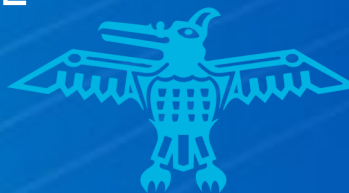


T-BIRD TIMES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ross Sheppard High School community. We are ready to wrap up the year and say farewell to our community after a year of uncertainty and challenging times. What I appreciate the most is the incredibly heartfelt solidarity of the staff, students and community this year. In actuality, the year was seamless. We always have to try and be masters at problem solving and sometimes we don't get it 100% correct, but we know that we most certainly look to improve everything we set forth so that our community understands where our intentions lie. This year was one for the books and something to remember, as we will all have a common story to tell about building character, establishing resiliency and charting a course for new optimism moving forward.



Congrats to our Grad executive that encompassed some outstanding efforts from students and staff as GRAD 2021 was a pure hit. Leading the charge was Mr. Ben Oswald, so with that we wish him a huge THANKS for all the incredible work that was accomplished. Lots of moving parts this year, but they handled it like champs and executed a plan on the day of that was simply outstanding. Thank you for this work. Those who took part in our Indigenous Honouring ceremony were treated to a very special event. Thank you to Dianne Perry, Ryan Dunkley and Shannon Degenhardt for their added touches to pull this off.

Rick Stanley
PRINCIPAL

June is such a transitional month where we look at finalizing one school year but at the same time look to prepare for the following year. 2021 - 2022 will be a taste of some 'getting back to normal', as we establish updated re-entry protocols once again and build on what we have learned. We say farewell to our incredible Grade 12 students. We also say farewell to some staff that have served us well this year. In such a large and complex school there is always transition. On the other side of our farewells will be the welcoming of new staff that will be a part of our culture and help make a splash in our community for new adventures. It's always a sentimental and visionary time of the year with many emotions.

Summer is here and ready to bring us the remedy we all need after a great effort. May and June brought some interesting dynamics this year as we switched from online to in-person and never looked back. It was an optimistic time in our community as we know that things were pointed in the right direction. The end of June ended with a heat wave where students and staff felt summer coming full effect rather than creeping in. Thank you to our staff and students for all the extra-curricular activities and keeping the fun factor on high down the stretch.



I want to thank the Ross Sheppard community for embracing this new kid on the block and supporting our school in every instance. I am filled with gratitude for the community's support and want everyone to know that there isn't a day that goes by where I do not thank my lucky stars for being able to serve our community and really embrace the opportunity to build on some already great things. Have a wonderful summer and on behalf of the school we wish everyone much good health, happiness and great success.

MATHEMATICS

This final quarter is coming to an end and it has certainly been a year of growth for the Mathematics department. We have learned a lot about the available online tools, and any time we can take a step forward it is worth celebrating. The challenge has been to be flexible, adaptable and creative over this past school year, and I think we have risen to that challenge.

In terms of the extra-curricular mathematics that sometimes happen near the end of school, things were quiet this year – both in what was offered and in the number of students interested in participating. We did, however, have a very dedicated, small group of students who were quite ambitious and entered some computing contests that we, as a school, have never participated in before. For our first attempt at these computing contests I am pleased to say that Ross Sheppard had a very good showing ... exceptional even. We are very proud of our students for what they were able to accomplish in what was a very short period of time.

With that, we want to wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing summer! When you are out purchasing those cool drinks, do yourself a favor and remember to practice your math. Try to anticipate how much GST you will get charged!

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

We ended on brand for a COVID-19 school year: having to cancel our IB exams due to schools being sent online. Mixed emotions were felt by our hard working Grade 12 students. Ross Sheppard and IB acknowledge the hard work they have put into this year, and we look forward to getting them their IB Diplomas and Certificates.

We held a small celebration for the 8 full IB Diploma students on Saturday, June 18, letting them connect together one final time.

Some of the IB Executive team are busy planning some possible activities for Grade 11 and Grade 12 students moving forward, helping us to further connect as an IB team and with the Ross Sheppard community at large.

To all of our IB students here at Ross Sheppard, congratulations! You are truly resilient and deserving students. We are proud of you!

If there are any concerns about transitioning to next year, Ms. Gross's door is open in room 1202, or you can email her at jennifer.gross@epsb.ca.



ANIMATION

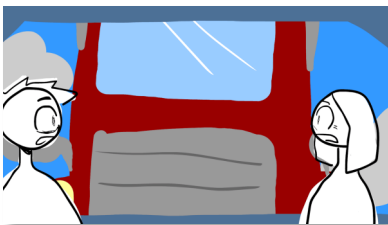
Animation 10 students have been working hard on the creation of their final animations. Due to COVID restrictions for large gatherings, there will be no in-person showcase, therefore, all final projects will be uploaded to Mrs. Moreau's private YouTube channel. To view them, please search Lorraine Moreau on YouTube, and look for the playlists named "Animation 10_Q4_Final Animations".



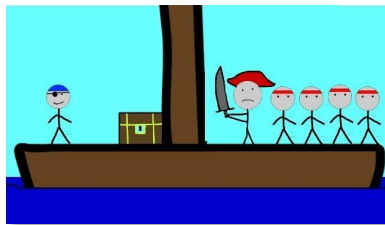
My Strange Cat
Animation 10
Category: Final Animation
Animator: Jamie Bredo



The Final Three
Animation 10
Category: Final Animation
Animator: Stephan Lefebvre



I've Got No Body
Animation 10
Category: Final Animation
Animator: Emily Morrison



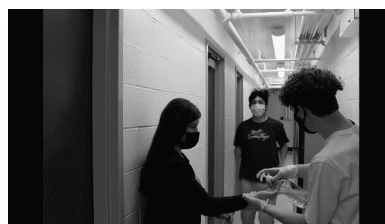
Pirate's Treasure
Animation 10
Category: Final Animation
Animator: Douglas Wong

FILM 15/25/35

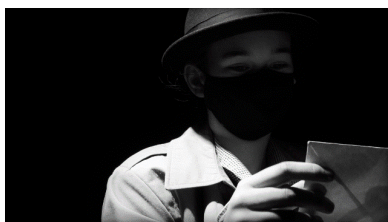
Film 15/25/35 students have been working hard, sharpening their skills in the art of filmmaking through the completion of a variety of projects. Due to COVID restrictions for large gatherings, there will be no in-person showcase, therefore, all final projects will be uploaded to Mrs. Moreau's private YouTube channel. To see them, please search Lorraine Moreau on YouTube, and look for the playlists named "Film 15/25/35 Q4".



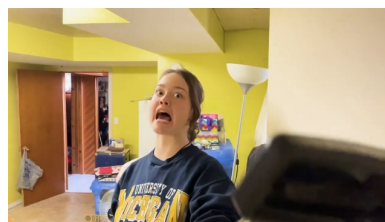
Greenscreen
Film 15
Category: Special Effects
Producer: Alyssa Tran



Cloning
Film 25
Category: Film Noir & Film Festival Entry
Producers: Sean Theriault, Spencer Check, Alan Aburto, Marissa Madro-Ceccano, Jeremiah Perlman



The Exchange
Film 25
Category: Film Noir & Film Festival Entry
Producers: Nolan Hehir, Avery London, Alyson Opatril, Logan Bloedel, Finn Thornley



Clean Day vs The Ghost
Film 35
Category: Director Study-Edgar Wright
Producer: Olivia Bjornson

DRAMA

Drama 20/30 students completed an exciting playwriting unit with the #writesofpassage program from Workshop West Playwrights' Theatre. Students had the unique opportunity to workshop their original scripts with professional actors online. Student directors, playwrights, technicians and actors will perform their original plays for Shep Fest, our One Act Festival, which will be recorded this year to be shared online with family and friends.

MUSICAL AND TECHNICAL THEATRE

The cast and crew of Seasons: A Celebration of Shep Musicals, is thrilled to be finally filming our musical! Students have been extremely resilient, as they preserved through isolations, online rehearsals, and pre-recordings! Our film and tech crew will be working hard behind the scenes, as actors dance, act and lip sync from our Performing Arts Theatre, straight to the hearts of our loved ones watching from home. Our streaming date is June 26!

Big thanks to Mr. Lee who coordinated the filming of the show with a fantastic student crew!



GLOBAL LANGUAGES – CHINESE

Grade 12 Chinese students are having their graduation party online this year. Students have prepared various entertainments. It will be a day to remember! The graduates also created a class yearbook and designed a sweatshirt to celebrate this unusual year.

Two Grade 11 students, Julie Nguyen and Lauren Chen, organized the "Shep Asian Alliance" club to raise awareness around Asian hate crime in our society. They participated in a city-wide forum and raised funds to support the cause.



SHEP'S ASIAN ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION

Ever since COVID-19 catalyzed the dangerously growing rates for Asian hate crimes across the globe, innocent individuals are being put at risk due to their ethnicities and race. Xenophobic crimes and racist acts against the Asian community have grown over 900% across Canada. In the time we live in today, individuals should not have to have their security and lives jeopardized as a result of hate crimes. We must listen to each other, break our silences, and take action.

As a community and as a school, we believe that every individual should feel safe to express their cultural backgrounds with confidence and security. With the creation of Shep's Asian Alliance Association, individuals are welcome to express and share their thoughts and experiences about themselves and other current events. We strive to create a safe place where individuals can reach out and provide support towards one another. Within this association, our main intentions are to spread awareness of what is happening, make sure individuals feel safe at Shep, and educate others on how to deal with hate crime induced incidents. Next year, we are planning to start fundraisers for Asian support groups, invite guest speakers to talk about their experiences with racism, and much more.

Shep's Asian Alliance has experienced a very successful start this year and hopes to come back even stronger next year! Be sure to be on the lookout for our posters for more information about next year's plans!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our association, or if you have any questions/concerns, please contact either j.nguyen77@share.epsb.ca or l.chen9@share.epsb.ca.

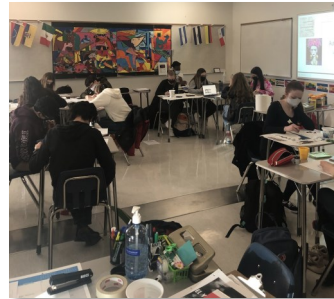


GLOBAL LANGUAGES – SPANISH

To my Spanish 30 class, you will be forever remembered! This is the first group of graduates that have taken Spanish with me for all three years. This final year together, we continued our travels through the Spanish speaking world exploring film, music and literature. We looked at films that took us on “motorcycle” adventures through South America, looking at the hardships of childhood during times of war in Spain and Central America. Our experience in these countries was enriched when we learned about the power of music and art as an expression for change. We painted our perspectives with the power of art, and shared our skills in our Frida style self portraits. From the alebrijes and ideal friends in Grade 10, to the socially distanced hallway Twitter wars, and those films that made us laugh and even the ones that made us cry, I will never forget how much joy was felt with this class and their endearing response to any question I asked: ***¡¡Si, Señortita!!***

Thank you for being a traveller these three years. ¡Hasta siempre!

~Ms. Hernandez



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This quarter has set forth many challenges. These challenges have not stopped the Physical Education classes from staying active as much as possible. While Physical Education was taught online, we were able to accomplish dance, scavenger hunts, virtual races, hand eye coordination drills, workouts, yoga and pilates. We were thrilled to be back in-person for the final four weeks of the year and spend some quality time outside. Activities such as tennis, capture the flag, soccer, football, rugby, speedball, softball and kickball were all played outside while the weather was warm. Rainy days were spent inside playing basketball, volleyball, speedball, ping pong and low organized games.

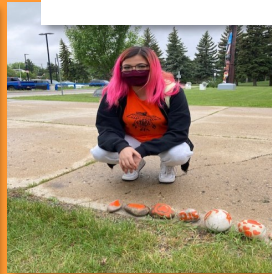
Below is a picture of the PE 20/30 girls' class competing in standing long jump to gain points for their team in a class Survivor unit. The Survivor unit was filled with multiple activities over the course of five days, where students competed to score points for their team.



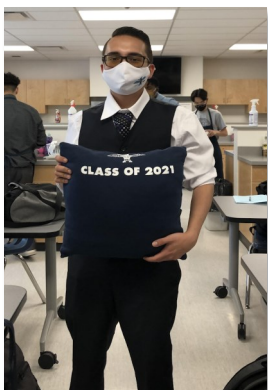
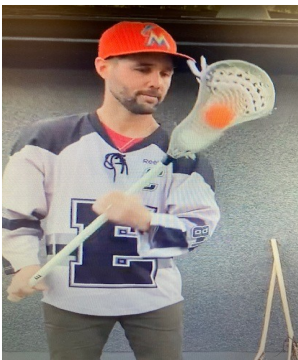
FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT HUB



REMEMBERING 215 LOST



As a part of Indigenous Peoples Month, we included an opportunity for some of our students to experience the game of lacrosse. Thank you very much to Vimy Ridge Academy for lending us the equipment, and special thank you to former professional lacrosse player and current coach with the Saskatchewan Rush, Jimmy Quinlan, for his greeting and part in getting the equipment to our school. Mr. Dunkley put on four lacrosse clinics and it was great to see so many T-Birds with smiles on their faces enjoying this great game.



Justin Lorie is the winner of this year's graduation pillow! Congratulations!



Please congratulate Brylee Meneen, Grade 11, who has been accepted into the Bold Eagle this summer! Wishing Brylee all the best as she embarks on this opportunity.

FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, AND INUIT HUB

After the discovery of 215 lost children at the Kamloops Residential School by the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nations, our school took a collective moment of silence to remember the children and their families. On June 8th, students and staff wore orange shirts and orange pins, and participated in painting rocks and placing them at the front of our school to show solidarity and honour all of the communities and families affected by this tragedy.

May 5th is the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Due to COVID restrictions and the move to online learning in April, our in-school installation was not able to be presented. With the diligent and dedicated efforts of students in the Ways of Knowing program (Becca Evans, Katie Adams, Georgia Phillips and May Kramer), the exhibit was transformed into a virtual platform and presented to classes in June to raise awareness and knowledge of this ongoing crisis and encourage our community to take action.



MORE ABOUT NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2021

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Hub has been a flurry of activity this month. June is National Indigenous Peoples History Month - a time to reflect upon the history, heritage, diverse cultures and the outstanding achievements of First Nations, Métis and Inuit People. As part of our celebration, students had the opportunity to participate in a Virtual Powwow, learning about Indigenous culture in an authentic and interactive way. We are thankful to Debbie Semeniuk, her family, all those who participated in the creation of the presentation, and Westglen School. As part of Shep TV, O'Canada was sung in Cree by Sheila Williams from our First Nations, Métis and Inuit unit. Celebrations and learning continued with a variety of video opportunities.

June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21st, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day, due to the significance of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year.

Students and staff had the opportunity to participate in a day of celebration, raising a tipi and listening to tipi teachings by Elder Phillip Campiou in the courtyard. A T-Bird thank you to Mr. Lee, who brought this learning opportunity to our school community by providing video expertise, and to Elder Campiou for honouring us with his knowledge and lessons. At lunch time, students and staff enjoyed hot bannock thanks to the hard work of Foods teachers Maureen Dumka-Stephenson, Terri Trout and Donna Woodhouse, and their Foods classes. We enjoyed Chubby Cree's Noah Green, Carol Powder and family, rock out on the big drum singing "Rock Your World", the Honour Song and more. Their music was good medicine, bringing joy and dance to the feet at the front lawn of Shep. In the afternoon, students were treated to the streaming of Rocko and Nakota: Tales from the Land by Annisnabe playwright Josh Longeudoc, with opportunities to engage in talk back after the show.



STUDENTS' UNION & LEADERSHIP

Leadership and Students' Union have been busy making the most of this school year! Leadership students wrapped up their year-long partnership with Coronation School, finally getting the opportunity to meet in-person outdoors at a park to celebrate their mentorship walk through online Google Meets. We are so proud of all our students for supporting the young youth in our community.

Students Union celebrated Best Friend Day on June 9th with socially distanced games and food trucks from the community.

To end off the year, Leadership and SU are eagerly waiting to celebrate June 28th with a Spongebob Throwdown paint throw to bring in the summer! We Are SHEP!

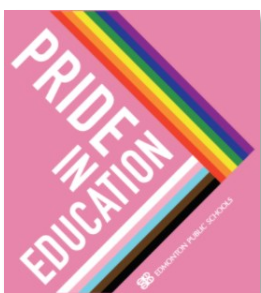


SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

This year has been touched by many important moments to honour and reflect on, all the while paving the road to a better future. Social Justice and Anti-Racism have been important topics of conversation, ideas that need not just discussion, but action, to become meaningful. The work of the Student Social Justice Club and Teacher Social Justice Committee revolved around a process of self-education and self-reflection, in addition to professional learning opportunities for staff and students around the division, many of these professional learning opportunities being student led. There was a particular focus on Anti-Black Racism and Black History Month. The GSA created terrific initiatives to celebrate Pride month and offer educational opportunities. Additionally, the Shep Asian Alliance (S.A.A.) brought attention to historical and contemporary Anti-Asian Racism. Ms. Good and Ms. Hernandez organized a discussion circle to support Muslim students as they navigate Islamophobic acts in our city. All the while, Indigenous students, in conjunction with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Hub, honoured and brought attention to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, in addition to celebrating their vibrant and varied cultures and teachings.



PRIDE WEEK



This year, Shep celebrated Pride Week by making buttons and posters, and by learning about 2SLGBTQ+ histories and celebrations in Alberta and around the world. A speaker from the Edmonton 2 Spirit Society gave a presentation about Two Spirit histories, present experiences and community resources.



**EPSB District Message
Trustee Dunn**



**Principal's Address
Rick Stanley**



**MLA Edmonton Glenora - NDP
Sarah Hoffman**



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**2021 Valedictorian
Ahmed Siadomar**

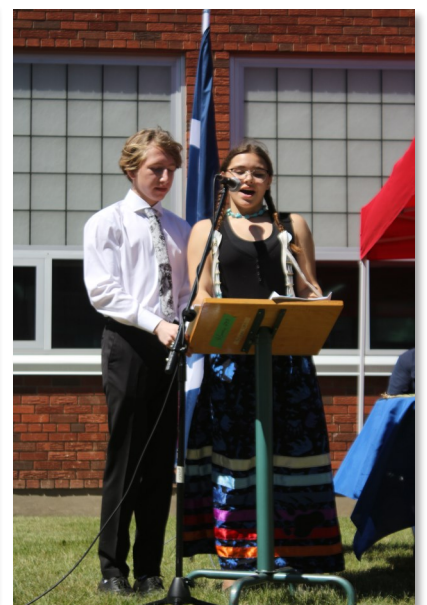


**Masters of Ceremonies
Jamie Bunting and Aidan Fisher**



**2021 Class Historians
Hannah Starkman, Nikhil Reynolds, Hamza Sulaiman**







SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Ross Sheppard School Council invites and encourages all parents of Ross Sheppard students to attend our monthly meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are an opportunity for parents to meet and advise the Ross Sheppard administrative team, as well as for parents to become familiar with programs, staff, resources, and events at our school. All meetings are held at 6:30PM via Google Meet. If you have any questions, or to send us your consent to contact form so that you get timely information from School Council, please e-mail rsschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

FAMILY CHOICE 2021-22

How would you like your child to learn for the first half of 2021-22? Starting June 21st, you can sign in to SchoolZone to make your choice between in-person and online learning.



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