

# HOWLER

## A Big Edition of News and Reviews

BY HOWLETT STUDENT EDITORS

WELCOME TO THE thirteenth edition of the *Howlett Howler*! This year, the *Howler* covers a wide variety of topics, such as world news, politics, educational opinions, reviews, and many other areas. We are hopeful you will find it all interesting and intriguing.

If you have an interest in sports, check out Ella's article on women referees in men's hockey, or Spencer's piece on the Raptor's newest

player. If art is your passion, be sure to read Sarah's article on the new art exhibits that will be popping up across Canadian public transit stations.

On the topic of science, Jay wrote an interesting piece on the invention of a new robot that is being used to catch deadly fish. In this section you will also find a great piece by Maddie about a meteorite that struck Cuba in February.

Looking to discover more locally? Check our community section, which includes articles on the new Canadian food guide, the abduction of a young girl from Mississauga, and the winter storms that have plagued Toronto this past year.

If you are looking to try some new restaurants there are many five-star-rated ones in our review section that we would highly recommend. Or, if you are looking to plan your next trip, many of our classmates went on some spectacular vacations this year and gave several high-star ratings in their reviews.

Want to catch up on books or movies? Check out our entertain-

ment reviews, including Nicholas' opinion on *Darkest Hour*, Sam's piece on *Bohemian Rhapsody*, or Dexter's take on *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*.

Finally, we would like to thank the students from the upper classes for putting in a tremendous amount of effort in creating their pieces for this year's *Howler*. We would also like to give a special thanks to Rebecca, Colleen, and Julie for editing and helping to publish our newspaper.

We hope you enjoy reading this year's edition. Have a fun, wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

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## WORLD ISSUES

### Antarctica is Melting Water Levels Rising Too Fast

BY DAVID FERNANDES

IN ANTARCTICA, THE ice is melting at an alarming rate, producing 180 billion tons of water. In the Arctic, melting ice is producing 14,000 tons of water per second. All of this melting has increased sea levels by 23 millimeters.

If humans don't take action to stop this, Antarctica's ice alone could increase water levels by 25 centimeters over a decade. Time is running out to save the melting ice.

"Some of the changes Antarctica

will face are already irreversible, such as the loss of some ice shelves, but there is a lot we can prevent or reverse," said Martin Siegert, a professor from the Grantham Institute.

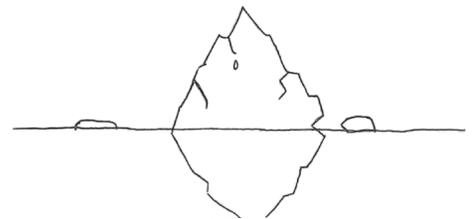
Rising sea levels will destroy coastal areas.

"The detailed record shows an acceleration starting around 2002," said Beata Csatho, a glaciologist at the University at Buffalo.

In a study, a former NASA scientist James Hansen and a team of col-

leagues found that Earth's sea level could rise above one meter within fifty years.

"To avoid the worst impacts, we need strong international cooperation and effective regulation backed by rigorous science. This will rely on governments recognising that Antarctica is intimately coupled to the rest of the Earth system and damage there will cause problems everywhere," said Siegert.



# Huawei Dispute Between U.S. & China Escalates

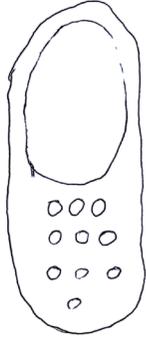
## Canada Stuck in the Middle

BY BENJAMIN KAMNITZER

CANADA ENDED UP in the centre of a conflict between two very powerful countries, China and the United States, when Meng Wanzhou, the CFO of Huawei Technologies, was arrested in Canada on December 1, 2018. Meng will be extradited to the U.S. in the upcoming weeks. The U.S. has placed twenty-three criminal charges against Chinese company, Huawei for technology theft, bank fraud, obstruction of justice, and money laundering.

After Meng was arrested in Vancouver and placed under house arrest, China arrested three Canadians, which has been viewed as retaliation. Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig have been charged with “endangering national security.” The third Canadian, Robert Lloyd Schellenberg, has been arrested for drug trafficking. He is facing the death penalty.

The U.S. has submitted an official request with the Canadian government for the extradition of Meng. Canada plans to proceed with the process to extradite her to the U.S.



where she will face criminal charges. Canada is obliged to release Meng into their possession due to the mutual criminal treaty between the U.S. and Canada.

Meng’s main charge is violating U.S. sanctions against Iran through business dealings. Meng and Huawei have denied these allegations, and intend to fight the extradition process.

In response to this matter, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, “In regards to China, we are always going to stand up for the rule of law. We’re going to respect our international obligations.”

Hua Chunying, a Chinese politician, said that Canada “made a serious mistake at the beginning,” as Meng’s case is not a “regular judicial case.”

“We’ve been very clear with China that Ms. Meng has been afforded access to Canada’s impartial and objective judicial system,” said Chrystia Freeland, Canada’s Foreign Affairs Minister.

# Anti-Semitism Spreading Quickly in France

## 541 Reported Attacks in 2018

BY ANA O’NEILL

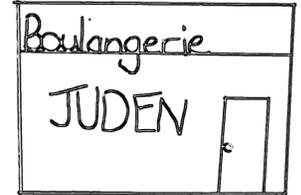
OVER THE LAST few years, Jewish people in France have been targeted in an increasing number of anti-Semitic acts.

Registered acts of anti-Semitism rose from 311 incidents in 2017 to 541 incidents in 2018, which is a 74% increase.

Many of these acts include vandalism. Swastikas have been drawn on memorials of Jewish people, and in one incident, on a portrait of a Holocaust survivor. Also, the German word for Jew, “Juden,” was found spray-painted on a bagel shop window.

“These acts are revolting,” said the Prime Minister of France, Edouard Philippe. “Day after day, I’m noticing scandalous degradation and inscriptions. Day after day, I’m noticing that symbols and venues our country cherishes are attacked.”

Anti-Semitic acts that are more severe than vandalism have also been occurring. Since 2012 there have been several documented murders of Jewish people committed by anti-Semites.



In 2017, Lucie Attal, an elderly Jewish woman, was found dead after her neighbour crushed her skull and beat her to death. Neighbours reported that afterward he yelled, “I killed the sheitan!” —Sheitan is the Arabic word for “devil.”

“Anti-Semitism is spreading like a poison, like a venom,” Interior Minister of France, Christophe Castaner said. These anti-Semitic acts are prompting many Jewish people to leave France. Over 7,000 French Jews left in 2014. Since then, 20,000 have emigrated from France to Israel.

In an effort to stop hate crimes in France, the government has been prosecuting all acts of racism, anti-Semitism, and xenophobia. French President, Emmanuel Macron, an-

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# Melting Ice Creates Greater Access to Arctic

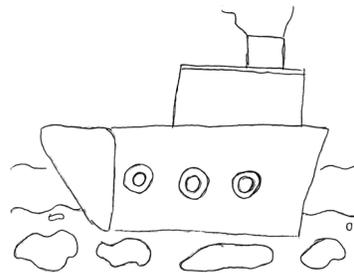
## Race to Mine New Resources

BY TILLY GOSSLING

DUE TO MELTING ice, passage ways to the Arctic are opening up. Countries are steering boats through the patches of ice. The United States, Russia, and China have discovered new untapped sources of oil and minerals, like gold, silver, diamond, titanium, graphite, and uranium, that could be worth one trillion dollars.

The Arctic is not owned by one country, so nations are fighting over the resources that are found there.

“The Arctic shows no sign of returning to reliably frozen region of the past decades,” said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at a meeting in December. Global warming is melting



the ice, so the Arctic will never fully freeze again. If countries do start mining and drilling, the Arctic will no longer be “the cold place up there,” but a place creating a lot of money. The NOAA also said, “the Arctic as we’ve known it is a thing of the past.”

Other countries have joined the race too, including Finland, Canada,

and Sweden, sending icebreakers to get through.

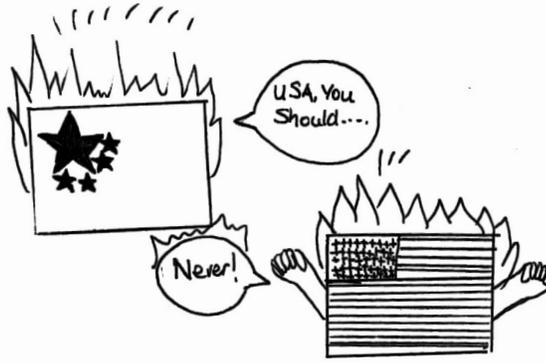
Currently, Russia is in the lead with forty icebreakers. Finland follows them with seven, Sweden and Canada have sent in six, and the U.S. has five icebreakers.

“It’s clearly sending strategic messaging,” said Whitney Lackenbauer, an Arctic expert and history professor, “This is the next step.”

While the resources create significant potential wealth for these nations, it will also clearly harm animal habitats and the beautiful environment of the Arctic.

# Beijing Demands U.S. to Improve Relations

BY SHARON WANG



ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, China demanded that the U.S. “dispel obstacles” to improve military ties between the two nations and to stop slandering China. This demand came amid growing tension over the U.S.-China trade war, the differing opinions on sensitive issues such as Taiwan and the South China Sea, and U.S. president Donald Trump’s recent claims that China is meddling in the upcoming U.S. elections.

During a wild and unscripted conference one day after Trump unex-

pectedly stated that he may no longer be friends with China’s president, Xi Jinping. Trump believes that China is seeking to intervene in the November congressional election and further stated that Beijing did not want him or his Republican Party to do well because of Trump’s stance on trade.

China’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Geng Shuang, denied Trump’s accusation that Beijing is trying to influence the U.S. congressional elections.

“We advise the U.S. to stop this

unnecessary criticism and slander of China,” Shuang said. “Stop these wrong words and deeds that damage bilateral relations and basic interests of both country’s people.”

The Chinese Defence Ministry spokesperson, Ren Guoqiang, expressed that the U.S. should improve military relations and expressed China’s firm opposition to “provocative” U.S. Air Force flights that have taken place over the South China Sea, after U.S. B-52s flew across the waterway earlier in September without permis-

sion.

“The U.S. is to be blamed for the present problem, so the U.S. must immediately correct its mistakes and withdraw the so-called sanction to dispel obstacles that intervene in the healthy development of relations between two militaries,” Guoqiang said.

Adding fuel to the fire, China became further frustrated when the U.S. approved the sale of military spare parts worth up to \$330 million to Taiwan, which China considers a wayward province.

Trump released a statement on September 26, 2018 on Twitter, claiming China was “placing propaganda ads” in U.S. newspapers. This is in reference to a Chinese government run company’s four-page supplement in the Sunday Des Moines Register, which promoted the mutual benefits of U.S.-China trade.

# POLITICS

## Canada’s Involvement in the Venezuelan Crisis

BY NICHOLAS MOREAU

VENEZUELA IS IN the grip of a spiralling political, economic, and humanitarian crisis. As many as fifteen countries, including Canada, have called for change in Venezuela because of its president, Nicolás Maduro.

Maduro has done a lot of damage to his country and Canada thinks that he should be replaced with Juan Guaidó, who is backed by other countries, including the U.S. Maduro, on the other hand, is backed by the Venezuelan military, Russia, and China.

The situation in Venezuela is tense.

Tens of thousands have taken to the streets. As many as three million citizens have fled. 90% of those who are still in the country live in poverty and the economy is shrinking fast. Many people do not have access to food or basic necessities and the murder rate has rocketed. The prospect of military intervention is terrifying and could make the current catastrophe far worse.

Guaidó, the Venezuelan opposition leader, is now recognized as the interim president of Venezuela by most Western countries. The most crucial



tion was fraudulent.

“The trigger was the Lima Group’s declaration,” said Julio Borges, an influential Venezuelan opposition leader exiled in Columbia. “They didn’t recognize Maduro, so it was clear executive powers had to be transferred to the legislature.”

Some people believe that Canada should be calling for change in Venezuela by replacing Maduro with Guaidó. “Canada recognizes Juan Guaidó... as the interim President of Venezuela,” Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said on January 23, making Canada one of the first international calls for Maduro’s removal.

There have been accusations that Maduro’s re-election in 2018 was in his favour to a farcical degree. Most Venezuelans actually wanted him

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VENEZUELAN CRISIS

# Trump Declares National Emergency To Build Wall

BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU

DONALD TRUMP IS declaring a national emergency to get \$3.6 billion to help fund his wall. The boarder wall between the U.S. and Mexico will be 2,000 miles long and is designed to keep immigrants and migrants out of the U.S. Trump says that by preventing “human traffickers, drug dealers, and gangs” from entering, this effort will keep the country safe.

White House press secretary, Sarah Sanders, said, “President Trump will sign the government funding bill, and as he has stated before, he will also take other executive action to ensure we stop the humanitarian crisis at the border.”

But is it a national emergency? A national emergency is intended for times of national crisis such as wars. Trump is moving around lots of money from military construction funds. “It would be a dramatic expansion of how it was used in the past,” said the



Republican Senator, Ron Johnson. However, few voters will understand the limits of emergency power for the President.

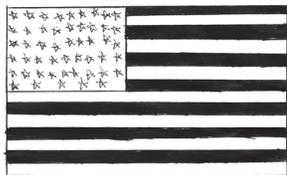
How have the Democrats responded? They say that the wall is expensive and ineffective. “This is plainly a power grab by a disappointed President, who has gone outside the bounds of the law to achieve what he failed to achieve in the constitutional legislative process,” stated speaker, Nancy Pelosi.

Trump first said that Mexico would pay for the wall, but he has since abandoned this claim. Studies have shown that Trump’s first year in office saw the least number of migrants since 1914.

# U.S. Federal Government Shutdown

## 800,000 Face No Pay

BY ANNIE BALASUBRAMANIAN



ON DECEMBER 22, 2018, President Donald Trump declared a federal government shutdown that affected millions of Americans. It ended on January 25, 2019, and lasted a total of 35 days, the longest federal government shutdown in the history of the United States.

The reason behind Trump’s decision was to apply pressure in order to acquire \$5.7 billion U.S. in funding for his Mexico-U.S. border wall that the Democrats refused to grant.

Over 800,000 federal workers did not receive their pay during that period of time. As well, 1.3 million members of the military had to remain on duty without compensation for the entirety of the shutdown.

Many major tourist attractions and landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty, as well as museums, national parks, and art galleries across the U.S., were closed.

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# Quebec’s Bill Nine

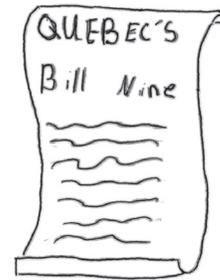
## New Immigrants Must Learn French

BY SARA PERME

THE COALITION AVENIR Quebec government is planning to cancel 18,000 immigrants’ applications in order to have them all reapply.

The Coalition Avenir Quebec government wants to make new rules under Bill 9. The purpose of Bill 9 is to increase Quebec’s socio-economic prosperity and adequately meet labour market needs through successful immigrant integration. Under Bill 9, Quebec will only let immigrants obtain permanent residency if they learn to pass a French test and adopt the democratic and Quebec values expressed by the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, and contribute to Quebec’s prosperity.

Quebec Premier François Legault said, “Right now, too many immigrants do not answer employment needs in Quebec. Too many immigrants don’t speak French.” The Coalition Avenir Quebec government



also stated that while immigrants will have to learn French, they will be given free French classes. Legault said, “They’ll have free French classes and they’ll have a test, a test that will also be in line with the Quebec Bill of Rights and Freedoms.” If they don’t pass the “requirements” they will not be able to get a job in Quebec. Simon Jolin-Barrette, politician with the Coalition Avenir Quebec, said at a news conference, “Come work in Quebec, but you will have to learn French and have the knowledge of Quebec values to be there forever.”

The Bill is still tabled.

# Provincial Toronto Transit Takeover

BY INIGO GREENALL



THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL government has announced plans to take over the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) with new legislation starting in the spring of 2019. Premier Doug Ford believes that this will allow the TTC to expand more efficiently into a larger regional transportation system, but there are serious doubts surrounding this takeover.

Ford believes that by moving the TTC management to the provincial government, he can make it more efficient by promising reduced delays, a smoother running system, and government investment to expand the reach of the TTC across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Feelings are mixed. Some people, particularly those who live in the outer GTA, support this idea. The promised change could make it more convenient for commuters to travel into Toronto. Many others however, are against the takeover. They believe it will eventually lead to privatization of the subway and they worry about what might happen next.

On February 21, a protest erupted when TTC employees, transit advocates, and politicians took over subway stations to express their disapproval.

Patrick Yutiga, a member of the

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# SCIENCE

## Robot Catches Deadly Fish

### Capturing Predators Humanely to Save Marine Life

BY JAY GRAHAM

A NEW ROBOT named “The Guardian LF1” is protecting coral reefs from the beautiful, but dangerous and deadly, Lionfish.

Lionfish, which are native to the Indo-Pacific Ocean, are now considered an invasive species in the Atlantic Ocean. Experts theorize that Lionfish arrived in the Atlantic when humans released them from their home aquariums into the ocean.

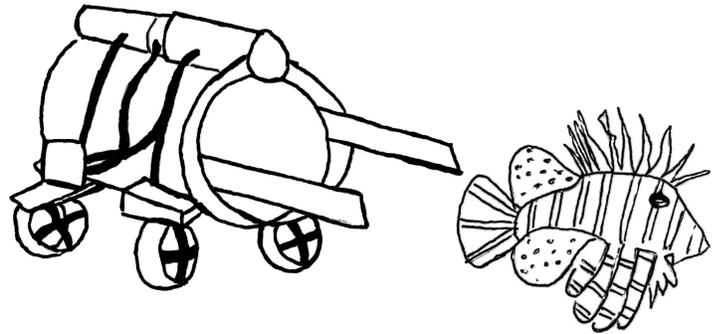
Lionfish are heavily armed, colourful fish that have a venomous spine from head to fin. They are predators who eat a lot and reproduce very quickly allowing their population to grow rapidly in the Atlantic and Ca-

ribbean waters, where they have no natural predators, except for humans.

Many free divers catch the fish in hopes of reducing the population but the fish reproduce at a much faster rate. Up until now there have been no effective means to catch them in large quantities.

The Guardian LF1 is a remote controlled underwater robot designed to combat the huge population of Lionfish in the Western Atlantic.

Robots in Service of the Environment (RSE), which is a non-profit organization that uses robot technology to combat environmental problems, created this robot.



In order to hunt its prey humanely, the Guardian LF1 approaches a Lionfish and then stuns it with two stunning panels, which extend out of the front of the robot. Once the Lionfish is stunned, the robot vacuums it up into a capture chamber, which contains thrusters to keep it in place. Each robot can hold up to thirty pounds of Lionfish.

A user is able to control the robot remotely from land as long as the controller system is connected to its 100-meter-long tether. The controller is attached to a laptop allowing a user to see what the robot sees. Like a real-life video game, one can explore

the ocean waters with the Guardian LF1 thanks to its eight-thrusters array, which allows for complex hunting manoeuvres and stabilization in undersea currents.

The inspiration for this invention came in 2016 when Erika and Colin Angle were deep-sea diving in Bermuda. Erika Angle noticed the damage the Lionfish were creating for its environment. This prompted their non-profit organization, the Schmidt Family Foundation, to commission the prototype of the Guardian LF1. Since then a Kickstarter campaign has raised \$29,465, surpassing its \$25,000 goal.

## Meteorite Strikes Cuba Black Fragments Rain Down

BY MADDIE GOUTOR

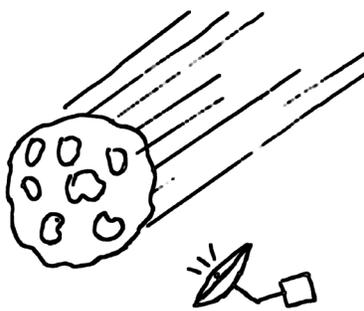
ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2019, a meteor that didn't burn up in the Earth's atmosphere became a meteorite and burst apart and hit many small towns in western Cuba.

There have been few reports of houses being hit, but no injuries.

“We're receiving reports that a

meteor was seen in the sky across the Florida Keys. It appears that a meteorite impact occurred in western Cuba, near the town of Vinales, Pinar del Rio this afternoon,” the Key West office of the United States' National Weather Service tweeted.

It was seen moments before being



picked up on many satellites and radars.

“We were coming from the centre... and we saw a ball of fire cross the sky. Sure it was a meteorite and a very big one,” said Jesus Nicholas, a Spanish tourist in Havana.

It was picked up on the GEOS-EAST's Geostationary Lightning Mapper as a quick flash, as well as on the National Weather Service radar.

While Havana saw a ball of fire and a smoke trail, a rain of black stones fell on the tourist town of Viñales as well as other surrounding areas. Some fragments hit the Mural of Prehistory in Viñales and some landed in Viñales National Park.

Scientists were sent out to the areas where the meteorite hit to take

samples for study and analysis. The stones are black with red veins.

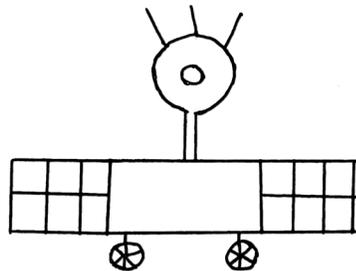
Jorge Zaluaga, a professor at the Institute of Physics at the University of Antioquia in Colombia, and his research team made a model of the rock to track its time in space and how it got to Cuba. They discovered that it orbited the sun once before heading towards Earth.

The meteor entered the atmosphere at a 76.5 km height over the Caribbean Sea. It exploded in an airburst at an altitude of 22 km over Cuba before raining down on the Caribbean island. If there was a biggest surviving piece, it most likely fell into the ocean.

# Chinese Lunar Lands

## Exploration of Dark Side of the Moon

BY ADAM FINLAY



ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019, the Chinese lunar rover, Yutu-2, made the first ever landing on the far side of the Moon.

No other rover in history has touched down on what is known as the “dark side of the moon,” which is the hemisphere that never faces Earth. The rover landed in the moon’s largest and oldest impact crater, the South Pole-Aitken Basin.

“Since the far side of the moon is shielded from electromagnetic interference from the Earth, it is an ideal place to research space environments and solar bursts. The probe can listen to the cosmos,” said Tongjie Liu, Deputy Director of the Lunar Exploration and Space Program Centre for the China National Space Administration.

The rover will conduct many experiments while on the moon. One will be to determine if plants can grow in a low-gravity environment. The probe holds a small tin con-

taining silkworm eggs and seeds of several plant species. The probe will plant the sack of seeds and monitor its progress. The probe’s second mission is to search for water sources on the moon.

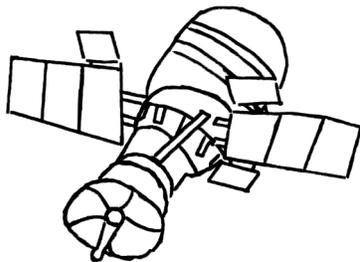
China plans to send another rover to the moon in coming months in order to bring samples back for further examination.

The Yutu-2 is 1.5 meters long and 1 meter wide, has two solar panels, and six wheels. The design of this probe is inherited from the Jade Rabbit, China’s probe that landed on the moon in 2013.

With the predicted success of this mission, China is already planning future space explorations. By 2020, China is hoping to land its first Mars probe, marking the first time China will land a probe on another planet. By 2022, China hopes to launch its own space station in a low Earth orbit.

# Mars Express Reveals a Mile-Deep Ice Crater

BY AMIEL AVIV



IN 2018, THE Mars Express orbiter photographed a 50-mile-deep ice crater located in the northern lowlands of Mars. It has been found that there is enough ice in this particular crater to fill Great Bear Lake.

This ice crater has been named the Korolev Crater, after Sergei Korolev, a Soviet scientist that was a rocket engineer and spacecraft designer during the 1950s and 1960s. Korolev is

known as the Father of Soviet space technology. He worked on the Sputnik program that sent the first artificial satellite into space.

The Mars Express orbiter was launched on June 2, 2003 with the device reaching a stable orbit around

# Toronto’s Deep Freeze

## Our New Normal?

BY MARCUS HUI

THE “DEEP FREEZE” Toronto experienced this winter might become a regular part of Canadian winters. Scientists are arguing about the theories that explain why the deep freeze happened.

Some scientists believe that global warming in the Arctic is changing the path of the jet stream, which is disrupting the polar vortex that sits above the Arctic. This shift moves the cold air farther south to Canada and the United States.

Another theory is that the warming air has melted large pieces of ice in the Arctic Sea during the summer season and prevented much of the ice from refreezing during the winter. Because warm air expands, it can form a “bulge” in the atmosphere.

“If the bulge is in the path of the jet stream, it can lead to a disruption in the polar vortex, leading it south to Canada, U.S, and reaching as far as Louisiana,” explained Jennifer Francis, a senior scientist at the Woods Hole Research Center.

However, not all scientists agree that climate change is causing cold spells. “This is a very new research topic, and science is still emerging, so it’s definitely not accepted by everyone, but there have been a couple studies that are quite convincing and compelling that suggest that climate



change makes these cold spells more likely,” said Francis.

The deep freeze caused six feet of snow in some areas. “Even in a warming climate, we could experience an extraordinary run of cold winters, but harsher winters in the future decades are not among the likely nor the most serious consequences of global warming,” said John Wallace, a climate scientist and professor at the University of Washington.

The deep freeze is not the only issue global warming is creating. In Marble Bar, Australia global warming caused a heatwave that increased the temperature to 50°C.

“Drastic climate events like warm and dry summers in large parts of Europe or increasing temperatures around the Arctic regions are alarming signs to all of us,” said Jean-Noel, a scientist. The deep freeze saw temperatures between -29°C to -50°C and also caused 400 collisions in Toronto due to weather.

Mars in December of 2003. In 2018, while the Mars Express was orbiting, it took pictures of the crater with its high-resolution camera.

The pictures revealed that at the centre of the crater, the ice is 1.8 km thick. The ice has been able to grow this thick due to the phenomenon known as the cold trap. A cold trap is created when a layer of cold air re-

mains on top of the ice, which keeps the ice stable and prevents it from warming up or evaporating.

The Mars Express is still currently operating in space. Within this orbiting spacecraft, there are seven scientific instruments, which can be used to help find answers to questions about geology, atmosphere, surface environment, and potential life on Mars.

# EDUCATION

## Special Needs Education Fund Gets A Boost

### Ontario Liberals Pledge \$300 million

BY LUCAS AHN

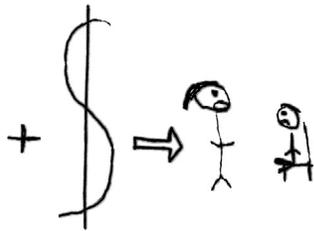
ONTARIO LIBERALS PROMISE to invest \$300 million in Special Education to support students with special needs and abilities in Ontario schools.

Premier Kathleen Wynne said the money would be spent to hire 2,000 new teachers and education workers and to also eliminate the waitlist for children who need special education. The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC), the agency responsible for updating the 14-year-old policy, stated it needs to equip teachers with the tools to address society's evolving approach to disability issues.

Experts have stated that, although overall student enrolment in public schools is decreasing, the number of students enrolled with special needs continues to increase each year. This new policy will have a great affect on the current education system.

Annie Kidder, Executive Director of People for Education, said the current system struggles to cope with the increasing number of students requesting special education. Gordon Porter, Director of Inclusive Education Canada, said that the capacity of students with disabilities is a growing challenge for schools trying to accommodate those in need.

More than 1,200 principals were surveyed in 2014. From that survey, the People for Education organization found that 58% of elementary school principals and 48% of high school principals have reported that



they have recommended for a student with disabilities to stay home for a least part of the day. The majority of the principals surveyed cited safety as a primary reason, while others claimed they lacked resources to address their students' special education needs.

"The current model for special education starts from the idea that students with learning disabilities are the exception of 'normal students,'" said Renu Mandhane, Chief Commissioner of the OHRC. Mandhane affirmed that students with disabilities experience barriers starting from primary school that continue to post-secondary institutions, adding that all issues stem from discrimination based on ability.

The updated policy addresses the current issues that students encounter, such as a lack of adequate support in class, exclusion from the full educational experience, and denials of accommodation requests.

The OHRC's updated policy calls on educational institutions to recognize the role that ableism plays in damaging a student's educational experience. It also asks schools to take steps toward creating an inclusive culture within education, which includes monitoring staff attitudes and soliciting feedback from pupils with disabilities.

## Ford Government Proposes Changes for Autism Therapy Funding Aims to Clear Waitlists

BY MARLEY SUPER

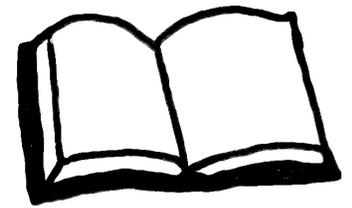
THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE government has begun implementing a plan to change Ontario's autism program with the goal of clearing the waitlist of children seeking treatment within 18 months. The proposed plan will give funding directly to eligible families to allow them to seek treatment immediately.

About 23,000 children diagnosed with autism are waiting for government-funded treatments, which means almost three quarters of the children are currently stuck waiting to receive the help they need.

"We've heard how the autism program isn't working for the families who need support for their children," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children Community and Social Services. "Our challenge as a government is to continue to be there to support them."

MacLeod has also announced the government's plan to double Ontario's investment in autism-diagnosed programs, which presently receives \$2.75 million in funding per year.

Under the new plan, families will be able to receive a total of \$140,000, which will be broken down into per year payments until the child turns 18. Families with children under the age of six could receive up to \$20,000 per year, while children over six could qualify for \$5,000 annually. The reason for the higher funding in younger



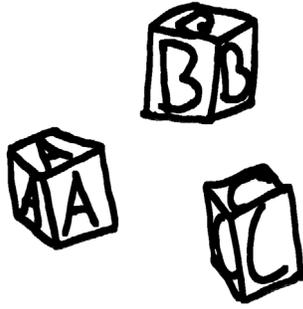
years is due to numerous studies that have shown autism therapy is more effective with early intervention.

Ontario's autism program was previously revised by the Liberal Government in 2017 with changes that allowed parents to choose between treatment for their children or receiving funding for private therapy. Parents criticized Liberal Government's changes because they did not see improvements in waiting times. Some parents claimed that government-funded service providers discouraged them from choosing direct funding.

After the Liberal Government changes, requests were sent in from the Ontario Autism Coalition. As a result, the current PC government acted on fourteen of the nineteen suggested improvements when deciding on the new plan.

The Ford government's new model hopes to also address the long diagnostic process for children with autism. It takes an average of thirty-one weeks for a child to be assessed.

# Removing Full-Day Kindergarten Austerity Measures Targets Children



BY DEVON ROGERS

PREMIER DOUG FORD is considering removing full-day kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year in Ontario. Kindergarten saves families thousands of dollars a year in child-care expenses, but it costs the government \$1.5 billion each year.

Research from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education found that students who had been in full-day kindergarten performed better in reading, writing, and math and were better able to control themselves and manage stress.

“It’s shameful in terms of removing something that is already showing, through evidence, how good the program is in terms of child outcomes,” said Charles Pascal, an education expert who served as an adviser to former Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty.

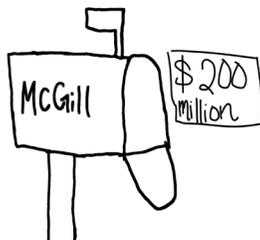
Many teachers and parents are upset with this news. “We find it absolutely disturbing that this gov-

ernment would suggest that to balance a budget to deal with the deficit that they’re going to put in an austerity measure that could possibly see the elimination of full-day kindergarten for students 4 and 5 years old,” said Sam Hammond, president of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario.

Ford is also considering removing class-size caps for kindergarten and the primary grades. The current cap for kindergarten is twenty-nine and twenty-three for the primary grades. The decision will be made after a consultation is conducted.

Ford said he wants what’s best for students. The Progressive Conservative government is trying to trim a deficit they estimate at \$14.5 billion. “I can assure you one thing, any decision that’s made is going to be better, it’s not going to be worse,” said Ford.

# McGill Receives \$200 Million Largest Donation in Canadian History



BY KATELYNN CHEN

ON FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019, John and Marcy McCall MacBain donated \$200 million, the largest donation in Canadian history, for graduate scholarships to McGill University. The donation will allow seventy-five students each year to go to graduate school with all their bills paid. Fifty Canadian and twenty-five interna-

tional students will receive the scholarship each year.

“It happens to be John McCall MacBain’s birthday, and instead of getting a gift he is giving one. A massive one,” tweeted CBC journalist Sarah Leavitt.

John McCall MacBain credits his success to his scholarship at McGill

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nounced that new rules would be made to prevent online hate speech. He also stated that his education minister would investigate concerns of Jewish children being forced to leave school due to racism and harassment.

It is not known if there is a specific group of people committing these anti-Semitic acts. A group of extremists, who have been called the Yellow Vest Protesters, are believed to be a part of the problem as some of the acts have taken place around the time of their protests.

Yellow Vest protests have been banned in Paris and protesters are being arrested or fined. However, this has not stopped their marches as the government had hoped.

Jewish individuals are not the only people being targeted in France. There have also been reports of hate crimes directed towards Roman Catholics and Muslims as well.

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3.8 million civilians, many low-income families, which rely on government services to provide food stamps, were not given any help during the shutdown either.

One problem that greatly affected Americans across the country was the suspension of garbage collection. As a result, garbage was seen overflowing onto the streets and creating a big mess across the United States.

“It was gross,” says Heather Martti, a mother of two children who lives in Ohio. “You would go outside and garbage littered the street, everywhere!”

Due to the numerous federal services being closed, the government shutdown cost the U.S. an estimated \$3 billion, while Trump only obtained a small amount of the \$5.7 billion he hoped to raise.

As a result of the shutdown, there were numerous protests taking place across the U.S. The protesters were individuals who were expected to continue working at their jobs, despite not being paid.

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gone.

But, others think that Canada should not involve themselves in the Venezuelan crisis because they believe Canada wants a government more to its liking.

The U.S. may also have financial motives to get American companies to use the oil reserves, and Canada’s

support for a change is providing cover for that. National-Security adviser John Bolton articulated the ultimate U.S. goal, stating, “It will make a big difference economically if we could have American oil companies invest in and produce the oil capabilities in Venezuela.”

and the education he received. “Had it not been my personal history at McGill, I would not be standing here today,” he said.

McCall MacBain is the founder of the classified advertising company, Trader Classified Media, and his wife, Marcy, is an academic and researcher in the field of evidence-based medicine. “We are motivated to give back to the academic community after receiving scholarships and other support early in our careers,” said Mrs. McCall MacBain.

To receive the scholarship, some of the criteria includes, civic engage-

ment, academic excellence, leadership, and exceptional character traits. Any student can consider this scholarship.

“We want students from the University of British Columbia to Memorial to know they can consider this scholarship,” McCall MacBain said. “We want to give opportunities not just to students in big cities whose parents are doctors, but to students in Estevan, Saskatchewan, and Chicutimi.”

The first students to receive the scholarships will start at McGill in 2021.

# COMMUNITY

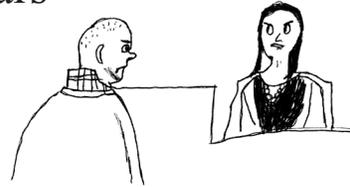
## Toronto Serial Killer Sentenced to Life No Parole for 25 Years

BY RENNICK KOSKELA

EIGHT LGBTQ COMMUNITY men were killed between 2010-2017 by Toronto serial killer, Bruce McArthur. Bruce McArthur, a 67-year-old Toronto landscaper, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for twenty-five years. He will be 92 before he has a chance of getting out of jail.

He pleaded guilty to eight counts of murder. He murdered Skandaraj Navaratnam, Andrew Kinsman, Selim Esen, Abdulbasir Faizi, Kirushna Kumar Kanagaratnam, Dean Lisowick, Soroush Mahmudi, and Majeed Kayhan. McArthur buried their bodies in flowerpots in a mid-town Toronto home. Members of the LGBTQ found the hearing difficult.

Reverend Jeff Rock said, "It feels like only now can we start to move forward. After these crimes, it's a feeling like our safety has been shat-



tered."

Bruce McArthur was involved in a 911 call in 2016 when he told his friend to meet him in his van. McArthur attempted to strangle the man, but the victim was able to get free and run away. Officer Paul Gauthier arrested McArthur, but later released him with no charges. Gauthier is now facing disciplinary charges and being blamed for releasing McArthur.

Gauthier claims the charges against him are unfair and that the Toronto Police are trying to divert attention away from other errors.

After the sentencing, a vigil was held for the victims. "Tonight's vigil will really mark, the beginning of the healing process," said Rev. Jeff Rock.

## Winter Storm Strikes

BY PABLO ALANIS

FOR THE WINTER of 2019, Toronto has had to face extreme weather from mid-January to the end of February, which has unfortunately caused many school closures, dangers on the road, and slow transportation.

The winter storm originated from Alberta and rushed to the northern plains, eventually making its way to the Great Lakes, where it picked up enough moisture to cause significant



snowfall.

"Snow at times heavy continues over the region with wind gusts at 70km/hr," stated the environment Canada weather advisory.

Even though the storm was quite

## Young Girl, Abducted and Killed Father Arrested, Dies From Injuries

BY EMILY MAGEE

ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, Riya Rajkumar was dropped off at a Mississauga gas station, left in the care of her father, to celebrate her birthday and Valentine's Day. Later that day, after an Amber Alert was issued, her body was found in his basement.

After not returning the child at the prearranged time, Riya's father, Roopesh Rajkumar, sent the girl's mother threatening texts saying that he was going to harm both himself and their daughter.

The late-night Amber Alert notified people all over the province of Riya's abduction. A motorist saw Roopesh Rajkumar's car along the 401, matching the description they had read from the alert.

"As a result of the Amber Alert, they observed the vehicle and gave us the coordinates," said Police Staff Sgt. Carolle Dione. "Thankfully, we were able to apprehend this man." The police force arrested Rajkumar around the same time they found his daughter's body in his basement. But Rajkumar was then taken to hospital instead of into custody, as



they noticed that he was suffering from a gunshot wound, an injury he may have inflicted

upon himself. He died later that week from his injuries.

"It's sickening and it's sad," said Jennifer Fuller, a neighbour with a daughter the same age as Riya.

Another neighbour, Emmanuel Okafor said, "It's senseless. We were really hoping last night she would be found alive, not knowing this morning, we'd have tragic news."

Along with the tip that led to Rajkumar's arrest came over 300 complaint calls. "It's unfortunate when an Amber Alert goes off... that it disrupts people's lifestyles," Peel Regional Police Const. Danny Martini said. "But at the same point we're talking about a child that was missing. And in this case that child was found deceased."

A candlelight vigil was later held for Riya on February 16.

dangerous, one of the main disturbances were the school closures. The Toronto District Schoolboard (TDSB) closed schools due to the 30 centimeters of snow and the unfortunate weather in general. This event has marked the first time in eight years that the TDSB had all schools closed because of the weather. However, other school boards like York and Durham, chose to stay open. Pro-

grams controlled by the city of Toronto including indoor and recreation or aquatic programs were cancelled, as well as after school programs.

Including school closures and cancelled programs, Mayor John Tory warned Toronto citizens to be prepared for the storm. "It is a snow-storm, we have had these before and we will have them again."

# Canada's New Food Guide: Pros & Cons

## Healthy Yes, But Costly, Too

BY LUCY SWARNEY

THE GOVERNMENT OF Canada recently updated its food guide for the first time in a decade. The new food guide has been revised to reflect the latest research in health and nutrition. The question is: how has it changed? And, what does this mean for the Canadians who use it?

The new food guide now recommends that half your plate consists of fresh fruits and vegetables, a quarter of your plate should be made up of protein, and the other quarter should be comprised of whole grain foods. It also suggests making water your drink of choice. The largest change seen in this new update is that dairy

is almost completely removed from meal recommendations.

These changes reflect healthy eating habits, but unfortunately this may not be affordable for many families. With the new food guide's emphasis on plant-based foods, some consumers may have a harder time affording fresh fruits and vegetables, which could discourage some individuals from changing their diet to match the new recommendations. Even though a new study shows that following the food guide could save families almost \$500 per year, many are not



convinced.

The simplicity of the new food guide may also lead to misconceptions. In the new food guide, fruits and vegetables are grouped together as if they are identical. However, fruits usually contain a lot more sugar and have the same, if not lower, vitamin content compared to vegetables.

Another significant change in the new food guide is that it no longer contains portion sizes; rather it now focuses on proportions of food on the

plate instead. This could be a problem considering that obesity is still an issue faced by many Canadians.

Part two of the food guide will be released later this year, which will contain specific information on portion sizes. However, this addition will be made for health professionals rather than for the average consumer.

Since the new food guide has cut out dairy almost entirely, Canadians will have to look elsewhere to obtain the vitamins and nutrients that many consumed through dairy products. This could also have a significant effect on the Canadian dairy industry, which relied on earlier recommendations of three servings of dairy products per day.

Another item that seems to have been severely reduced in the new food guide is meat. The new guide suggests consuming protein from mostly plant-based sources, even though the science against meat has had mixed results.

# Tornadoes Hit Ottawa-Gatineau Region

BY DEXTER KOSKELA

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, multiple tornadoes touched down in the late afternoon causing heavy damage. Thirty people sustained injuries and six of them were taken to hospital. A Kingston man lost his life after a tree fell on him due to the high winds.

Hail and strong winds dealt extensive damage to cars, even leaving some overturned. Trees and power lines were ripped down throughout the city as a result. Multiple people had to be taken to the hospital as the tornado smashed through houses in its path.

Hydro workers responded to the situation and began working through the night to restore power to affected neighbourhoods. At the height of the storm, 180,000 Hydro customers were without power.

The Merivale transformer station, which supplies power to the majority of the city, was directly hit by a tornado, one reason why electricity outages lasted so long. Many customers remained without power for the duration of the weekend and into the following week.

The biggest tornado was classified as an EF-3 and had winds of up to 265 kilometres per hour. The EF-3 tornado touched down in Dunrobin and headed across the river to Gatineau. That tornado made it all the way to Highway 50, nearly 40 kilometres from where it started, flipping cars in its path. Environment Canada later confirmed that four tornadoes hit Quebec.

It may take more than a week for some people to receive access to



damaged homes in order to retrieve belongings. It has been predicted that some houses and buildings may need to be demolished after suffering irreparable damage. Many schools had to be temporarily closed down due to damages.

After the storm finished, the city of Ottawa opened recreation centres for displaced residents to have access to showers and charging stations for phones. More than 3,000 people were fed hot meals at community centres across Ottawa on Friday night.

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TTC advocate group, TTCriders, said, "It will delay the transit we need and open the door to higher fares and a loss of control and transparency."

The TTC currently has limited resources and often struggles to create enhancements, such as large-scale expansion. Ford hopes to rectify the situation by taking it over. Despite this hope, critics have expressed that if Ford wants to help, he should fund the TTC, not take it over.

According to Toronto and Ontario legislation rules, Premier Doug Ford would be within his rights to take over the subway if he chooses. This angers people who consider themselves "anti-takeovers."

According to a recent survey, 43% of people favour this change, while 39% oppose it, and 18% have no opinion on this topic.

# THE ARTS

## Train Station Art Galleries Installations That Challenge Commuters to Stop and Stare

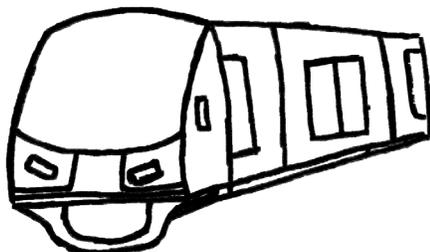
BY SARAH ALAM

IN 2019, CANADIANS will have the opportunity to see art installations in various subway stations in major cities across Canada. The installations are designed to give different and new looks to these typically crowded public areas.

In Toronto's Union Station, one of these exhibitions has already been set up. Students, instructors, and alumni from the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) created a vibrant array of blooming flowers and vast, digital landscapes. The art was built on spruce walls and Douglas-fir crossbeams to give it a natural effect.

One of the artists, Fariyah Shah, described the project as "transforming or challenging the typical ideas of what identity is and what it means to be from a certain place." Shah's artwork represents her family's culture featuring Hindu jewellery and floral teacups. Even though the art has different meanings to the many unique artists who came together to create the installation, they are all supposed to attract those passing by to "stop and smell the roses."

Another exhibition was installed in April at Vancouver's Stadium Skystrain Station. This exhibit will be on display while the Capture Photography Festival is taking place in Vancouver. Alana Paterson is the artist featured at this station and has chosen to exhibit photographs



of young girls of the Squamish Nation who play basketball. Paterson's photos are meant to illustrate the strength of girls and to highlight the fact that they get less support for their athletic efforts in comparison to boys.

The current and upcoming art exhibits for the hurried commuters are meant to add colour to their day and to cause them think about the world differently. However, these are not the first exhibits to be installed in stations across Canada.

In 2018, at the Pioneer Village station in Toronto, a \$1.9 million public art installation, titled *Lightspell*, was installed. The idea was that commuters could type messages that would be shown on lights for everyone to see. However, *Lightspell* was never actually turned on because the government quickly realized rude or alarming messages could be written on the light display.

Commuters can now visit the Vancouver installation and can expect more to come in the future.

## Virtual Reality Film Imagines Toronto's Future

BY CLARE JOHNSTON

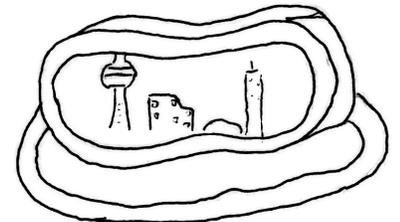
LISA JACKSON HAS created a virtual reality film that shows a potential future for Toronto as though it has been reclaimed by nature and where endangered languages have been reborn.

In the simulation, Nathan Phillips Square has been transformed from a busy area in a large city to a place where nature thrives. Buildings are crumbling, streets are flooded with water, grass is growing in the decomposing sidewalks, and trees have replaced street lamps.

To some people, the crumbling offices and lack of humans may portray a post-apocalypse setting. However, the movie is meant to show us what our city would look like if nature took over, and, according to its creators, it is meant to be peaceful.

Jackson created the movie to show what has been lost in today's modern Toronto. The film largely revolves around the rebirth of Indigenous languages, which were once widely spoken across Toronto.

Only about 100 people speak the Walastoq language now, and though



Cree is considered a relatively strong language, it is reported to have dropped from 600,000 to 15,000 words.

"Indigenous languages have a philosophy embedded within them that puts us in different relations to the world around us and offers different concepts of time, place, and truth, very fundamental notions that we take for granted," said Jackson.

However, languages aren't the only things being lost. "Look at the cement all over the place. You can't connect to the earth if you're always walking across the concrete," said Jackson. She also states that modernity has caused us to forget the original connection humans had with nature and she hopes her film will bring that connection back.

While creating the world of Biidaaban, Jackson worked with 3D artist Mathew Borrett whose other city pieces contributed largely in the making of this film.

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# *Ghostown* at the ROM

## Reflecting on the Internment of Japanese Canadians

BY SAM GRIFFIN

STEVEN NUNODA IS a Japanese Canadian artist from Calgary. His latest art work, *Ghostown*, reflects a time when Japanese Canadians were forced to live in internment camps.

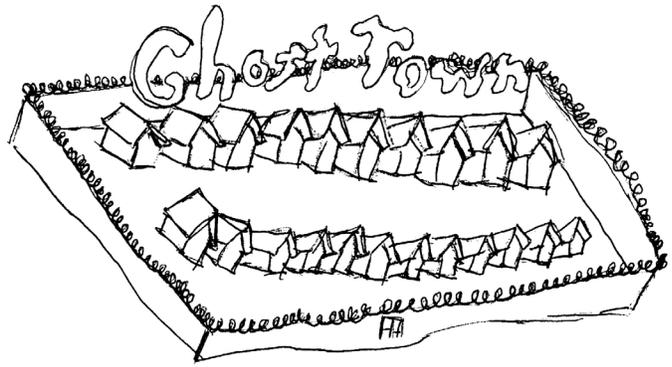
This art piece has been on display at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) since February 1, 2019, and the display allows visitors to reflect on the internment of Japanese Canadians. It is a strong statement that allows visitors to make connections to the current struggle that refugees are facing around the world, and it encourages people to continue to help those in need.

The reason why Nunoda called his

work *Ghostown*, is because this part of Canada's history is criminally overlooked—so much so, that you could say that the issue itself has become a ghost.

Nunoda's own family was his inspiration for this work. They had to live in internment camps during World War II because the government at the time was worried about a Japanese invasion. Their property was taken and so were their past lives.

"In 1942 my grandparents, Jiro and Shizue and their four little girls Naomi, Ida, Rita, and Nana were interned at Rosebery and moved to



New Denver, I believe in 1944," said Nunoda, showing that people were removed from their homes and forced to live in little shacks in internment camps.

Nunoda handcrafted 220 miniature models made out of black sandpaper-like sheets called tarpaper to represent the cramped shacks the Japanese Canadians had to build for themselves.

Additionally, the exhibit combines audio, video, and object-based artwork. "My painstaking recreation

of the past should also shine a spotlight on the present," said Nunoda, signifying that we should help refugees who are fleeing violence and trying to find a new home.

The crisis that Nunoda's family had to go through is similar to the one current refugees are going through today.

"There is something about actually standing in those places that lets you understand the experience on deeper level," said Nunoda.

# Where are the Women?

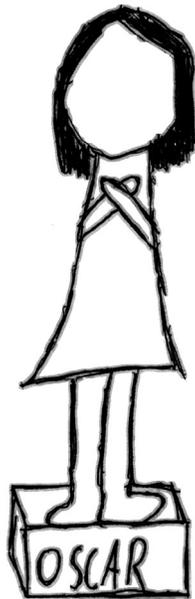
## Oscars Remain Male-Dominated

BY SOPHIE NEILL

ON FEBRUARY 24, 2019, the Academy Awards proved that women still have a long way to go towards reaching equality, with few women nominees.

Female actors, directors, editors, and other backstage roles were, as Women's Media Center (WMC) put it, "noticeably shut out." Last year, Greta Gerwig became only the fifth female director to ever be nominated for the category.

This year, women nominees were entirely absent from five key Oscar categories: directing, cinematography, editing, original score,



and visual effects. Clearly, the conversation of gender parity in the film industry needs to continue to evolve.

Only 25% of behind-the-camera nominees were female and, despite

a number of worthy candidates to choose from, female filmmakers were cut out of the directing category.

Additionally, none of the movies nominated for best film were directed by women.

To put this into context, the WMC stated that, "As of 2006, the number of women nominees has increased from 18% to 25%. At that same rate it will take it will take another fifty years for women to be equally represented."

Executive leadership in the organization, Women in Film, also said that, "Today's Oscar nominations reiterate that we still have real work to do to achieve parity across the screen industries."

On a bright note, it has been observed that Pixar's owner, Disney, has "taken dramatic steps to break up the boy's club," at their animation studios.

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# SPORTS

## Female Referee in Men's Hockey

BY ELLA GOODNOUGH

KATIE GUAY IS working hard to referee in male hockey leagues in the United States. She is trying to increase the acceptance of female referees in high-level male sports.

In early February in Boston, she was the first female to referee at the Men's Beanpot Hockey Tournament in its sixty-seven year history. Guay was also an official during the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics for women's hockey. She is currently the only referee in NCAA Division 1 men's hockey league in the U.S.

Other professional sports like NBA (basketball) and NFL (football) have female referees. The NBA has had female officials since 1998, and the NFL, since 2015, but the NHL has not yet had female referees.

Paul Stewart, a retired NHL referee who was just inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, wants more women referees in the NHL.

"It doesn't take an X or Y chromosome to put your arm in the air and call a penalty. It only takes brains and guts, and that's it. My next goal is to have lots of great women officiating," Stewart stated.



Katie Guay started skating at the age of 6 and played hockey at Brown University. After university she started playing recreational women's hockey on Sundays and began refereeing before her games to make some money to help pay for the gas and equipment costs of playing in her league.

"Her skating ability is easily one of the best in officiating ranks that I've ever seen, both in the NHL and at other levels," said Stewart.

Katie Guay hopes to give back to the sport she loves and help younger female officials see the opportunities they can have in hockey. "We need to have some success with one (female referee) and that'll be the beacon that will inspire others," said Paul Stewart.

## Ottawa Aims to Eliminate Abuse in Sports

BY KYLE HUI



THE MINISTER OF Science and Sport, Kirsty Duncan, wants to eliminate any abuse in sports and increase gender equality.

Canadian politicians are banding together to stop abuse and address harassment and discrimination. They want all provinces to participate in this movement. Kirsty Duncan has also signed a declaration to stop any abuse in sports. This declaration includes elimination of gender-based violence against women and girls. All Canadians should be able to participate in sports free from abuse regardless of gender, race, language, age, or ability. "Harassment of any kind is unacceptable," said Duncan.

To eliminate abuse, sports organizations need funding from the government to stop any incidents of abuse that could compromise the plan, make a third party that can address abuse and harassment cases, and have mandatory training for people. "It is going to take everyone we can to work together," Kirsty

Duncan stated.

A CBC investigation revealed that at least 222 coaches were convicted of sexual offences from 1998-2018. Also, several members of the ski team spoke publicly about the abuse suffered from their former coach, Bertrand Charest.

To achieve gender equity by 2035, the government will need \$30 million in three years time.

This money will support data, research, and innovative practices to encourage women and girls' involvement in sport. Kirsty Duncan has said that, "the most important thing is to act when the situation demands it, to ensure our athletes have the support they need from us."

She hopes that, "the pan-Canadian declaration will drive a systemic culture shift to prevent abuse, discrimination, and harassment in sports."

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# Humboldt Broncos: Driver Sentenced

BY PHOEBE ROGERS



JASKIRAT SINGH SIDHU, the semi-truck driver responsible for the Humboldt Broncos accident last year, has pleaded guilty to sixteen counts of dangerous driving causing death and thirteen counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

According to a court document, Sidhu had violated seventy trucking regulations before the crash. On March 22, the judge ruled Sidhu to be sentenced to eight years in prison.

On April 6, 2018, Sidhu barrelled through an extra large stop sign with a flashing red light and failed to avoid a high speed crash with a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team. Glen Doerksen, the driver of the team bus, stepped on the brakes and the vehicle skidded 24 metres before T-boning the semi-truck at a speed of about 107 km/h. The posted speed limit on both roads was 100 km/h.

Sidhu left no brake marks, the sun wasn't in his eyes, there were no phone distractions, and he was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the accident. Sidhu was not injured from the crash, but Doerksen was killed along with fifteen members of the team and staff. Thirteen others were injured.

"I feel like the industry, inspectors, and our government let us down," said Michelle Straschnitzki, mother of son who was partially paralyzed in the crash.

As a result of the crash there will now be mandatory semi-truck driver training put into effect across Canada by 2020.

# North & South Korea Will They Host 2032 Olympics Together?

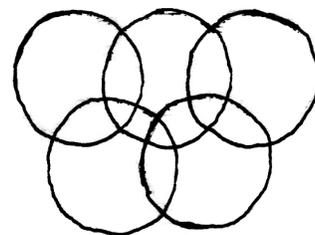
BY ANDREY OSIPENKOV

NORTH AND SOUTH Korea have been making arrangements to put in a joint bid to host the 2032 Olympics. This Olympic bid would strengthen diplomatic ties between the two countries, which have pledged a "new era of peace" after almost seven decades of conflict.

The launch of the joint bid represents a further warming of ties between the Koreans. Officials say a jointly hosted Olympics is an opportunity for sports diplomacy to bring stability to the Korean peninsula. However, the feasibility of an inter-Korean Olympics would depend on the fate of North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs which will be discussed in the coming weeks between the North Korea

leader, Kim Jong-Un, and the U.S. President, Donald Trump. International sanctions placed on North Korea, which would make cross-border cooperation between the Koreans in respect of Olympic infrastructure and logistics impossible, will not be lifted unless North Korea can demonstrate its denuclearization plans.

The Olympic committee is still years from picking its choice for host of the 2032 Olympics. If the Koreans win the bid, the games will be held in Seoul, South Korea, which previously hosted the Summer Olympics in 1988. North Korea has yet to announce which city will join Seoul to bid for the Games. Though experts say Pyongyang would be the obvious



choice given its relatively advanced infrastructure.

South Korea's president, Moon Jae-in, has also suggested the two countries' bid to co-host the 2030 World Cup. Moreover, North and South Korea plan to send combined teams to compete in the Summer 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

This is not the first time the two Koreas have joined together in a sporting event. In the 2018 Winter Olympics both countries marched under the same flag in the opening ceremonies. The Koreans also formed a joint North and South Korean women's ice hockey team, which competed in the 2018 Winter Games.

# Toronto Raptor's Latest Defence: Marc Gasol

BY SPENCER SCHULTZ

MARC GASOL IS a new addition to the Toronto Raptors defence line. Along with Kawhi Leonard, Gasol is a defensive player who was brought onto the Raptors team in the early months of 2019.

Marc Gasol, originally from Spain, is a 34-year-old defender, about seven feet tall and weighing around 250 lbs.

"He probably brings to this team something they've never had," said Sergio Scariolo, the head coach of the Spanish National team.

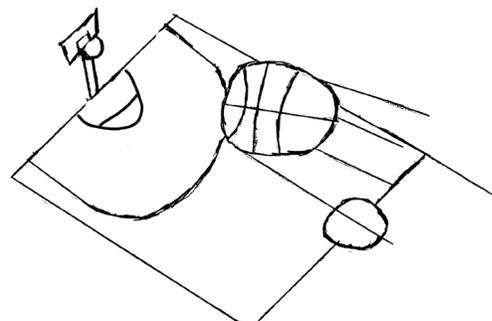
Gasol was drafted into the NBA by the Los Angeles Lakers in 2007 and had been playing for the Mem-

phis Grizzlies for ten years until he was traded to the Toronto Raptors this year.

Scariolo, who is also an assistant to the head coach of the Raptors, Nick Nurse, had no hesitation in suggesting Gasol for the team. Gasol is just now reaching his peak as a player. In five games Gasol has scored 48 points not including the 25 rebounds he has gotten and 23 assists. "[Gasol] is a great passer, someone who sees the next play a split-second before most of his opponents, teammates, and coaches. He is a very good shooter... very reliable from the triple line," said Scariolo.

At almost every conversation about Gasol, Scariolo makes a comparison to Marc's older brother Pau, who plays for the Milwaukee Bucks. "Not like Pau," Scariolo said about Marc Gasol's start. "Pau at 20 was already one of the top players in Europe. Marc's best came later."

Marc Gasol may be a bit older than everyone on his team, however he's a "solid defender, he's not a super-athlete, but he knows how to move his feet, and where to put his hands." So we will have to see what he has to offer to the Raptors as the season continues.



# REVIEWS

Over the school year, we have taken part in many great adventures. Here we share our candid thoughts and recommendations on movies we have seen, books we have read, restaurants we have discovered, places we have explored, and events and exhibitions we have experienced. Each reviewer offers their personal score, based on five stars ranking as outstanding.

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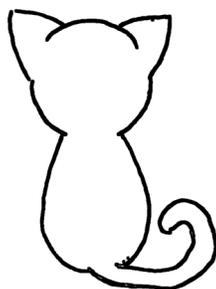
## Entertainment

### Kiki's Delivery Service

REVIEWED BY LUCY SWARNEY

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

HAYAO MIYAZAKI'S ANIMATED masterpiece, *Kiki's Delivery Service*, is a simply amazing movie that I would instantly recommend to anyone. From its sights and sounds, to its wholesome story, I thoroughly enjoyed the film (and this is coming from someone who doesn't like movies that much). However, if you're just looking for action, then this movie may not be for you. This movie is more about the main character's journey to find their place in the world rather than a protagonist



fighting against an antagonist.

The film follows Kiki on her coming-of-age journey to become a witch. Kiki is a 13-year-old girl who, along with her trusty talking cat companion, Jiji, leaves her parents and her home to begin training to become a witch. She travels to another city, where she must fend for herself, making new relationships along the way. I don't want to spoil too much as it's a lovely, cute story, and I feel

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### Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

REVIEWED BY DEXTER KOSKELA

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

OVER THE HOLIDAYS my cousins and I watched the animated movie *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. This is an action-packed movie that really captures the experience of reading a comic book. I would recommend this animated movie because it has a wide audience appeal and teaches those who watch it a good message.

The movie follows a teenager named Miles Morales who has to learn to control his new spider powers while navigating his first year of



high school. Along the way, he meets many new spider friends from different universes and helps them save New York.

This movie uses an animation style that resembles a comic book format. It uses visual sound effects such as *Pow!* and *Bang!*, which appear in big words on the screen. The movie has very expressive colours, images, and

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### Bohemian Rhapsody

REVIEWED BY SAM GRIFFIN

★ ★ ★ ★

OVER THE WINTER break I went to go see *Bohemian Rhapsody* with my parents. The film, named after the band's famous 1975 song, tells the story of Freddie Mercury and his band, Queen.

The movie covers the first fifteen years of Queen's existence, ending with the Live Aid concert in 1985, and truly celebrates the life of one

of the greatest musicians from the last thirty years of rock n' roll. Director Bryan Singer took a linear timeline of Queen's existence from 1970 through 1985, highlighting both Queen's achievements and failures and Freddie Mercury's personal struggles. It showcases Freddie Mercury's progression to self-acceptance as an immigrant and as a person who

is a bit different.

The main actors in this movie are Rami Malek as Freddie Mercury, Lucy Boynton as Mary Austin, Ben Hardy as Roger Taylor, and Tom Hollander as Jim Beach. The acting in this movie was spectacular. Malek did an amazing job as Freddie Mercury and sounded and looked almost identical to him. I don't know much about Mary Austin, but Boynton did an amazing job. Ben Hardy as Roger Taylor was the perfect match, however I wish we actually heard more of him throughout the film.

Everybody did so much work to bring this movie to life, and it paid

off because the film was very good. The song, "Bohemian Rhapsody," is unusually long, so much so, in fact, that critics first thought that people would not like "Bohemian Rhapsody," the song (6 minutes and 6 seconds), or the movie (2 hours and 30 minutes)—but fans liked both, a lot.

I give this movie a rating of four stars out of five. I would recommend this movie to anyone who is fifteen years of age or older even though it is rated PG-13. You should see this movie because it takes a trip through the life of one of the greatest musicians in rock n' roll and is full of great music.

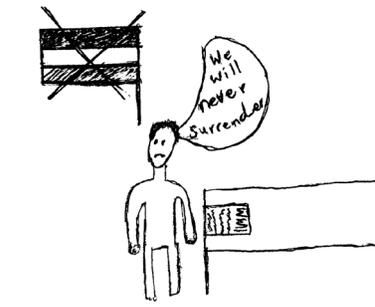
# Darkest Hour

REVIEWED BY NICHOLAS MOREAU

★ ★ ★ ★ ½

*DARKEST HOUR* IS a very moving film that is both a portrayal of Winston Churchill and a demonstration of the power of oratory or persuasive speech. The film focuses on Churchill, the Prime Minister of Britain from 1940-1945, and his attempt to convince British politicians to resist Hitler rather than negotiate. It takes place during Churchill's first five weeks as Prime Minister in May 1940 and is set in Westminster and in the underground War Rooms.

In the two-hour film, director Joe Wright, wanted to show how important Churchill's speeches were in mobilizing and unifying the country during such a time of uncertainty. Wright interweaves scenes of Churchill delivering his speeches with more intimate scenes where Churchill



chill wonders if he is doing the right thing. There is a fine mix of a rich and complex character who is human, and also has doubts.

The film has some stirring acting by Gary Oldman, who plays Winston Churchill, and by Kristin Scott Thomas, who plays his wife, Clementine. I think Oldman does a splendid job as Winston Churchill. He has marvellously realistic acting, from a thundering bulldog in Parliament, to an uncertain man when he is in private with his wife, and displaying doubts of whether he is doing the right thing by refusing to negotiate with Hitler.

Oldman is also heavily done

up with prosthetics and high-tech makeup, so he really looks like Winston Churchill, yet the acting shines through. Fittingly, Oldman won an Academy Award for his performance.

A major theme within the film is the power of words, and Churchill's need to convince British politicians that negotiating with Hitler was not an option. This film shows how words are weapons of war, and that they are far more powerful than guns, because they can unify a whole people. We see Churchill harnessing this power, convincing his party, the opposition, and the war cabinet to fight Hitler, and not negotiate with him.

In my personal opinion, the best parts of the film were probably his speeches and their impact and effect on the common people and Parliament. At one point in the film, when his family is making a toast to Churchill and his becoming Prime Minister, his wife makes a speech about all of the sacrifices that she had to make when she married him, and how they have paid off with his becoming

Prime Minister. This was a moving and beautiful part of the film for me.

Unfortunately, not all the scenes were historically accurate. In one part of the film, Churchill takes a ride in the London underground and meets "the common people" on the train. He asks them their opinion, of whether they would negotiate with Hitler or if they would fight. They all, of course, rallied to fight. I don't think this works because Churchill never really went into the underground to canvas the public. It's misleading and false information and I believe it should have been cut from the film.

Still, this is a stirring film and well worth watching, especially for those who have studied World War II. For me, this film earned 4.5 stars. I would recommend it for anyone over age 8; there is not much violence, and the acting is splendid. Though I have trouble with some of the inaccuracies from a historical standpoint, this does not take away from the film; it still rings true.

# Christopher Robin

REVIEWED BY SARA PERME

★ ★ ★

ON MARCH 16, my family and I decided to watch the movie *Christopher Robin* because my dad thought it would be fun.

Because I tend to like more of a comedic genre, I didn't really like the movie; I didn't find it very interesting. However, I would recommend it for children age ten and younger, because it's more of a fantasy film.

At the beginning of the movie, Christopher Robin is a young boy who is forced to leave his friends behind when he is sent to boarding school in London. Fast forward a few years, Christopher Robin returns from World War II, gets married to Evelyn, and they have a daughter, Madeline.

After getting caught up with his job as an efficiency expert at Winslow Luggage, Christopher Robin barely has time to spend with his

family. So, the family decides to go to their cottage for the weekend. But after work, Christopher gets the bad news that he can't come to the cottage. While his wife and his daughter are away, he meets up with his old friend, Pooh, and decides to help Pooh find his friends.

As I said before I think the movie was targeted towards a younger audience, but there were some aspects of the film that were good. For example, the characters, Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, Kanga, Roo, Owl, Rabbit, and Eeyore, were animated very well, so it looked realistic when they moved and spoke. The volume and articulation of the actors was great, and the story was clear as well.

Overall the movie is great for families with younger children, but it personally didn't really suit me.

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sounds that gave it an impressive touch that other movies don't have. This movie's special effects and cartoon style made me feel like I was literally in a comic book.

This Spider-Man movie takes place in present day Brooklyn with a whole new set of characters, ranging from an anime girl and her robot, to a Spider-Pig! This film stars actors, such as Shameik Moore, Hailee Steinfeld, Nicolas Cage, and many more. The cast really brought the animation to life and the voices matched the characters perfectly.

The movie features lots of great music that my whole family enjoyed, from popular artists such as Post Malone to Swae Lee. The hip-hop music and other elements of the story make the movie relatable to everyday teenagers.

There were many different things that I enjoyed about this movie, such as the music, the new characters, the comic book art, and the amazing combination of comedy and action.

One thing that I did not like about this movie was the volume of the action scenes, which I found to be a bit overwhelming. There is a lot of noise and the pace is a bit fast, so at certain times it seems that there are too many things going on at one time.

Compared to the other Spider-Man movies this one stands out in many ways. First of all, this movie is completely animated so there was no need for physical acting. Second of all, this film uses a much younger main character and the movie is a whole lot funnier than the previous ones. Finally, this movie contains the important message to always get back up no matter what knocks you down.

All in all this was a great movie that has a wide audience appeal and an important message. I believe everyone will definitely enjoy this movie and I suggest watching it with friends.

# Aquaman

REVIEWED BY SPENCER SCHULTZ

★ ★ ★ ★

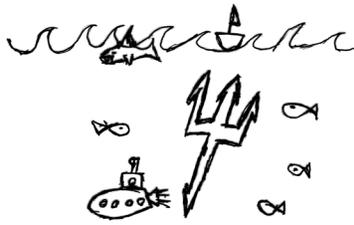
ON MY WINTER break I went to the Queensway Theatre to watch *Aquaman* with my family on Christmas Eve. I recommend this movie to families and people who like action-comedy films.

The movie is based off the original *Aquaman* DC comic with some twists. The movie shows how Arthur/Aquaman becomes who he is now and falls into the action-comedy genre.

He is asked to return home to the underwater city of Atlantis to stop his half brother, Manta, from declaring war on the surface world. Along the way, the audience gets to see flashbacks to when he was growing up on land.

Some of the main characters and actors are Jason Momoa playing as Arthur/Aquaman, Amber Heard playing Mera, Patrick Wilson playing Arthur's evil brother Om, Nicole Kidman playing Arthur's mother, Atlantan, and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II playing the evil character, Manta.

When you hear the great music in the movie, thank composer Robert Greyson-Williams, who is also the



composer of *Wonder Woman*.

This movie was directed by James Wan, and Geoff Johns and Will Beall wrote the screenplay with David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick and Will Beall. The movie is 143 minutes long and is filmed by two special cameras. One camera is the Arri Alexa Mini, Panavision Prime and Primo 70 Lenses and the other is the Arri Alexa XT, Panavision Prime and Primo 70 Lenses. Even with these two cameras, Wan stated that, "the underwater world is complicated... it's not easy to shoot." In total there were 2,300 visual effects shots including 700 shots for the underwater "hair" scenes! The underwater hair was, by far, the hardest to film.

The movie was filmed in thirteen different locations including Canada, Australia, Italy and Morocco. There was a lot of effort that went into this film, and it paid off because they made \$1.1 billion.

I recommend this movie to families with children and people who like action-comedy films.

# Witness for the Prosecution

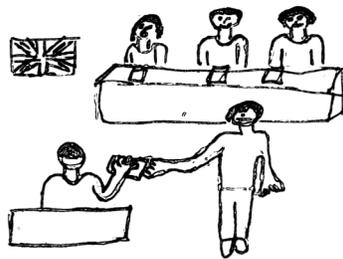
REVIEWED BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

*WITNESS FOR THE Prosecution* is a courtroom drama movie about a lawyer, Sir Wilfred Robarts, who defends Mr. Leonard Vole against a charge of murder.

This is the first adaptation of Agatha Christie's story of the same title. This movie is set in London at the Old Bailey, probably some time in the Fifties.

The plot of this film is intricate and clever. Vole is charged with the



murder of a rich older widow. The evidence in favour of him does not look good because he has no alibis and the older lady had just left everything to him in her will. Suddenly, his wife Christine Vole appears as a witness for the prosecution. Why does she want to testify against her husband? A mysterious woman appears with letters that seem to show that Chris-

# Ready Player One: A Book Review

REVIEWED BY EMILY MAGEE

★ ★ ★ ★

YOU MIGHT HAVE seen, *Ready Player One*, a movie that was released in 2018, but the movie was based on a book released in 2011, written by Ernest Cline, who revised it for television, to make it more child friendly. When I was reading the book, I had already seen the movie, so I expected it to be just the same. However, I was wrong. The book was even better, and it had characters that were a lot more realistic.

*Ready Player One* is a dystopian science fiction novel about a young man named Wade Watts in 2044. At this point, the world is more or less broken. So, humans escape to a virtual reality world called the OASIS. When James Halliday, the creator of the OASIS, dies, he leaves behind a video challenge, in which the goal is to find the "Easter Egg." The winner becomes the new owner of the OASIS. The book is about Wade's quest, along with his friends, to find Halliday's Easter Egg, during which he learns the value of friendship, his impact on the world, and how far some people are willing to go to gain power.

A great example of why I love this book is the level on which I connect with the characters because of the



realistic problems they face, as well as the unrealistic ones. However, because of the problems and conflicts in the novel, I would not recommend it for children under 13.

There are also very mature themes, such as genocide. One thing I found amazing was the diversity of the characters and how they are able to connect with each other through the OASIS even though they live in different states or even countries.

I loved this novel because most books are based in America, and America only. This is one of the few books I've read where Canada is represented; it was a really nice touch.

Overall, *Ready Player One* is one of the best books I've read so far, and there's a second novel coming out soon. It represents a problem that we are now facing, climate change, the depletion of natural resources, and the rise of virtual power. In this future, there is a global energy crisis, which just might happen in our future.

It's kind of scary that way, but it is great that somebody has released a novel addressing this problem. It makes you wonder, what will the world be like in twenty-five years?

tine Vole is lying when she says that he committed the murder. Later, Sir Wilfred feels something fishy has happened. But what is the problem? The ending was even kept secret from the cast. They were only given the last ten pages right before they were to film them.

One of the best things was the acting. Marlene Dietrich plays Christine Vole, a very famous wartime German-American singer and actress who left Germany during the war and refused to support the Nazis. She also portrays a wonderful array of emotions such as anger, determination,

vulnerability, and incredulity. Charles Laughton plays Sir Wilfred and gives a mesmerizing and humorous performance.

This film is still in the original black and white. This is a great asset because it makes the film seem more mysterious, and allows us to focus on the acting.

I loved this movie because of its intricate plot, its wonderful actors, and its emotional impact. I recommend this movie because it is a very gripping drama, with surprising twists and turns, and a completely unexpected ending.

# The Necromancer:

## The Secrets of the Immortal

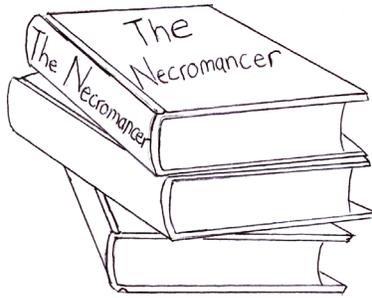
### Nicholas Flamel

REVIEWED BY JAY GRAHAM

★★★★½

OVER THE MARCH break I finished reading the fantasy thriller, *The Necromancer: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel*, written by Michael Scott. *The Necromancer* is the fourth installment in the six book series, *The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel*. I would recommend this book to those 10 and older, and to anyone with an imaginative mind.

In this particular book of the series, a war is brewing between the powerful forces on all sides. The problem is that the Twins of Legend, Josh and



Sophie Newman, don't know who they can trust. The twins run into many mythical creatures, such as trolls and fairies, as well as historical figures like William Shakespeare and Billy the Kid, as they work to save the human race from the elders.

This is my favourite book from the series that I have read so far. The fascinating new characters and creatures

introduced in this book won me over.

*The Necromancer* brings new light to the world created in the series, and just like the previous book, it left me wanting to read more. Every book in this series seems to end with a cliff-hanger, and I can't wait to find out what happens next.

One thing I like about this book is how much I learned. It uses more challenging language, which expands my vocabulary while still keeping my interest and focus. This book is quite educational in the sense that it teaches the reader a lot about different mythologies from the past. For example, one of the side characters is Prometheus and the book explains that according to Greek mythology he created the human race and gave us the gift of fire.

Another thing I enjoyed about this book was the exciting plot, which contained many different story lines that all happen at once. Josh and Sophie are the main characters, but there

are many other secondary characters having their own adventures. The characters are all split up and almost every chapter is about a different person. The plot goes back and forth between characters and the different challenges they face as they all go on their own thrilling journeys.

The only thing I disliked about this book was the description of some creatures. Even though I found it all interesting, there were details lacking. This meant, in order for me to learn about the creature, I had to look it up myself. Personally, I am fine looking up additional information, but sometimes I was unable to find what I was looking for.

Overall, I found this book had the ability to keep me intrigued, but it failed to provide me with enough information about the creatures inside of it. I encourage people of all ages who have an imaginative mind to read this.

# Mary Poppins:

## A YPT Success

REVIEWED BY MADDIE GOUTOR

★★★★★

FOR A CHRISTMAS gift, my grandparents took my brother and me to Young People's Theatre (YPT) on December 21 to see the evening show of *Mary Poppins*—a bright, colourful musical that runs for ninety minutes. We had seen plays at YPT, which is located at 165 Front Street East, and with our past experience we didn't come with high expectations. While the performances we have seen at YPT were enjoyable, they were "only okay." Well, *Mary Poppins* is an exception, and the musical greatly exceeded our expectations. I would recommend it.

This heart-warming classic is about a family with a few issues. The children are naughty, their father isn't spending enough time with them, and they cannot seem to find the right nanny. The family is distressed, but



when Mary Poppins shows up, things suddenly begin to improve. An excellent replica of the original, Mary Poppins sings songs and takes the children on adventures, meeting new people and trying new things.

There was a huge cast with many different, diverse characters, all of whom were both strong and graceful, making the show complete. Their dancing was full and energetic with terrifically exaggerated movements. You could also hear the actors so clearly. And, I really enjoyed the high and consistent energy radiating from the cast. They were almost always smiling, or frowning, but not much else in-between. The cohesive and well-balanced play was a jam-packed ninety minutes. There was so much

going on onstage at a time, I didn't know where to look! Everything was colourful and everyone was always moving. Although it did get a little busy at times, I actually enjoyed the hustle and bustle, and thought it drew the audience's attention and intrigue.

The set was also beautifully designed and it helped bring the play to life. The stage had a wall near the back that could turn, allowing it to be a house or a park background. On top of the wall was a platform that the actors could go up to by accessing a hidden staircase, adding interesting dimension to the stage. At first glance, the set could appear to be minimalistic, but the world it created was magical and complete. It blended very well with the script and with the 1910 time period excellently. At the back of the platform was the orchestra. I loved being able to watch the musicians play.

I loved the set design's use of the character's costumes, and how it showed their personality. For instance, Mary Poppins always wears bright colours and the family always wore dull, drab colours—until Mary Poppins comes along. Also, the mu-

sic is a huge part of the play. The cast sang all the classics including my favourites "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and "A Spoon Full Of Sugar."

One of the main intentions of the play was to raise money for the AFC, a foundation that insures performers, so if something happens and they can't perform, they'll still get a small bit of income. At the end of the play, while we were leaving, we got to meet the actors and give a donation. I gave my donation to Kyle Blair, who played the chimney sweep, and he was very kind. We also met and got to take a picture with Vanessa Sears, who played Mary Poppins, right before we left.

My family and I enjoyed *Mary Poppins* very much, and would recommend seeing it—though, I should note it closed January 6, 2019. It also broke a fifty-three year YPT record by completely selling out!

We didn't have big expectations, but *Mary Poppins* blew us away with the colours, music, and terrific acting! *Mary Poppins* has raised my expectations of YPT immensely, and I hope they will be met again next time.

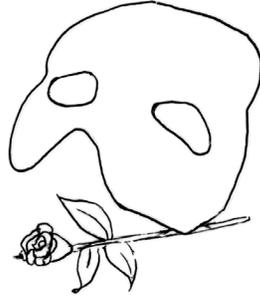
# Phantom of the Opera

REVIEWED BY SHARON WANG

★★★★★

THIS YEAR FOR March break, my family and I had a chance to travel to Florida and New York. While in Florida our schedule included four Disney parks, Sea World, and the NASA Space Centre. During the New York part of our trip, we attended five Broadway shows, walked through Central Park, spent an afternoon at MOMA, and shopped along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All of these activities were unforgettable, but the highlight of my March break has to be finally getting to see the famous play, *The Phantom of the Opera*.

This popular Broadway musical shows the love story of a phantom that is believed to haunt the well-known



Palais Garnier Paris Opera House in 1881. The Phantom falls in love with a young ballet dancer Christine, who loves Vicomte Raoul de Chagny, who is also her fiancé. After several scenes of disaster and murder, the Phantom lets Christine have her own choice of husband. Christine decides to run away with Raoul, and the show ends

with a heart broken Phantom disappearing, leaving his cloak and mask behind.

The actors for the performance I saw included Ben Crawford, playing the Phantom, Kaley Ann Voorhees, playing Christine, and Jay Armstrong Johnson, playing the role of Raoul. I found the performance of each character to be very realistic. The singers' vocal performances were strong and I was particularly impressed with their performance of the theme song.

This particular performance took place in the Majestic Theatre located on 44th Street. This theatre was a perfect fit for the play as it had 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture throughout. At the start of the performance, a huge glass chandelier floated into the air and started to shine as the story began.

The music was written by the famous English composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber. And, it's one of his

thirteen musicals, perhaps his most famous one. *The Phantom of the Opera* has played in 166 different cities and in 35 countries to over 140 million people. It has grossed \$1.2 billion at the box office making it the third most successful Broadway show in history.

This show has been performed since 1988, making it the longest running musical on Broadway. It has also received the prestigious Laurence Olivier Award and the Tony Award for best musical.

I would recommend the *Phantom of the Opera* to an audience who loves romantic stories, beautiful music, and nice settings, but I would caution that young children may find the complex plot challenging. *The Phantom of the Opera* is an excellent musical that has stood the test of time and will perhaps continue to become more popular in the future.

# Come From Away

REVIEWED BY SOPHIE NEILL

★★★★★

ON THE WINTER Break, I saw the Broadway Musical, *Come From Away*, with my family at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. It was supposed to run from February 13, 2018 to January 20, 2019, but because of the high demand for tickets it has been extended to September 29, 2019 at the Elgin theatre. This play was enjoyable, funny, and well written! No wonder it is always sold out.

As I was walking into the theatre I was very excited; the play has a great reputation and I wondered if it would live up to it. I'm happy to report that it did. I walked out of the Royal Alexandra Theatre laughing and smiling.

*Come From Away* is about the people of Gander, Newfoundland and when they all turned on their radios to hear about the tragedy of 9/11. The emergency landings suddenly brought their small town of



10,000 inhabitants, an extra 7,000 people who needed food, shelter, and most importantly, information on what happened.

From the true and real emotions to the wonderful singing, the actors and actresses were brilliant. My only problem was that, with the East Coast accents, it was challenging to understand everything that was said. Other than that, everything went well and no mistakes were made.

The design of the set was well done. The stage was a forest-like setting with birch trees surround-

ing the stage. Sometimes parts of the stage would start spinning just so that the person wouldn't be standing still. The actors also moved the props, which added a nice touch to the show.

Overall this play was incredibly funny and well written. I recommend

this play to everyone who enjoys musicals and a great story. I suggest you get your tickets soon; you won't regret it! I give *Come From Away* five out of five stars and I think you will too!

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that everyone should experience it for themselves for the first time. However, I will tell you that you will become invested in the development of the characters throughout the movie as you watch this young girl grow up in such a charming world.

The eye catching artistic style of the 2D animation brings this fabulous world to life with its use of visually pleasing colours in the creation of such a stunning world! I would best describe it as a mix of cartoon and anime with just a touch of realism. Considering it's nearing 30 years old, it's impressive that it still holds up for modern audiences.

The soundtrack for this movie is simply wonderful. The songs complement each scene beautifully and allow the audience to become immersed in this whimsical world, even when you're listening to it on its own. "Message by Rouge" by Joe Hisaishi is my personal favourite track due to its upbeat and happy tune that really makes you feel energetic and positive.

*Kiki's Delivery Service* is a really great movie with whimsical visuals, audio, and a very cute story. I truly adore this movie and highly recommend it. It's truly bewitching.

# Activities

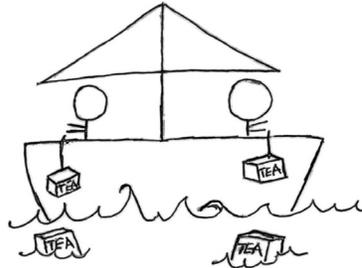
## Boston Tea Party Museum

REVIEWED BY ANDREY OSIPENKOV  
★★★★

THIS MARCH BREAK my family and I travelled to Boston and visited the Boston Tea Party Museum. I would recommend this tourist attraction to anyone who enjoys learning about history.

This museum is located on the Congress Street Bridge in Boston, in the middle of the Fort Point Channel. This location is especially unique because the building is floating on the river.

This museum is special because it recreates a significant revolutionary event in American history known as the Boston Tea Party. At the museum I learned all about how on December 16, 1773 American colonists protested the fact that they had to



pay British tax, when they were not represented in British parliament. On this date, the Sons of Liberty went to the harbour where some of them were disguised as Mohawk Indians, and dumped 342 chests of British tea into the water. This is considered one of the most significant events leading up to the American Revolution.

The ticket price for the museum differs depending on your age group. For an adult it costs \$29.95, for a child it is \$18, and for a senior it is \$26.95. I think the prices were a little

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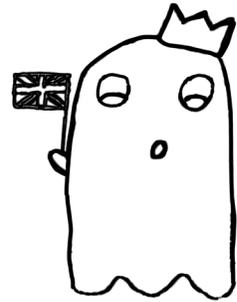
## The London Dungeons

REVIEWED BY TILLY GOSSLING  
★★★★

THE LONDON DUNGEONS is a tourist attraction that uses humour to teach you about history, complete with actors, rides, and special effects. Walking in with my mom and sister, we didn't think this experience would be that fun. In the end though, we were proven wrong.

The London dungeons are located in London, England, beside the River Thames, where many attractions are located. The London Dungeons is a very clean and engaging attraction that will be sure to keep you on your toes! If you are a history lover, or a family with kids over the age of 9, the London Dungeons are for you!

Throughout the London Dungeons, there are fifteen rooms, each



with a different theme that recreates various historical events in London. My favourites were the Guy Fawkes gun powder plot, Sweeney Todd's barber shop, the Whitechapel labyrinth, and Jack the Ripper.

The Dungeons building is very large, creating more than enough room for the attraction. There were some special effects, but the use of modern technology is kept to a minimum.

There are about thirty people per group for each tour. Tours run every hour and a half and you can book a ticket in advance, or buy at the door.

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## Toronto Maple Leafs

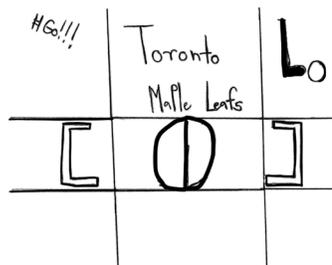
### At Scotiabank Arena

REVIEWED BY ELLA GOODNOUGH  
★★★★

OVER THE WINTER break my mom, my dad, my brother, and I went to a Toronto Maple Leafs game on January 5, 2019 at Scotiabank Arena in the heart of Toronto.

Scotiabank Arena is located at 40 Bay Street, between the downtown core and the Harbourfront. You can get to Scotiabank Arena by driving, taking the train, or by walking if you live close in the area.

Going to a Toronto Maple Leaf game at Scotiabank Arena is a 5/5 star experience. If you haven't gone to a game before and you're a big fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs, I would



highly recommend going to a game. The venue is large and designed for a great view of the ice. You can buy snacks, like pizza, ice cream, hot dogs, burgers, French fries, chicken fingers, popcorn, pop, and chocolate. But the prices for food or drinks at the arena are not cheap, so you may consider eating before going to the game. There are 19,800 regular seats for people to watch the game from. No matter what seat you chose, you will

always be able to see the ice. The plastic seats are fairly comfortable and don't bother you.

Before the game started, the national anthem was sung. Then the Toronto Maple Leafs came on the ice and warmed up for the game against the Vancouver Canucks. The Leafs played well. When the first period started, John Tavares scored the first goal at 8:54. Not long after, Trevor Moore scored his first goal in the NHL. No one scored in the second period. In the third period Auston Matthews furthered Toronto's lead, by scoring his twentieth goal of the season. Andreas Johnsson and Igor Ozhiganov also scored in the third period. A 5-0 win for the Leafs!

The atmosphere of the game was amazing. The crowd was excited and dancing every time the camera came

to them. The music they played in between every play was pop music and you could feel it vibrate the seats! The temperature inside the arena is warm so you don't have to bundle up in your winter gear. The jumbotron shows replays of the game, the score, and also gives the crowd a chance to get on camera, dance, or wave to your family members who are watching the game at home.

Going to a Toronto Maple Leaf game at the Scotiabank Arena was a lot of fun because it is a great venue, the Maple Leafs are a great team to watch, and the atmosphere is electric. If you need something entertaining to do or you love watching sports, I would suggest going to see a game. If you need somebody to go to a hockey game with, you can choose me! Or bring a friend because it is an event to remember!

# Mori Building Digital Art Museum

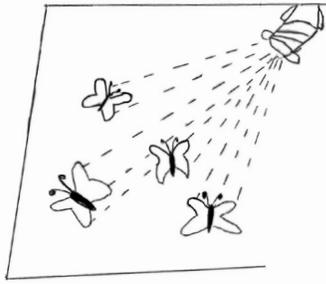
REVIEWED BY INIGO GREENALL

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OVER THE MARCH break, my family and I travelled to Japan. There we took in a lot of great sites, but one of my favourites was probably the Mori Building Digital Art Museum in Tokyo. I would recommend this museum to anyone who finds themselves in the area.

The reason I loved this museum so much was because the artwork was alive! All the exhibits and pieces were done with lights and digital coding, which meant that the artwork could move around.

One of the exhibits that really stood out to me was the Butterfly Room. When you enter you quick-



ly become overwhelmed by all the flowers projected onto the walls. It is completely dark, except for the light produced by the digital flowers. In addition, some of the electronic art is interactive and reacts to visitors as they pass through. In the Butterfly Room, if you stand still long enough, digital pupae will start to form on your body, and eventually they will grow into butterflies that will fly around the room!

Another room that I really enjoyed

was the Borderless World, which included a stunning digital waterfall, interactive animals such as tigers and elephants, and a room with LEDs that made it look like it was raining light!

Another great feature of the Mori museum is the location. After you go to see the Digital Museum, there are so many other museums and attractions nearby. For example, two minutes away there is an absolutely massive Ferris wheel, and on our walk there we passed another two museums. There are also many parks close by to visit as well.

The museum is a popular attraction. Before we could enter, we had to wait for ten minutes in a line outside just to wait in line for another twenty minutes inside. Our Tokyo Tour Guide said that in the daytime the total wait could be over an hour

long, so we went late in the day.

It was such an awe-inspiring experience that it is hard to think of many cons. However, one is the price of a ticket, which is quite expensive starting at \$30 per adult. Also, there aren't any easily accessible food places near by. In addition, people who are disabled would have a tough time navigating the space as a couple of the areas have greatly sloped walkways as part of their design. This may prove difficult for some individuals with limited mobility.

That said, the Mori Building Digital Art Museum is an incredible attraction. I would highly recommend this museum due to its design, creativity, originality, and utter amazement. If you visit this museum, you will feel like you had a full experience. If you ever go to Tokyo, this place is definitely worth seeing!

# Sky Zone Trampoline Park

REVIEWED BY PABLO ALANIS

★ ★ ★ ★ ½

HAVE YOU EVER wanted to fly? If so, Sky Zone is *the* place to go! Sky Zone is a trampoline park located in Mississauga. This trampoline park keeps you active, healthy, and happy. I recommend Sky Zone to people of all ages who enjoy physical activity and trampolines.

The prices at Sky Zone are not too expensive, ranging between \$10 and \$15 dollars per person. You also have to have Sky Zone socks, about \$2, but you can keep them for future visits.

There are many kinds of activities once inside the park: freestyle jump, Foam Zone, basketball, dodgeball, and more. My favourite is the dodgeball zone. I love it without trampolines, so when trampolines are added, it's even more epic. Sky Zone also has active camps for promoting exercising. You don't need to



be a certain height or age to jump. The instructors at Sky Zone are really nice and warmly welcome you once you come in.

Sky Zone is usually really busy on school breaks and weekends, but less busy on weekdays after school. Also, there are comfortable waiting areas, such as work booths and a cafe. On Fridays after dark, Sky Zone has a glow-in-the-dark program from 7 to 9 pm with live music and other fun events.

Sky Zone is a really active place and if you haven't gone there yet, you should definitely visit. It's a great place for all ages, and it's a really fun way to exercise. In a time when technology is occupying more and more of our lives, a place that promotes physical activity and friendship is really important.

# IKEA

REVIEWED BY PHOEBE ROGERS

★ ★ ★ ★

DURING THE FIRST week of March break my mom, brother and I went to IKEA in Etobicoke to buy some furniture. Going to IKEA is an experience that begins at the front doors. When you first walk in, there is a worker who hands out shopping bags and catalogues to each customer. Once inside, you can either go downstairs to pick up items or head upstairs to the showroom, which is where we went first.

The showrooms include both fully decorated rooms such as bedrooms, kitchens and living rooms, as well as furniture showcases which allow you to see their full selection on items such as beds, dressers, and sofas. I found this layout to be helpful, but it can get confusing. To help shoppers navigate, there are arrows pointing you in the right direction, but it's still easy to get lost. They even have shortcuts to help you get to a specific section, but it isn't always clear.

I found the service at IKEA to be mediocre. Inside each showroom there only seemed to be one work-

er per section. Even though it was a weekday afternoon, lots of people had questions, which made it difficult for everyone to get assistance.

Once you are done walking through the showrooms, you can go back downstairs to the marketplace and the self-serve sections. This is where you go to pick up items that are displayed in the showroom.

In the marketplace I was surprised to see some items offered which were not on display in the showrooms—a bit of a disappointment.

The café at IKEA is the best part. There is a wide variety of options that are quite tasty, such as meatballs, macaroni and cheese and a variety of other offerings. We ordered the Swedish meatballs and the butter chicken to share. Both of the dishes were delicious!

After my experience, I believe that IKEA is a great store that could be even better with a few improvements. The store could provide a better shopping experience by adding more staff and by making sure that what they put in their marketplace is also on display in their showrooms.

If you need some furniture, or just some great food, go to IKEA!

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bit too expensive given that the museum is not big and the tour does not take that long.

But, the staff made up for the price of admission. They draw you in by acting as if it was really 1773. It all seemed very believable, which gave us a more interactive experience. The tour begins when you walk into the first room where you are seated with other guests. It is in this room that the first actor performs as one of the leaders of the Tea Party and leads the audience through the events that took place that day. Each guest is given the role of a person who was at the event in 1773, but you don't have to act

anything out.

From there you can explore the replica ship in the harbour. On the ship there are a few interactive experiences such as throwing tea into the river.

You can then go into the museum, which is full of visual and audio exhibits that are very interesting. Many include moving pictures or holographic figures. There are also pictures of the leaders of the Tea Party, and the only surviving tea chest from the event. You can also watch videos that teach you about the aftermath of the Boston Tea Party.

When you leave the museum there is a café that serves treats

such as cookies, breads, and chocolates. They also serve the same flavoured tea that was on board the three ships, which was thrown into the river. Lastly they also had a big gift shop that sold a wide variety of books, toys, souvenirs, and of course, tea.

If you are ever visiting Boston, be sure to visit the Boston Tea Party Museum. It offers a very unique experience that teaches you all about an important historical event in an interesting and interactive way.

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This attraction is very popular, so I suggest buying a ticket in advance.

The actors were very experienced. Usually, there was one in each room and another leading guests in and out of rooms. Their costumes fit the setting really well and the actors spoke as if they lived in that era. There were minimal props used, but the ones that they did have were beneficial to the scene displayed.

The London Dungeons are very fun and a great experience. I highly recommend it for its inviting, funny, and engaging design. It's a terrific attraction to visit and it will undoubtedly help you learn about London's history.

If you are ever in London, consider visiting the London Dungeons for a memorable time.

# Restaurants

## Luma

REVIEWED BY SARAH ALAM

★★★★½



FOR SOMETHING NEW, I visited Luma, an amazing seafood restaurant located in the TIFF Bell Lightbox Cultural Centre in downtown Toronto. The service and the food were wonderful.

Luma's dining area is very spacious with plenty of room between tables. There are also large vases in the center of the restaurant that add to the aesthetic appeal of the decor. The floor to ceiling windows provided lots of natural light and the atmosphere was happy; everyone I was with seemed impressed with his or her dining experience.

Even though Luma is a fine-dining restaurant, many patrons were dressed in clothing that was more

casual. When you first arrive, there is a coat-check service that allows you to sit comfortably at your table without a bulky coat.

Luma is located in a great area. There are condos and buildings surrounding it, so people can eat at Luma with colleagues or friends for lunch or dinner. It is also close to various theatres so people, like us, who like to eat before a show might have dinner there.

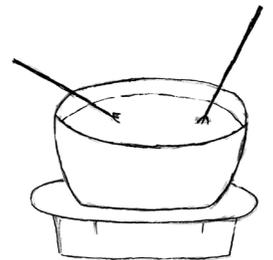
Luma recently transformed their menu to become a seafood restaurant and we were pleasantly surprised by how filling the meals were. For appetizers, I ordered eda-

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## Wallister Stube

REVIEWED BY CLARE JOHNSTON

★★★★★



I HAD THE opportunity to visit a variety of delicious restaurants while on vacation in Alberta, but my favourite would have to be Wallister Stube.

Wallister Stube is located at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise in Alberta situated between the mountains. While it has a variety of European alpine cuisine, it is most famous for its delicious fondue.

When my family and I arrived at the restaurant we were immediately greeted by a friendly server who took us to our table. The atmosphere was pleasant and welcoming. There were large soft chairs and peaceful music playing.

After settling in we took a

look at the menu. It included items such as beef tenderloin and Vienna pork schnitzel. But, my family and I ordered the traditional cheese fondue to share. We were given colouring sheets and crayons to entertain ourselves while we waited for our food.

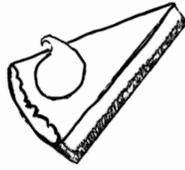
And, we didn't have to wait long. The fondue arrived quickly and was very hot. It was displayed in an appealing way, which made it look so delicious. It came with a French baguette, meat, mashed potatoes, and a plate of pickled vegetables. The food was delicious and we devoured it quickly.

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# Mrs. Mac's Kitchen

REVIEWED BY ANNIE BALASUBRAMANIAN

★★★★★



IN KEY LARGO, Florida, near the water, there is a wonderful, kitschy diner called Mrs. Mac's Kitchen. Here, you can find a wide variety of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options, as well as delicious desserts.

Mrs. Mac's has a small parking lot in the front and bike racks on the side. The building is only one floor and the outer walls are a beautiful ocean blue colour. When you approach the diner, you will be greeted by a friendly waiter who will escort you to your seat. You can choose to sit either inside or outside.

If you choose to sit outside, there are four tables with plastic chairs.

If you decide to sit inside, then you will be treated to a classic diner experience. I would recommend sitting inside since the outdoor dining area is right near the parking lot. And there, you have the option to sit either in a booth, a table, or at the bar counter-top.

Once seated, a waiter will bring you menus and will take your drink order right away. The diner offers a wide variety of drinks, such as their Key Lime Freeze, which is a delectable drink made from a slice of key lime pie blended with milkshake ingredients.

I went to Mrs. Mac's Kitchen

twice, once to get breakfast, and the second time to get dinner. From their breakfast menu I ordered blueberry waffles, which was one of their specials. On the plate, there were three waffles that each had a copious amount of blueberries inside, and a dollop of whipped cream covered in chocolate sauce on the top. As well, there were many strawberries and raspberries around the waffles. It was delicious!

If you don't feel like such a sweet breakfast item, you can also order one of their many different egg dishes, including eggs benedict or the "classic" breakfast of eggs, bacon or sausage, potatoes, and toast. They also have Mrs. Mac's famous "Mornwich," which is a breakfast sandwich.

For lunch, there is a wide variety of fish plates, soups, and sandwiches. For dinner, you can get their famous chili, fajitas, or one of their many different types of burgers. For

my dinner at Mrs. Mac's, I ordered the chicken fajitas. The three fajitas also came with a fully loaded potato with cheese, bacon, and sour cream. I found that there was way too much filling in proportion to the tortillas. The food was great, but the portions were quite large, so be sure to order sparingly.

When it comes time for dessert, you won't be disappointed. For dessert, you can get Mrs. Mac's famous key lime pie, or choose from their different types of cakes and ice creams. For dessert, my family and I shared two slices of the "World's Best Key Lime Pie". It was amazing! The crust was perfect and not too crumbly, and the flavor was not too sweet.

All in all, I had a wonderful experience at Mrs. Mac's Kitchen, and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to have a good meal while in Key Largo!

# Jack Rabbit

REVIEWED BY BENJAMIN KAMNITZER

★★★★½

DURING THE CHRISTMAS break my family and I went to Val-David in Quebec. There we cross-country skied and played some hockey. In January, we went out for dinner and ate at the Jack Rabbit Restaurant. This establishment is located at 2481 Rue de l'Eglise in Val-David, Québec. If you want a place to eat tasty pizza while being able to chat or play cards in a quiet environment, the Jack Rabbit is the place for you.

At this restaurant, I enjoyed my caprino pizza, which had a crunchy crust, spinach, not too much cheese, and roasted red peppers that were all on top of a delicious tomato sauce. My mom ordered fish, which she did not enjoy as she found that it had a weird taste to it. For this reason I would recommend ordering pizza. The servings were not too big or too small and all the food was well presented and came within a reasonable time.

The menu ranged from dishes starting at \$16 to \$22 for dinner entrees. In general, the menu included a wide range of soups, salads, fish or meat options, and pizza. Since all the soup and salads have meat in them, I would not recommend this restaurant to anyone who is vegetarian.

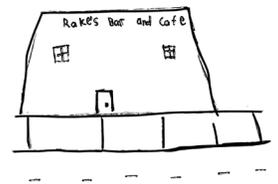
As we were dining relatively late at 7:30 pm, there were not many other diners. The staff was listening to a little bit of music, but it was not too loud so you could still easily talk to those around you. Children can draw on the tablecloth as it is made of paper that the staff throws out after you are done eating. However, to draw you must bring your own pencils! Overall, the whole place was very nicely decorated. They even had a place at the front desk to hang your coats!

I really enjoyed my experience at the Jack Rabbit restaurant. It offers a wide variety of meal options, has a very nice atmosphere and friendly staff. I would recommend it to all pizza lovers who happen to be in Val-David, Quebec.

# Rakes Cafe Bar

REVIEWED BY MARCUS HUI

★★



MY FAMILY AND I went to London, England, over the winter break. During our vacation, we ate lunch at a restaurant called Rake's Bar and Cafe on Christmas Day. The restaurant is located at 40 Liverpool Street, London.

Almost all the restaurants were closed on Christmas Day, but this one was open, and it served "everyday foods," offering a breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu. But overall, this restaurant wasn't outstanding, and I don't recommend it.

Rakes Cafe Bar had a decent room size; it could fit an estimated 180 people. The seating was quite comfortable, but they could clean it more frequently. The music was quiet and not too loud, but personally, it wasn't a style that I enjoyed. The lighting inside the restaurant was quite dim, making it hard to see the menu. But the restaurant itself was peaceful and even elegant, and it was quiet because it was Christmas Day.

My family and I ordered two hot chocolates, fries, brussels sprouts, eggs benedict, and waffles. The food tasted okay, but when the eggs came, I found them far too runny for my liking. While tasty, the food was very expensive, costing us about £69! It was actually no wonder because two hot chocolates cost £8.

The service was friendly, but they could be more attentive, because it took my family a while to get the attention of the waiter. We were calling for the bill and they didn't notice, even though there were not very many people in the restaurant.

Overall, the restaurant wasn't as good as I hoped it would be. The food was very expensive if you just want lunch. So, if you find yourself in London on Christmas Day, you may want to find another place to eat.

# Tora

REVIEWED BY KYLE HUI  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★



TORA IS AN awesome restaurant, located at Yorkdale Mall, that serves Japanese styled food. A friend of my mom's recommended this restaurant for us, and I'm glad we listened. It is an excellent restaurant that serves extremely tasty food with fast service in a lovely atmosphere. I recommend that you go visit Tora.

The food was very good, but it is also fairly expensive. Two rolls (which is one order) can cost as much

as five dollars! A full meal for four would cost over \$100. But beyond that, the food was terrific. I recommend the California rolls for children. You should also consider that the majority of the food is raw, so I would suggest bringing children ten years of age and older. However, they do have kid friendly dishes. Interestingly you can only order four dishes at a time, which was inconvenient. But don't forget to save room for dessert.

The atmosphere was very nice and casual. It is not too bright yet not too dark. The noise level was not overwhelmingly high, which made it easy to talk to each other while waiting for dinner. The restaurant has two floors. People on the second floor have a lovely nice view over-looking the mall. Before your meal, I recommend taking a walk around Yorkdale Shopping Centre and exploring the shops. But beware, you cannot make reservations at Tora, and the restaurant can get pretty busy.

Tora is a fun restaurant because when you order, you press a food item on a tablet and it comes on a conveyor belt. This is entertaining because you get to watch for your food. However, it can also make it challenging

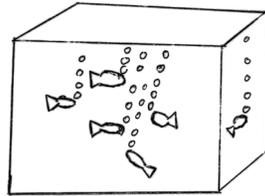
to figure out what you've ordered. You don't get individual plates unless you ask, which seems weird, and it also means sharing a dish is difficult.

The service was pretty fast, which I think is partly because the food is raw. The only time when waiting for service is long is when you order a hot dish. But they are friendly people. The staff who welcomed us were very nice, and so were the waiters and waitresses who took our dishes.

Overall, I think Tora is a unique and nice restaurant. I recommend it to people who like raw food and Japanese-styled foods. It has great food, fast service, and a welcoming atmosphere. You should visit it some time. Have fun ordering!

# Cafe 668

REVIEWED BY AMIEL AVIV  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★



On a family outing, we visited Cafe 668, a Vietnamese restaurant located at 885 Dundas Street in Toronto. Overall, I liked this restaurant because of the flavourful food and nice furniture.

When we first arrived we walked through a glass door that was surrounded by a window that covered the entire front of the restaurant. The chairs and tables were a shiny white

colour similar to marble and there was a radio playing current music in the background. The volume was low so it didn't bother me. There was also an exotic fish tank near the cash register that had a variety of fish and that was fun to watch while waiting for our food.

Cafe 668 serves a variety of Asian soups, vegetable dishes, and imitation meat dishes, as it is a vegetarian

restaurant. But be warned, a lot of the food is spicy! Luckily, there are many sweet and sour options available for those that can't handle too much heat.

We first ordered the wonton soup and spring rolls. The wonton soup contained vegetarian wontons, carrots, celery, and other assorted vegetables. This soup was very flavourful, and I enjoyed the variety of vegetables. The spring rolls were also excellent. When they first arrived they were very hot but they cooled down quickly. They also came with a delicious house sauce for dipping.

Next, we ordered three different main dishes: the sweet and sour veggie chicken, black bean veggie beef, and the crispy fried tofu. I was

pleasantly surprised to find the meat alternative in each dish tasted almost exactly like the meat it was imitating.

The price overall was very reasonable considering that it came with large servings that were for the table to share and it provided enough food to satisfy everyone. Everything looked appetizing and tasted delicious!

Overall, I think Cafe 668 is a great place to go for amazing food at a reasonable price. I would recommend this restaurant to anyone who enjoys Vietnamese food.

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mame and truffle fries. They were amazing and I could not stop eating them, however they were extremely salty and I could have used an aioli sauce. My main course was shrimp tagliatelle. It had big pieces of shrimp in it and different chillies. I also enjoyed the parsley breadcrumbs, which added excellent flavour. The shrimp was delicious, but the pasta was quite oily.

The service altogether was excellent. Our waiter was nice and

friendly. She made sure that we could finish our meal quickly as we were going to see a show afterwards.

Overall, Luma is a wonderful restaurant and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. The atmosphere, location, food, and service were all excellent. I would highly recommend this restaurant to people going to see a show at one of the nearby theatres.

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Our server was very nice and pleasant to be around. She told us all about the history of our hotel and also gave us a description of what we were eating.

Along with the food we also ordered some extravagant drinks. My parents let me get a ginger "mocktail," which I really enjoyed and exceeded my expectations.

Another thing I liked about this restaurant was the peaceful, laid-back atmosphere. It wasn't loud or noisy at all. The lights were quite dim and the walls were covered in a lovely dark wood that made it feel almost

medieval.

We ordered chocolate fondue for dessert and, surprisingly it took longer to arrive than the cheese fondue! However, it was still quite quick. It came with a plate of fruit and marshmallows to dip. The chocolate fondue was even better than the cheese one. Delicious!

Wallister Stube is an upscale establishment. It's a great place to go for a special occasion, like a birthday. From the food, to the atmosphere, to the service, I really enjoyed my meal there, and hope to visit it again one day soon.

# Dam Pub

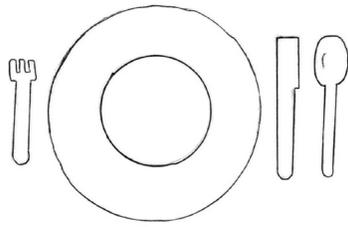
REVIEWED BY MARLEY SUPER

★ ★ ★ ★

MY FAMILY AND I went out for dinner to a restaurant near our cottage in Thornbury, Ontario called the Dam Pub. The Dam Pub is a great restaurant that I would definitely recommend to others dining in this area.

It's a small Scottish restaurant and pub, built within a large two-story house located at 53 Bruce Street South.

When we went, we were a group of ten, and since it was hard to seat us



at one table, we were settled upstairs.

Our dining area was decorated to provide an elegant yet old-fashioned space. Around the table were a bunch of wine cabinets, and there was even a fireplace. The entire restaurant was decorated for Saint Patrick's Day, with hanging paper clovers and lots of green. I would describe the space as comfortable yet cramped because

you had to squeeze your way out when leaving the table. I can understand though because the restaurant is not designed to normally accommodate such a large group, as they typically have five individual tables that aren't pushed together.

Unfortunately the service wasn't quick. We waited for around 30 minutes for our food. Also, for some reason they brought the adults meals about 15 minutes before the kids. Luckily when the food did come it was very good, and I'd say, worth the wait.

This restaurant is a Scottish Pub, so they weren't serving traditional pizzas and hotdogs on the children's menu. One of their famous dishes is

the lamb shank. Some other items on their menu included steak and kidney pie, French onion soup, and fish and chips.

I ordered the fish and chips, and it was delicious! It also came with fries on the side as the "chips." It was a relatively large portion, but I finished it all because it was just so good.

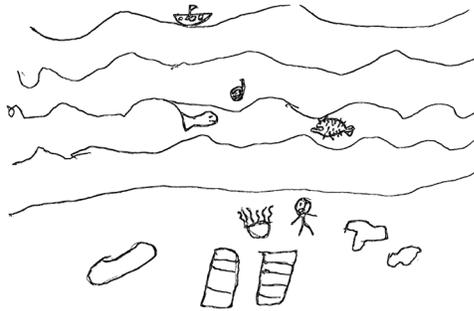
Overall, I had a wonderful dining experience. Although there was a wait, the food was definitely worth waiting for. Even if not everyone liked his or her meal, it is always fun to try something new. I would go there again in the future, just maybe not with that many people.

# Travel

## Casa Elimar Airbnb

REVIEWED BY RENNICK KOSKELA

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OVER THE MARCH break, my family and I rented a house for eight days in Santa Fe, Cuba on Airbnb. Santa Fe is a small fishing village approximately thirty minutes west of Havana, which is the largest city in Cuba. The house, called Casa Elimar, is owned by Elizabeth and her son, Michael, and is located above the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. They are Cuban and speak mostly Spanish. Casa Elimar is the perfect location for someone to enjoy the ocean and beauty of Cuba without staying at a resort.

Casa Elimar is a small house with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. It is very clean and comfortable. The bedrooms have two big beds so four people can sleep there. Each bedroom

has its own bathroom. I shared a bedroom with my brother and my parents had the other bedroom. There was an air conditioner in each room so it was comfortable. The living room has a couch, two chairs, and a dining room table that connected to the kitchen. It is a big open space with a high ceiling. The back wall is all glass with two big glass doors that open onto the patio. There is a television set in each bedroom, however, they only get three channels and all are in Spanish. There was no WIFI at the house. If you like video games and watching TV then Casa Elimar is not for you. I liked staying at this house more than a resort because it makes you feel like you're from Cuba.

From the street, there is a gate that opens to a small front garden. A walkway leads you to the side of the house and continues to the back of the house. If you enter at the side of the house, it is the door to the living room and kitchen area. The patio overlooks the ocean. It is large and contains a

small infinity pool, mostly for relaxing in. If you are going to go to Cuba because you want to swim a lot in a pool, then this house is not for you as the pool is small. We played in the pool a lot and relaxed in it. More important than the pool is the view of the sunset. There is also a small beach a five-minute walk from the house. A resort would have a better pool, but you would have to share it. I like this house better because you get to spend time with your family and it is quiet.

I was really excited to go snorkelling and see tropical animals in Cuba. Casa Elimar has a ladder from its patio straight down to the seashore. You can go from there into the ocean. In that part of the ocean

is a large coral reef. We spent hours snorkelling and we saw a lot of fish. We saw angelfish, tangs, a puffer fish and many other colourful fish. The snorkelling is very good and easily accessible from Casa Elimar. This is a great spot for people who like seashore and ocean life. Your own private snorkelling area would be hard to find at a resort.

Most importantly, when you stay at Casa Elimar in Santa Fe you are not staying with tourists. You are staying with Cubans in their own neighbourhood. Our Airbnb hosts gave us a tour of the area where we met Cubans and experienced the everyday life. We also ate Cuban food. We learned Spanish and we learned about the typical Cuban life. You would not get this experience at a resort. I learned most Cubans have a hard life and they do not have many things. Food is hard to get there. How can you stay at a resort and have all the food you want and luxury when most Cubans can't?

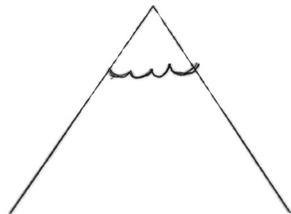
# Mont Tremblant

REVIEWED BY LUCAS AHN

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MY FAMILY AND I visited Tremblant Ski Resort from a Sunday to Thursday, which gave us plenty of time to ski, relax, and explore. This was my second time at Tremblant and it was so much fun going back because of its enjoyable ski routes and its beautiful pedestrian village, which is full of many high-quality restaurants and interesting shops. I would highly recommend this ski resort to families who enjoy skiing at any level of difficulty and/or families who like swimming, exploring, or shopping.

Mont Tremblant offers a variety of ski slopes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skiers. My family and I



went on many different green ranked ski runs like L'Algonquin and P'tit Bonheur. They were both a blast to ski down, and they offered my family and I a chance to improve our skills while still feeling comfortable skiing on courses that weren't overly challenging. For more experienced skiers, there are also many ski runs labelled as either black diamond or double black diamond, which are steep, and can be intimidating for beginners. For someone like me, those types of runs aren't fun.

On our third day, my family and I went down Sissy Schiuss, a terrain park with many jumps and ramps. This park offered my family and I a new way of skiing and it was this ski hill that I had the most fun on. At Sissy Schiuss, you can learn how to jump off of ramps and hills. The terrain park allows skiers to have fun and offers challenges for all levels.

When you're not skiing, there are lots of things to see and do in the resort's village. Mont Tremblant's village is perfect for families who like to shop and eat various cuisines. My family and I would go to the village after a long day of skiing to eat lunch and dinner. There were three types of restaurants that I enjoyed in the village. These included pubs, steakhouses, and Italian restaurants. We also went shopping at a clothing store called Roots to buy extra ski gear. The village provides families some-

thing to do other than skiing, and is a great part of the resort.

While at Tremblant, my family stayed at the Fairmont Tremblant Hotel, which had an outdoor hot tub that we used daily to relax after a long day of skiing. This was one of my favourite things to do at the hotel. The hotel rooms were very big and gave my family and I a place to relax, watch television, play board games, and have homemade breakfast.

After my wonderful experience at Mont Tremblant, I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for a ski resort that also offers other activities for people who are looking for something to do besides hitting the slopes. If you ever get a chance to go to Mont Tremblant, make sure you check out the many other fun activities you can do on and off the ski runs.

# Hotel Firefly

REVIEWED BY ANA O'NEILL

★★★★★



OVER THE WINTER break I went to Zermatt, Switzerland with my family and friends and stayed at the Hotel Firefly. Almost everything about this hotel was perfect, from the decor to the cleanliness. I would certainly recommend staying at this incredible establishment with family or friends.

Before arriving we were told that the room would be ready at 3:00 pm, however we got to the hotel four hours early. To pass the time, we went out for lunch and walked around. The neighbouring area was full of clothing, souvenir shops, and bakeries. There were many nice restaurants that would appeal to both children and adults. However, the

main attraction of Zermatt was skiing, and so there were, of course, gorgeous mountains surrounding us.

When we went back at 1:30 pm, we were told we still had to wait for our rooms to be ready, so some people stayed in the small lobby while others went to the bar and games room where there were larger couches. By 3:00 pm, we were all tired and frustrated with the waiting, but when we got to our rooms we decided it was worth the wait.

We had the top floor suite, which had a large living room and kitchen, and five spacious bedrooms. Four of the bedrooms had ensuite bathrooms and each bedroom was decorated in a different style. My personal favourite was the room with two floors. There were huge skylights and windows everywhere, which let in natural light. The chairs and beds were all so comfortable that we found ourselves falling asleep during the day. Everything seemed like it was picked to make the guests happy. The rest of the building had wooden walls and

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# Tally Ho Inn

REVIEWED BY ADAM FINLAY

★★★★½



LOOKING FOR A cozy place to stay? Try the Tally Ho Inn.

For the winter vacation, my family and I went to the Tally Ho Inn in Huntsville, Ontario for some fun, relaxation, and to ski and ice-skate. We found the Tally Ho Inn to be a great place for a family vacation.

The Tally Ho Inn offers 29 comfortable cottages that contain one to four bedrooms. The price for the two-bedroom cabin we stayed in was \$131 per night. This was a very reasonable price as it provided a comfortable space for my four-person family. There was also a fireplace and a kitchen that had a fridge and a freezer to keep your snacks.

One reason why we went to the Tally Ho Inn was because it is pet friendly, and we could bring our dog, Holly. The trip was much more enjoyable because we could bring her with us. She played in the snow and with the other dogs that were also there.

The Tally Ho Inn is near Peninsu-

la Lake, which all of the guests have access to. You can shovel snow and create a skating rink, go ice fishing, or ride your snowmobile around.

The Tally Ho Inn is very close to many nearby attractions including Arrowhead Provincial Park. At Arrowhead, you can go skating, skiing, snowshoeing, tubing, or skijoring. Skijoring is where your dog pulls you while you are on skis.

The Tally Ho Inn also had a nice main lodge that had a pool table and a big selection of board games that you could take back to your cabin. In the morning, it also offered a cold breakfast, though we never tried it.

The Tally Ho Inn has many features that make it a great vacation spot. I would especially recommend it for families. It is cozy, you have access to a lake, and it is close to a range of winter activities. If you need a comfortable place to stay, away from electronics and noisy city life, try the Tally Ho Inn!

# Grand Riviera Princess

REVIEWED BY BRAD LIU

★ ★ ★ ★ ½

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a resort to stay at while in Cancun Mexico with a reasonable price and great service, look no further than the Grand Riviera Princess.

I would rate the resort four and a half stars out of five. It has the best service imaginable and amazing accommodations. For my first point I will be talking about prices and accommodations, next I'll be talking about food as it's one of the things that makes any vacation great, and lastly, I'll be talking about all the activities the resort offers.

I would recommend this to every-



one, as it was one of my favourite resorts that I've been to.

At the Grand Riviera Princess there are over nine hundred rooms, twelve pools, and a private beach. At the Grand Riviera Princess all of the suites have a television, free mini fridge access, which gets refilled each

day, and the rooms also include a balcony. At a starting price of \$286 per night, a family of two adults and two children can stay at the Laguna Villa. These suites include one king-size bed or two doubles, as well as a fold-out couch. Alternatively, the most expensive suites are \$654 per night for the Junior Deluxe with a swim up, which means your balcony is directly connected to the pool. The prices are all inclusive, which means your food is included in the price.

The food at the Grand Riviera Princess could get a rating of five stars all by itself! There are a variety of restaurants options available. For example, there is an amazing Mexican restaurant and a delicious Italian one. Some restaurants need a reservation, but the buffets do not. My favourite restaurant has to be either the Italian or seafood one.

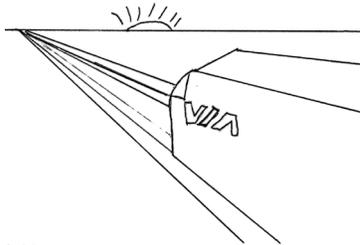
At the hotel there are plenty of fun activities for all ages. I personally enjoyed fishing and parasailing. There is also a kid's club for younger children. The Grand Riviera has partnerships with multiple tour companies that can guide you on excursions off the resort. One tour my family and I took was to an old Mayan civilization thought to be one of their many capitals. Although I got lost for a bit, I would recommend it to people who enjoy walking a lot. I would mostly recommend it for older children and adults as younger children may not appreciate the history.

This is the best resort I've been to. I would recommend the Grand Riviera Princess. Mexico is such a beautiful place. Go experience it for yourself!

## Via Rail

REVIEWED BY DEVON ROGERS

★ ★ ★ ★ ½



DURING MY MARCH break, my sister, my dad, and I travelled to Montreal on a Via Rail train. We went from Union Station in Toronto to Dorval Station near Montreal, which took about five hours. We left on March 17 and came back on March 21.

The trains provide travellers with a great environment. They have reclining seats that are very comfortable. The tables collapse and you can take them out when you want to take your laptop out, play a game, or eat the food that comes around on a trolley throughout the trip.

The food is pretty good for train food. My sister, my dad, and I got four seats facing each other. They

were easy to get since they save them for groups of three or four. They also have garbage bags, fairly clean washrooms, and outlets for charging your devices.

Throughout the ride, the train is relatively quiet and you get a great view out your window. The staff on Via Rail trains are friendly, accommodating, and most are bilingual.

Taking a Via Rail train is also good for the environment and can be a lot faster than driving. It is like a car carrying hundreds of people, instead of hundreds of cars polluting the environment. You can also avoid potential traffic. Once the train starts moving, it is truly relaxing. You can read, play games, and watch movies; however, the wifi is not very reliable.

There are a few negatives. The cost can be expensive, but if you book the tickets early there can be great deals. The trains are usually on time, but there can be delays. Additionally, you cannot bring pets.

I think Via Rail is a great way to travel. It offers a relaxing atmosphere, doesn't hurt the environment, and is well worth your money.

## Royalton Riviera Cancun

REVIEWED BY DAVID FERNANDES

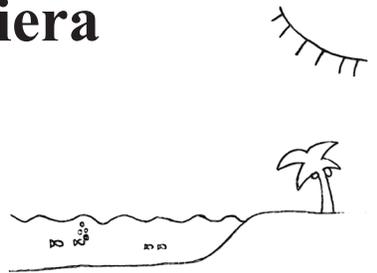
★ ★ ★ ★

WAS IT WORTHWHILE staying at the Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort and Spa in Mexico? My parents decided it was time to escape our long cold winter months during our school break. After some research, we were off to the Royalton Resort in Cancun.

The Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort is a modern place for relaxing, fun activities, great food selection, and beautiful beaches. It was also very convenient that Mexico is a short three and a half-hour flight from Toronto and it is a short bus ride from the airport to the resort.

As soon as we landed, it was nice to change out of our winter clothing in exchange for shorts and t-shirts. The bus ride from the airport took us to the main lobby where we were welcomed by a nice staff member. It was disappointing, however, when we had to wait to check in.

This property is four years old and has more than eight hundred rooms.



When we did check in, our room was very nice; it had a mini fridge, closet, a bathroom, bed, and a television.

The resort also has ten restaurants including Japanese, Italian, and Caribbean cuisine. But when we had an hour wait for a table, we decided to visit the buffet.

The resort had five pools, a splash park, and a beautiful white sand beach. We spent the mornings at the pool and the afternoons at the beach. At around 11 in the morning, the sun was strong and hot so we would often go have lunch in the shade. The beach was a nice spot to relax. However, there were a few days when the water had seaweed along the shore.

Overall, staying at the Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort and Spa was a good experience, except for the late check-in times. It was worth staying at the Royalton in Cancun, Mexico. It is great for young families.

# Norwegian Cruise Line

REVIEWED BY KATELYNN CHEN

★ 1½

FROM MARCH 16 to March 24, 2019, my family and our family friend went on a cruise line called Norwegian Cruises.

The ship took us from New York City to the Bahamas, with a stop along the way in Florida. We researched this cruise line on Google before we booked it. We choose to go on a cruise because we wanted to have a relaxing March break, and also, we had never been on a cruise before.

Unfortunately, I did not really en-

joy my time on Norwegian Cruise Line. It was very expensive, they did not have many activities geared towards children, and the food was not the best.

The cruise ranges from \$1,000-\$1,400 per person, depending on what room you book, but this doesn't include eating at every restaurant or playing in the video arcade. The money was only for sleeping in the rooms and some entertainment. On a positive note, I thought the staff aboard

the ship were awesome. They were very helpful and kind throughout the trip.

There are a lot of activities you can do while on the ship, but for most of them, you need to be 18 or older. For example, children aren't allowed to go to the fitness center or have a massage at the spa. There is a waterpark, pool, and a hot tub. But the waterpark

only has four rides. The pool has salt water, and the hot tubs are extremely busy throughout the day, which makes it hard to relax and enjoy yourself.

The food on board was not that good and it was quite pricey. For example, a plate of sushi costs almost \$30, and there were only ten pieces of sushi! At the cafe, they serve the same thing every day for every meal, which can be boring as I enjoy variety.

Overall, the trip was not that fun. It was very expensive with barely any activities and the food was not that great. I will not travel with the Norwegian Cruise Line again. I would recommend it to adults without children.



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floors, which gave the hotel a cozy feel. Also the hotel boasted facilities like a pool, sauna, spa, and an outdoor rock-climbing wall and hot tub.

Something I find very important about all hotels I stay at is the cleanliness. You don't want to be worried about how many people have slept in your bed or walked on the floor with their dirty shoes on. I was never worried about that at the Firefly. It felt like the cleaning staff put a lot of work into making everything as clean as a whistle.

Another important aspect of hotels is the service. At first we were skeptical, because even though they said the room would be ready at 3:00pm, it seemed unreasonable that it would take four hours for the room to be prepared. After that though, we found that the staff members were kind and helpful. They gave us great restaurant suggestions and got us reservations every night. They also helped us get ski tickets and gave us directions.

Part of the hotel's service was that you could order breakfast and it would be brought to your room. Each morning we enjoyed this luxury. We all thought the food was good, but sometimes certain items that we ordered didn't arrive. There was also a lunch and dinner option but we chose to eat at one of the incredible restaurants surrounding the hotel instead.

There was one other problem with the hotel. It was quite expensive. The junior suite for two people costs \$990 CAD per night. This can be an issue for many people. So, even though it was an amazing hotel, the price could be off-putting for some.

Overall, I believe if you are willing to spend the extra money, Hotel Firefly is a great choice. It is a wonderful place to stay and I would highly recommend it to anyone vacationing in Zermatt.

## SUMMER'S HERE...

But it's never too early to think about After-School Clubs for next year.

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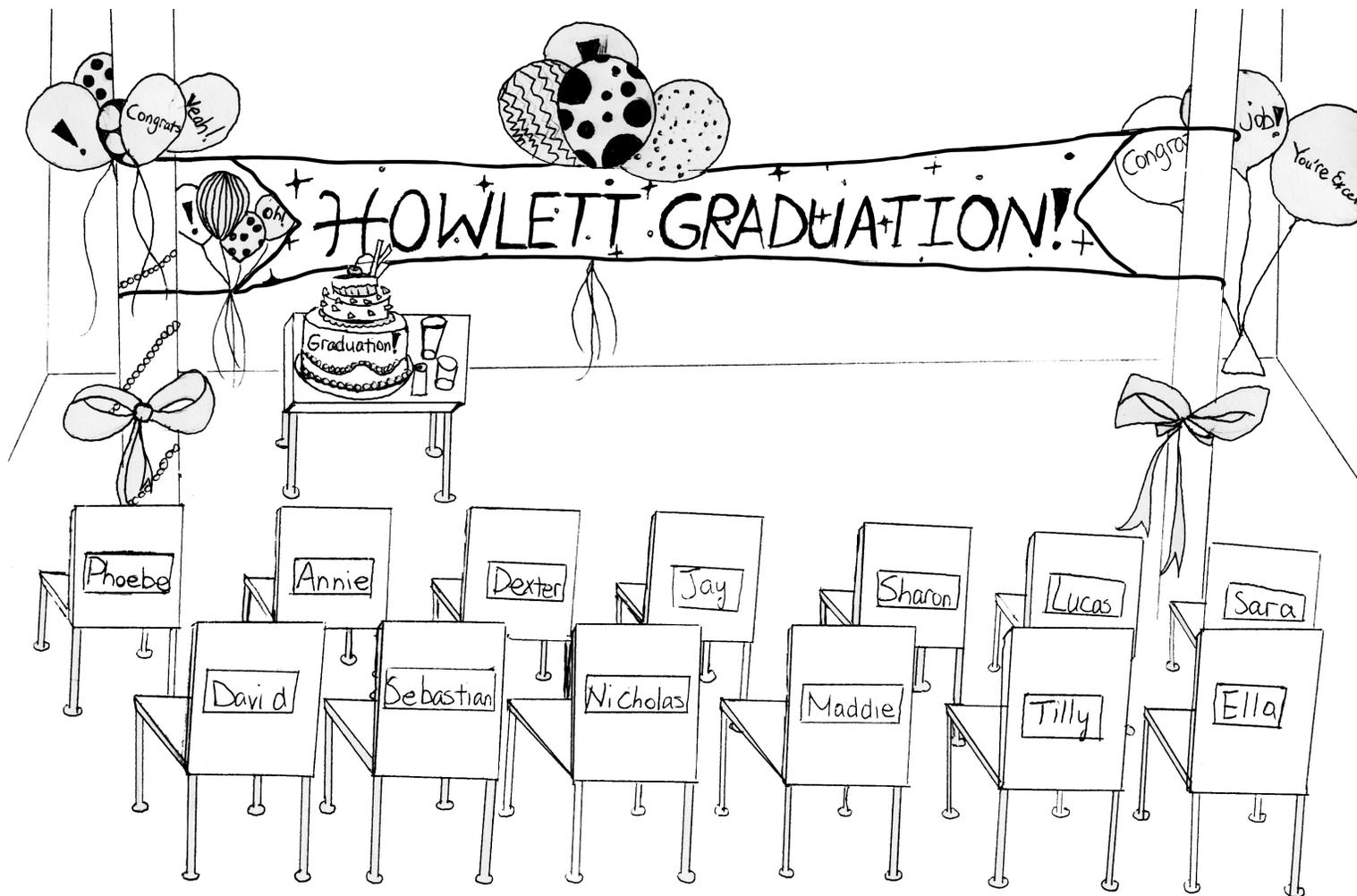
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# Reflections

BY OUR GRADUATES



## Annie Balasubramanian

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?**

Three-and-a-half years

**WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?**

St. Clement's School

**WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST MEMORY AT HOWLETT?**

One of the funniest memories I have is when we tried to dye our hair blue with Gatorade at a grade 5/6 soccer tournament.

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?**

My favourite class at Howlett was music class, because there was always such a wide variety of instruments and songs to play.

**IN WHAT WAY HAS HOWLETT CHANGED YOU?**

Howlett has helped me develop my time management skills so that I am able to get through work efficiently.

**HOW DO YOU THINK HOWLETT HAS PREPARED YOU FOR YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?**

Having to go through high-stress scenarios such as exams or the speech competition have prepared me for what I will experience in high school.

**WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?**

"Patience is a virtue"

—Piers Plowman

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?**

In fifteen years, I hope to be in medical school, studying to become a pediatric surgeon.

## Lucas Ahn

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Two years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

St. Michael's College School

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HOWLETT?

I would describe Howlett as a school where everyone is friendly and lends a hand when you get stuck.

### WHAT IS SOME ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGER HOWLETT STUDENTS?

I would tell them to always pay attention, to try their best, and to open their mind to trying new activities.

### IN WHAT WAY HAS HOWLETT CHANGED YOU?

Howlett has changed me by improving my skills as a student and by helping me make friends.

### DURING YOUR YEARS AT HOWLETT WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IF YOU HAD A CHANCE TO GO BACK?

If I could go back, I would have joined more sports teams.

### HOW DO YOU THINK HOWLETT HAS PREPARED YOU FOR YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?

Howlett has prepared me for my next school by teaching me how to organize my homework and study for tests.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

I see myself having a dog, a house, and visiting my parents and brothers often.

## David Fernandes

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Two-and-a-half years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

Toronto Prep School

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class at Howlett is math because it is fun working with numbers and it is something I have been able to improve on greatly during my time here.

### WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST MEMORY AT HOWLETT?

During my Science Fair experiment, one of my partners put a can of pop in the freezer. The next day, we discovered it had exploded and made a huge mess in the hallway!

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss all of the friends I have made here and the caring Howlett community.

### WHAT IS ONE SKILL YOU HAVE LEARNED WHILE AT HOWLETT THAT YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU TO YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?

I have learned to manage and organize a large workload by working hard and using my time well. This will be helpful next year in high school.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

I see myself as either an architect or mechanical engineer.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

"You learn more from failure than from success."

—Unknown

## Ella Goodnough

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Four years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

Study Academy

### WHAT IS ONE SKILL YOU HAVE LEARNED WHILE AT HOWLETT THAT YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU TO YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?

School work can be hard, but if you try your best you will be successful.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss my teachers and principal, but most of all, my friends.

### WHAT IS SOME ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGER HOWLETT STUDENTS?

Try new things, even if they are hard.

### WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST MEMORY AT HOWLETT?

The time we spent at Camp Muskoka with our counsellors, teachers, and classmates were some of the funniest memories I have from Howlett. I laughed so much during the campfire songs and stories.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

"Everything will be okay in the end, but if it's not okay, then it's not the end."

—Ed Sheeran

### WHAT ARE YOUR PARTING WORDS?

It's been a wonderful four years in which I have learned and laughed a lot. This is not a goodbye... it's "I'll see you again."

## Tilly Gossling

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Two years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

University of Toronto Schools (UTS)

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class at Howlett is math because I like problem solving.

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HOWLETT?

Howlett is a very good school that prepares you for your life in the future.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss the teachers, friends, and everyone who helped me in my time here.

### WHAT IS SOME ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGER HOWLETT STUDENTS?

Try your best and don't give up. Do what is best for you and follow your dreams.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

I see myself as a successful lawyer/ marine biologist.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

"Dreams don't work unless you do."

—John C. Maxwell

## Maddie Goutor

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Four years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

The gifted program at Bowmore Public School.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class is math because I find it very interesting and enjoy the challenge that comes with it.

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF HOWLETT?

I thought it was an exciting new start. I really liked how involved the teachers were with the students and how welcoming everyone was.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

What I will miss most about Howlett is my friends because they are so nice, encouraging, and fun to be with. I will also miss all of the kind teachers.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

In fifteen years, I will hopefully be either working on my PhD in astronomy, or working for Canadarm or NASA.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

“Reach for the stars”

—Christa McAuliffe

### WHAT ARE YOUR PARTING WORDS?

Thank you for teaching me how to push myself.

## Jay Graham

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Eight years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

Dunbarton High School

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HOWLETT?

I would describe Howlett as a small, helpful, and loving school.

### IN WHAT WAY HAS HOWLETT CHANGED YOU?

Howlett has allowed me to become more outgoing.

### WHAT IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED WHILE AT HOWLETT THAT YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF?

I am most proud of achieving the silver Jan Howlett award.

### WHAT IS ONE SKILL YOU HAVE LEARNED WHILE AT HOWLETT THAT YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU TO YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?

One skill I will take with me to high school is how to study for exams because that will come in handy.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

In fifteen years I see myself vacationing with my family.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PARTING WORDS?

Thank you everyone for all that you have done; I wish you all the best.

## Dexter Koskela

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

One year

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

Harbord Collegiate Institute

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HOWLETT?

I would describe Howlett as a fun, small school that has a lot of great people and provides an amazing education.

### WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGER HOWLETT STUDENTS?

Some advice I would give is to always work hard so you can reach your dreams.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

The things I will miss most about Howlett are the small classes and the tight-knit community.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

In fifteen years I see myself working as a marine biologist where I will be learning about animals.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen.”

—Michael Jordan

### WHAT ARE YOUR PARTING WORDS?

Thank you Howlett for so many wonderful memories and experiences. Even though I was only here for one year, I will never forget it.

## Nicholas Moreau

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Four years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

University of Toronto School (UTS)

### WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST MEMORY AT HOWLETT?

My funniest memory was a class play when we did a spoof of Monty Python and the Holy Grail... It was hilarious.

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF HOWLETT?

I was initially struck with how peaceful it was because everyone was working instead of shouting.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will really miss my friends

and all the great times we have had together. I will also miss the dedicated teachers who have taught me so much.

### HOW DO YOU THINK HOWLETT PREPARED YOU FOR YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?

I think Howlett has prepared me excellently. I've learned how to manage a large workload and it has progressed my math and language skills for my next school.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

I hope to become a zoologist because I love animals.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

“Believe you can and you're halfway there.”

—Theodore Roosevelt

## Sebastian Moreau

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Four years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

University of Toronto School (UTS)

### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class was science because I love doing interesting experiments.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss our recess soccer games, my good friends, and wonderful teachers.

### HOW IS YOUR IMPRESSION OF HOWLETT DIFFERENT NOW?

I am never bored at school. There

is always more to think about, more to read, and more challenging questions to answer.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

I am not sure what profession I want to enter, but I hope that I will still be playing the piano, organ, and perhaps I will have composed some pieces.

### IN WHAT WAY HAS HOWLETT CHANGED YOU?

Howlett has made me more organized and has given me a chance to challenge myself.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PARTING WORDS?

Thank you to my amazing friends and teachers. I will miss you, but I will come back to visit.

## Sara Perme

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Two years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

Lambton Kingsway Public School

### IN WHAT WAY HAS HOWLETT CHANGED YOU?

I have become more academically motivated and confident in my abilities.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class at Howlett would probably be math because it is always interesting and challenging.

### HOW DO YOU THINK HOWLETT PREPARED YOU FOR YOUR NEXT SCHOOL?

Howlett has prepared me for my next school by teaching me time management and academic skills.

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HOWLETT?

I would describe Howlett as a caring, friendly, and a safe environment to learn in.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss the caring teachers and all of my friends.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

I see myself as a famous architect and owning my own company.

## Phoebe Rogers

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Four-and-a-half years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

Branksome Hall

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF HOWLETT?

My first impression of Howlett was that it was a cool place that had nice teachers who actually wanted to help you learn.

### IN WHAT WAY HAS HOWLETT CHANGED YOU?

Howlett has made me a person who just gets down to work instead of procrastinating.

### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class at Howlett was math because I found it very

satisfying to start with a long equation and be able to simplify it to only a few terms.

### WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU HAVE LEARNED AT HOWLETT?

The most important lesson I have learned at Howlett is to never give up, which will help me to stay positive later in life.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss not having to wear shoes.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PARTING WORDS?

Howlett, you have taught me so much, and I am truly thankful.

## Sharon Wang

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOWLETT ACADEMY?

Three years

### WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR?

St. Clement's School

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF HOWLETT?

My first impression of Howlett was that it was very welcoming and small.

### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT HOWLETT?

My favourite class was art because I love creating.

### WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED AT HOWLETT?

I have learned that hard work will always pay off. This will help me to continue becoming better and better.

### WHAT QUOTE OR PROVERB MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

"Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work."

—Albert Einstein

### WHAT IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED WHILE AT HOWLETT THAT YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF?

I am most proud of winning the science fair last year with Sofia.

### WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT HOWLETT?

I will miss all of my friends and the small class sizes.