MIGHT READ THE STORY?

Though the visit is just in its planning stages, students will be getting ready for the visit as early as next week. Band students should be ready for some new music, including "O Canada" and some Nickleback tunes. All classes will also get training in how to talk to and behave with the Prime Minister.



HAS THE STORY BEEN CONFIRMED ELSEWHERE?

The visit will be announced formally next month, Ms. Mensonge told FYI, but already Prime Minister Trudeau and school staff are very excited for the visit. Says Ms. Schlappner, "I love Justin. This is going to be a highlight of my life!"



CONSIDER THE SOURCE? ARE THEY RELIABLE? RESPECTED?



*Real or fake?*

## DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE.!

- Be a skeptic and question if what you're reading makes sense.
- Consider the source of the information. Click away from the story to find out more about the writer, the site/source.
- Do some research. Can you confirm the information anywhere with *reliable* sources?
- Visit Fact-Checker sites like [snopes.com](http://snopes.com), [truthorfiction.com](http://truthorfiction.com), [factscan.ca](http://factscan.ca), [factcheck.org](http://factcheck.org), and others.

# Dog Counselling

by Camille J and Sofia H-F

Starting in about a month there will be a dog therapy room at Central Middle School. This will be a room where you can go during breaks or during class time (with permission from your teacher) to pet dogs to help calm you down. These dogs will be certified and hypoallergenic so students with allergies don't need to worry.

There are many different reasons that students may seek out counselling, one of them being loneliness. According to a 2015 Harris Poll, 95 % of dog owners say that they think of their dog as a true member of their family, and Central believes that having dog counselling could give people a new friend but also help with stress. "A dog's calming effect on humans also appears to help people handle stress. For example, some research suggests that people with dogs experience less cardiovascular reactivity during times of stress. That means that their heart rate and blood pressure go up less and return to normal more quickly, dampening the effects of stress on the body," according to the Harvard Health Publishing.

Everyone at CMS is VERY excited! "What a nice idea" "I love it! That'd be so great! I'd be in there all the time!" "I love dogs."

Some people think that students will be missing class time but Mr. Barwin says that it will be like any other form of counselling. "I think it will be like other counselling times where people can make an appointment or if they're in a crises the teacher will see that and send them. " Some students though, have other ideas. "I think people would definitely take advantage of it and use it as an excuse to get out of class," said one grade eight student. Another concerned student said she thought that the school would be "judged by the community" and that "no one would be getting any work done, everyone would be off petting dogs instead!"

The exact date for when it will open isn't confirmed. "We still need to source out the dogs," said Mr. Barwin. He also told us that "some students are intimidated by talking to adults, so this will give them other ways to feel connected and supported."

This has also happened at Harvard university, where there is a therapy dog in the library for students to pet and play with. Harvard's website asks, "Want to play and blow off some steam? [Cooper the dog is] ready to rumble. Need a good cry? He snuggles close. Just want to sit quietly and not talk? No problem."

Whatever the benefits, from lowering stress or having a new furry friend, it's certain that this new addition to Central will bring lots of smiles!



# School Hours to be Extended

by Talia C

Should our schools be more like wealthier Asian and European country's schools, like China, Singapore, Japan and Finland? Since their schools produce such amazing students who go on to do things that help out the whole world, should Canadian schools follow in their footsteps?

Those are the questions that Canadian government officials were asking when they made the decision to lengthen British Columbia's public middle and high school days by an hour at the end of every day. According to Allison Nguyen, British Columbia's Deputy Minister of education, our lovely province would be the best place to test this. We could see how the longer school day would affect grades and university admissions.

The change would be made by 2020 and would not affect elementary schools, including those that have students from K-7, or any private schools.

Ms Nguyen has said, "Though this decision won't be popular in the views of students, it has the potential to benefit our country greatly. Hopefully they will appreciate it in the long run. This isn't definite, but changing our system in British Columbia will be a test to see if this strategy is gainful. It will be in place for 2 years before we look at the statistics to find out if the time addition should be added to all Canadian public middle and high schools."

So how do our schools differ from those in the countries that we look up to?

In an international test taken by 540,000 15 year old students in 72 different countries, Chinese students ranked 6th in mathematics, 10th in science and 27th in reading. Finnish students ranked 13th in math, 5th in science and 4th in reading. Japanese students ranked 5th in math, 2nd in science and 8th in reading. Singaporean students ranked 1st in all subjects.

Canadian students had outstanding scores as well, ranking 10th in math, 7th in science and 3rd in reading

However, despite the fact that these countries are

all very successful with their education, many teachers don't allow as much creativity in classes and students feel as though going to school is a chore instead of a gift.

One exception to this stereotype is Finland's education system. Children there don't start school until age 7 and don't start homework or exams until they are well into their teenage years. For all of elementary/primary school (K-5), children aren't graded on their work and just receive feedback and corrections. Finnish elementary school students additionally receive a 75 minute recess.

So instead of making our days longer, it could be more effective to give children more room to be creative and stress-free. Stress usually makes students turn to memorization instead of learning, and that leads to forgetting information taught to them in the past.

According to a grade 7 girl that we interviewed,

"This seems like a really awful idea. We're just going to get less sleep than we already do."

Similar protests arose from students from every grade, with the exception of a grade 8 boy who told us, "Maybe it's for the best. We get a lot of homework so maybe we can just finish it at school instead. It's not the end of the world. I personally would enjoy the extra time to further my knowledge."

19 out of 20 students said they'd rather have an even shorter school day. 3 out of 5 teachers that we interviewed think this sounds like a good plan and they're excited to start longer school days.

No matter what, it's time for us to start getting ready to bring extra snacks to school and having to push our extracurriculars forwards to make room for our 8:34 AM to 3:45 PM days.

# Starbucks at School

by Silas W

Many of our public and private schools in Victoria receive support from local companies, ranging from financial support to supplying their products at school events, but with the school district's newest announcement many people think that the company integration is going too far. Find out how Starbucks is installing their newest shops inside schools.



*One Starbucks location inside Fraser High School in Surrey BC*

Now for some explanation, our school district has had bigger and better ideas for improving the quality of their schools and the programs within them, including the class size changes. But along with the smaller classes many teachers don't have a class space for themselves, leading to confusion and a lack of education for certain unlucky children. Upon seeing this the titan of Starbucks decided to step in. With their large amount of resources and influence they decided to fund new wings in certain schools but with one catch... Those wings will include a standard Starbucks store within them. The head of Starbucks Canada: Mary Flaster has added these statements to their website:

Starbucks believes in education for all so to increase the quality of local education we will be funding expansions to certain schools in the 61st school district of Canada that include our Starbucks locations within them. We are very happy to help out schools and we hope that we can help even further with the education of

Canadian youth.

But what does that mean for the schools? Well, along with the stores there will also be optional (decided by the child's parent or guardian) student training for their stores and other types of stores included in the curriculum for grade eight students. Many students have expressed their support for this new system but many parents are worried that stores inside schools would disrupt their child's learning. One mother by the name of Wendy StarNik in Waterloo, Ontario has expressed her distaste in an interview with the popular broadcasting company, CBC.

"I just think that the constant flow of people in and out of the school could distract kids from learning." She says. "I wonder if the incorporation of corporations into our children's lives will ever stop..."

But what do you think? Is it a good idea to add sponsored space to schools and how will it affect you? Are you excited? Take the discussion to your family and see their opinions.





# Chocolate comes from Plants!

by Maya.M

A woman in Victoria is now outraged about the discovery of chocolate being made from a plant.

Jean Berrarey, woke up Sunday morning to go to her favourite coffee shop. During her visit the barista made a comment about her love [the barista's] for chocolate - Jean then made the comment "I wish it came from trees!". Jean continued, saying that the barista gave her a glare and became mute. The-57-year old then went back home, did some research, and made her discovery, "Chocolate does grow on trees!"

I had interviewed some people and asked if they thought that chocolate knowledge is important.

"Yes, yes I really like chocolate." - Grade 8

No" - Grade 8

"Um no" - Grade 8



"As for now Jean is urging many family and friends to educate themselves and loved ones.

"I think it's really important, really. This isn't just like a fun fact, you know? It's a subject I really think should be talked about, I just need to spread the word, I don't really know if my efforts are making any dents but I'm really hoping they are. I'm honestly considering asking this be taught in school, like in class, this just honestly can't happen again, I'm just flabbergasted."

"I just can't wait to go to a chocolate plant and just take a chocolate bar, I'm really hoping I find an Aero I really love Aero." Jean had later mentioned.

The coffee shop has contacted FYI and prefers not to have their name released, for the wellbeing of customers and staff.

# The Gift of Fruit: Thanks, Wellburns!

by Trinity F

You may not have heard but Wellburns Market has donated tons of food to the school this year! I decided to ask people what they thought about Wellburn's recent donations. Some people had mixed feeling but others loved the idea. Wellburn's donations consisted of mostly apples (duh) and other fruit. Wellburn's has been so generous to our school over the years that we hardly even realize it anymore!

A grade 8 girl from Central Middle School told FYI, "I think it's really convenient for those who don't have enough time to eat breakfast or feel like they don't have enough food."

Others aren't as happy about it. "I think its a waste of food," said another student. He added, "people just leave half-eaten apples everywhere!"

One girl from CMS thought that it's great. "It's amazing because I never have time to pack a lunch in the morning, and because of it, I'm always either starving or asking other people for food at lunch. But since there are apples and cheese in the office, I don't have to!"

Another student said, "I think whether or not you like the arrangement depends on who you are. I think it's great because some of my friends go to the office every day just to get apples or cheese or a banana. I can also see the concerns about it though, because some kids do just leave food all over the halls. But that's only some of the kids. Most of them respect the school and the people who have to clean up after them."



*"Victoria's Downtown Food Store"*

# Star Wars Episode IX: Cancelled?

by Jack H

Since 2015, Star Wars has created arguably their most successful line of movies ever. The Star Wars sequel trilogy. Episode VII left many fans divided, but was critically praised and met unbelievable success. While *Rogue One* may not have appealed to as wide an audience as Episode VII did and met less success, it still exceeded expectations in box office and was an instant fan-favourite among many. But even with *Rogue One* satisfying the need for Star Wars among many fans, in December 2016 (*Rogue One*'s release) all eyes were still looking towards the unnamed 2017 Episode VIII. And now the day has come of its release. While it didn't reach the same success as Episode VII, it still did very well, surpassing *Rogue One* in rating and financial success.

With this, everyone is now eagerly awaiting Episode IX's release. Alas, our dream will not be true, for *Star Wars: Episode IX* has been cancelled. Ever since Carrie Fisher's death, the creative writers of this project have had to rewrite the script. But because of the impossibility of honoring Carrie Fisher and her role as General Leia Organa while simultaneously showing Princess Leia enough, the project might be shelved. What do fans think of this tragedy? FYI has decided to check it out.

Jack R. was the first subject of an interview of the topic. Jack R. was very disappointed, saying he was a "Star Wars fan 'till the end!", which we can all relate to. I asked Jack whether there was a way around Carrie Fisher's death. He said he would prefer CGI to an off screen death.

Jack R was disappointed because of his love of the fandom till the end. So many mysteries. Who is Snoke? Is Ben Solo really a Solo. Will Chewie find love? Luckily Episode VIII won't be the last Star

Wars film, as there is a chance of a Porg standalone film, which you can learn about in Jack R's article!

Next was something (as Snoke would say) truly special. An exclusive interview with J.J. Abrams, Episode IX's 'would have been' director. Unfortunately, J.J.'s interview was cut short because of his busy schedule. He discussed that not only was he upset about Fisher's death and its impact on the saga, he was also furious about the direction Episode VIII went in. He said

"The problem is Johnson (Episode VIII director). His abomination of a film has ruined Star Wars. I can't make a sequel to it! That would be like...like..."

He struggled to come up with an analogy for the next fifty minutes, and by then the interview was over. We then asked "Anything you'd like to add?" to which he said

"No, but thanks for having me. This interview has been wonderful. It's like...like..."

He once again struggled to find the right analogy.

In conclusion it's safe to say this film won't be coming. But there's always a chance of it sticking around, and a better chance of a Porg Jedi film.



# Walt Disney CEO Confirms Porg Jedi Hero, if Episode IX Released

by Jack R

Warning Spoilers Ahead!



The Porg Jedi rumour started in late 2017 when Star Wars Theory said how cool it would be if there were a Porg Jedi. Later, at an interview Walt Disney CEO Bob Iger accidentally gave out information he was meant to keep secret, even giving us some extra details which confirmed the Porg Jedi's existence.

The Porg Jedi is said to have a green shoto lightsaber, smaller than Yoda's, which he can use in combat, its effectiveness is unknown. He can use the force to fly higher and longer than a normal Porg. Many Star Wars experts believe that since the Porgs are curious creatures, they watched Luke train his students. When one of the Porgs had the Force, he became smarter than normal porgs and practiced the Jedi Arts that Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) showed to his students, among them Ben Solo (Adam Driver) and 12 other Padawans. How he got his Lightsaber is unknown, but it is believed that he found a Kyber Crystal smaller than a fingernail and having watched Luke's pupils build theirs, he might have figured out how to make a Lightsaber.

Episode IX of the Star Wars saga is due to be released in 2019, and if FYI is correct, its hero may be a Porg Jedi!

# Dragon Discovered in Japan!

by Samony P

In Japan there is a forest called Aokigahara. It is huge, more than 30 square kilometers in size. It surrounds Mount Fuji, and has so many trees it's hard to find things in the forest.

There is one thing in particular that's hard to find: the hidden village. Somewhere in the forest there is a village that was thriving in the 17th Century. It was half buried in the ground and the other half was either covered in trees or destroyed.

Stephen Bobington is an archaeologist. He was going around Japan talking to people about samurai and the old times. Then one day an elderly man told him that there was an old village in the Aokigahara Forest. Bobington set out on his adventure.

After a month of looking, Bobington finally found the lost village in the center of the forest. He assumed that the village was there because it was far enough from the volcano, Mt. Fuji.

He was looking around the village and stumbled across when a bone that was unlike any other he had seen. He waited two days for his tools to arrive and then he started digging. Many people started traveling to the dig site wondering why he was digging in Aokigahara.

That was three months ago. Digging has stopped. The mysterious bones excavated appear to be some sort of creature that resembles a dragon, or some sort of flying reptile. Bobington and other experts are now asking are dragons real? And, is this the first hard evidence of a mystical animal?





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