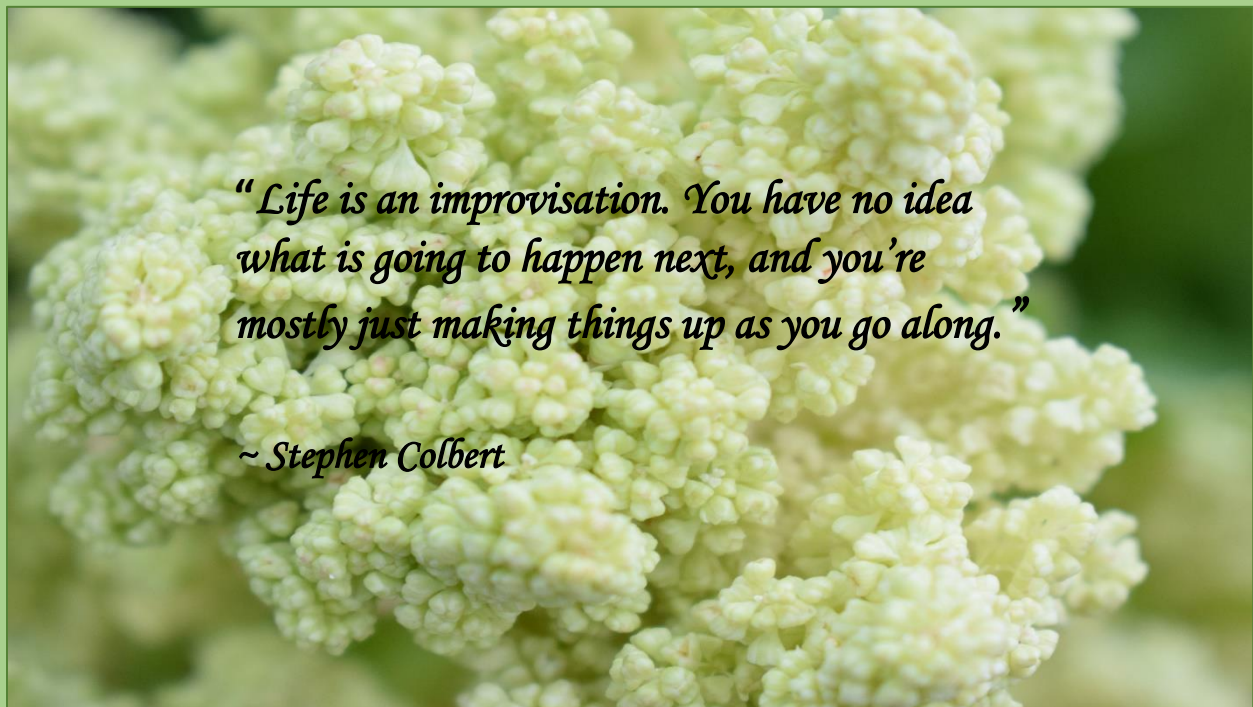


THE NORTHSTAR CHRONICLE

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Jacobs Jokes

1. My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"
2. A grasshopper sits down at a bar. The bartender says, "We have a drink named after you!" The grasshopper replies, "Who names a drink 'Steve?'"
3. What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy, the other's a little lighter.
4. I got my husband a fridge for his birthday. His face lit up when he opened it.
5. A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"
6. I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
7. A man walks into a library and orders a hamburger. The librarian says, "This is a library." The man apologizes and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, please."
8. Why did the taxi driver get fired? Passengers didn't like it when she went the extra mile.
9. It's always windy in a sports area. All those fans.
10. Is this pool safe for diving? It deep ends.
11. What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis.



Did You Know?

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries?

8% of people have an extra rib?

85% of plant life is found in the ocean?

Ralph Lauren's original name was Ralph Lifshitz?

The Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters?

The 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English?

Sneak Peek!

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How Narwhals got their Horns

~Natalie Dryden

Once upon a time there were two narwhals. Now these narwhals did not look like the narwhals you are probably thinking of right now. These narwhals looked practically like whales. They had no horns or anything.

These narwhals just had a child and they were like, "What should we name our child?" After a few minutes of discussing their horribleness at planning, the mother narwhal said "You know what, let's just name him Narly. Narly the narwhal. That was when Narly was born.

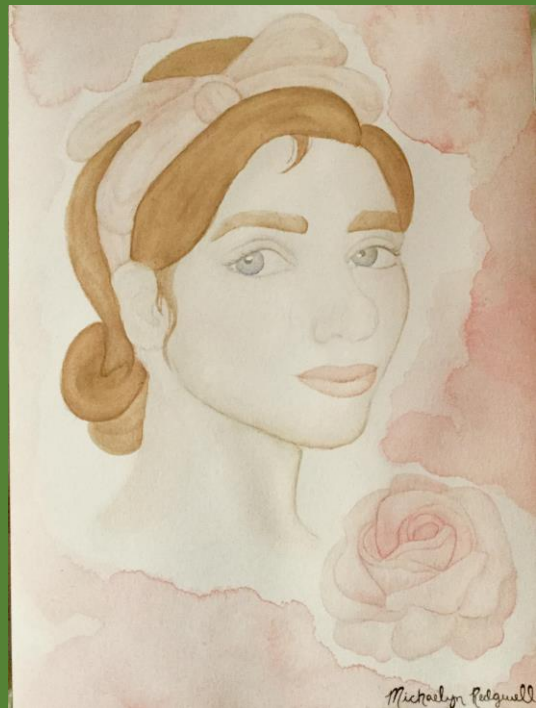
Over the years Narly grew older. He was out hunting by himself one day when suddenly, he saw a unicorn. Narly said, "Oh by golly that thing looks delicious!" And so he splashed out from the water and ate the unicorn before swimming happily home.

When Narly got home, his mom stopped him and asked, "Narly, what the heck is on your face?" Because there, on Narly's face, was a giant pointy unicorn horn. Narly's friends started coming over to see what was happening and when they saw how snazzy their friend looked, they gasped and started calling his name. "Narly! Narly!"

Now there were some other narwhals that saw everyone gathering around Narly yelling "Narly! Narly!" And they thought that "Narly" meant super awesome and snazzy because man, Narly looked super snazzy with his unicorn horn. (Also Narly was a ridiculous name and they didn't think that anyone would name their child Narly.)

All the narwhals wanted to have horns too and they wanted to look super snazzy too, so they all went out and started eating unicorns until there were no more unicorns in all the world.

Once all the unicorns went extinct and new narwhals were born, they wanted to have unicorn horns too but since there were no more unicorns, all the narwhals that had horns used their magic to make it so every narwhal that was ever born from that day on, would be born with a unicorn horn.



Summer Blush
Michaelyn Redgewell

Dollar Voting

~ Sesame Perry

Whether you know it or not, being a consumer is quite the responsibility! If you ever spend any money at all, you are your favourite companies' most valuable resource (even if all you buy is a pack of Wrigley's double-mint or a bag of apples once a month). Most people, before they spend their money, consider the value they are going to get from their cash. They want to get the most 'bang for their buck' whether the best quality or largest quantity.

Whether you have a million dollars to spend or 50, you're likely to choose who to buy from based on whether you like their product or not and if it checks your boxes. Whether the company is getting paid 50 dollars or 5 for their product, they still consider every measure of popularity support... And if it loses so much popularity that they have more expenses than profit, they won't be able to stay in business.

My Social teacher from last semester calls this phenomenon dollar voting. Basically, with each dollar you're telling the companies you support that you want to keep them open just like an actual vote, though seemingly insignificant, is telling your MP that you want them to represent you in parliament. This teacher is amazing... And what's even better is that she walks the talk. She disagrees with how Amazon treats their employees, so she and her family don't support Amazon at all. She's also a fairtrade/thrift-shopping trumpeter. Okay, so what does this have to do with us again? We, as passionate people with 'codes of conduct' (the Bible and government-instituted laws), have values.

'Values' means that we want to obey God's word at all costs and support our personal convictions. Even as we purchase that pack of delicious sodas for our road-trip, we want to be sure that we aren't supporting a company who may be using our money in ways that contradict our values. Interestingly enough, the last time I bought some Jones soda (yes, they are the best and I really want one right now) I discovered pictures that I disagreed with on each bottle...

That's when I realized that they were partnering with a particular group and that's why they featured those specific pictures. I don't believe they are partnering anymore with this group but that would be an example of when you can choose not to support them because of what they do with their platform (or make sure you agree with their values before you buy from them).

I would strongly encourage you to consider what companies you support with your money and how they are using it. There are alternatives. You might have to alter your routine but it's certainly worth it to uphold your values. Go team! Let's do hard things!

Did You Know?

11% of people are left handed?

August has the highest percentage of births?

Unless food is mixed with saliva, you can't taste it?

The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes? (guess I'm not average!!)



Crystal Mountain Resort

~Benjamin Widish

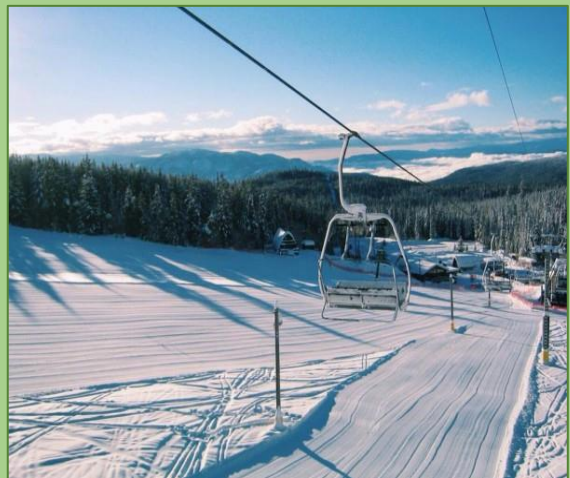
Crystal Mountain was a small, day-use ski area, near the city of West Kelowna, BC. It wasn't a huge mountain, but it was a popular ski area with locals. The hill originally opened in the 1970s as "Last Mountain Ski Hill" with a T-Bar and double chairlift. The ski hill stayed "stuck in the past" for many years, with minimal upgrades. All this changed in the early 2000s, when a used triple chairlift was purchased, and installed. Not only did this give the ski area a bigger vertical drop, it also provided a much more comfortable route up to the summit. Despite this however, the double chairlift remained operational.

In February of 2014, the double chairlift experienced a serious malfunction, where an upbound chair, that had people in it, struck a tower and de-railed the haul rope from the sheaves. This resulted in a string of chairs detaching from the tower, and plummeting to the ground. Although no deaths occurred, this proved to be the nail in the coffin for the ski hill. An investigative panel found that the ski area had neglected maintenance on the double chairlift; maintenance that could have prevented the accident.

Crystal mountain, with two lawsuits against it, filed for bankruptcy. Since then, a new local owner has taken over. He plans to re-open the T-Bar, and the triple chairlift under the name "Bull Mountain Adventure Park". Whether he will be able to, or not is still up in the air. However, I'm glad to see community members taking action to re-open valuable assets in the community.

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2020 Stampede Cancelled

~ Sean Umbsaar

On April 23rd Dana Peers, the president of the Calgary stampede, announced the official closing of the 2020 Calgary Stampede. After 97 consecutive years of Calgary's summer festival the Stampede has come to a halt due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Canadian government has banned all gatherings of over 50 people until the month of August this year. The Stampede is also very difficult to run while following social-distancing protocol for these times. Because of the near impossibility to follow government regulations and lack of visitors one of Calgary's biggest legacies has been pressed on pause for the time being.



Calgary's summers are filled with exciting events through the two weeks of July in which we hold the Calgary stampede. Calgary makes an average of 560 million dollars annually in profit from the Calgary Stampede. This is no small amount of money and to lose this is no small amount of loss. Calgary will not only suffer from the loss of jobs but also from the loss of our biggest local and tourist attraction. Mayor Nenshi and Mr. Peers both expressed high hopes for the continuation of the 2021 Stampede. While we must wait this year we look forward as one of the biggest rodeos in the world will return.

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~ I really liked Mr. Hoeksema because his feedback on assignments was personal and he was always very understanding.

~ Mrs. Cullum is my favorite because she's easy to connect with and is very helpful when emailing about problems. She also tends to be fairly relaxed on due dates and doesn't mind if I'm a bit behind.

~ I appreciate Mrs. Johnson's dedication to posting everything that goes on in NorthStar! Including the newsletters that are posted monthly!

~ Mrs. Haller is super encouraging and kind and gives lots of very helpful information, also I love how she makes marking work more personal. She is the best teacher ever!!

~ Thank you, Mrs. Best, so much for the news posts, Currents 4 Kids and What in the Worlds! It's fun to look at them and see what going on!

~ Mr. Hooks was one of my teachers last semester. He is my favorite teacher because I never felt like I was rushed, he was always patient with me and helped me to understand what he was teaching. What he taught he related to real life which made things easier to comprehend. Sadly I only had him for one course and I was very disappointed when I heard he is retiring.

~ Mrs. Brinks is the nicest teacher as well as the only one that works at making you feel like the course is personal, as well as being really gracious with tests.



~ I like Mrs. Brinks because gives good and helpful feedback.

~ Maddison Haller is my favorite teacher. She is quick to mark and has good feedback. She always grades assignments that need feedback to move on like drafts and outlines.

~ My favourite teacher was Mr. Hoeksema. Even though I know he retired a few months ago, he was a great Spanish 20 teacher. He was very encouraging when giving feedback in assignments and for fun, we would ask each other questions in Spanish through the assignment submission area. (Where you can type comments.) It was very interesting to hear about his time living in Mexico and he would send pictures of the streets and festivals there. Through this interaction, I felt connected to the material since I was learning more than just grammar and vocabulary and more about the culture.

~ I loved having Mrs. Learmont as my teacher this year. She always gave positive feedback and was always ready to help when I needed it most. She was super nice in her feedback and always was ready to help me get a better mark.

~I like Mrs. Sampson because the lessons and work is clear

~ I think Marci Penner is the best teacher. I've been with NorthStar since grade 4 and I'm graduating this June. Through 8 years with NSA Mrs. Penner has been by far my favourite teacher. Mrs. Penner always gives really thorough feedback and answers emails within minutes. She also is always willing to make videos to help resolve issues or even call you. She's always happy and up beat (sometimes even has memes and gifs in her emails 😊). She just an all-round awesome teacher.

~ I like Mrs. Brinks because it is clear that she wants her students to enjoy her courses and succeed. Having a supportive, positive teacher can really help motivate students and make a course fun and understandable.

~ My favorite teacher is Mr. Hooks because he never made me feel stupid for the mistakes I made, was always so patient, and ready to help. He has a great sense of humor and could have me bursting out laughing at my computer... having someone like that as a teacher is always a plus. ;P I want to thank Mr. Hooks for making my high school years just a little better and more memorable. He deserves many great years of retirement ahead!

~ I like Kristen Brinks because she's the most friendly, nice, interested and gives the right amount of work :D

~ I really like Mrs. Cullum because she gives really good feedback and does not go too easy on me. She does not give 100% when they were not earned, and that motivates me to work for them. I get what I work for.

~ I like Mrs. Onyschtschuk because of how much she cared about students and was strict (in a good way!) that kept me on track and helped me succeed.

~ I like Mrs. Brown because of how fun she made her course, how friendly she was, and how she wove humor through everything.

~ My favorite teacher is Mr. Hoeksema, Now I know he is retired but this last year he was amazing. The work actually had something to do with the text and its organized. I really miss that this year but whatever.

~ I like Mrs. Haller Because she is so friendly and helpful when I email her for help and she makes the assignments interesting!

~ Mr. Hoeksema always gave great feedback!!

~ Mrs. Brinks is my favourite Teacher because she gives me good feedback, that really encourages me.

~ Hey Mr. Hoeksema, thanks for making World Geography so much fun! You were one of my all-time favourite teachers!

~ I think Bobbie Luymes, because if I do something wrong, she will say, its ok or keep going or great work and she will show me what I did wrong. I like her feedback on assignments. 😊

~ Here is a little bit about why Mr. Hooks is my favourite teacher. We would have a Spanish phone exam, and we would talk for 15 minutes about cows and the farm before we would talk about Spanish.

~ Mrs. Paine is always helpful in her emails back to me and is always honest in her marking. She's very supportive and I'm glad she's my teacher!

~ Mr. Hoeksema is incredibly helpful and always gives very encouraging feedback!

~ Mr. Hoeksema is my favourite teacher because he is very supportive and happy. He also tells jokes a lot although they are often cheesy jokes, I enjoy them.

~ Mrs. Leismester is incredibly helpful and enjoyable to have teach my social studies class. She's always ready to give help where it's needed and is super enjoyable in her emails.

~ I like Mr. Hoeksema because all of the homework that he gives back is fun to do and the feedback seems genuine, critical, and nice. The courses that he has taught that I have participated in have always been my favourite and I have always wanted to complete the work that he has given out.

~ We are all so thankful for all that Mr. Wood has done in our school! He manages it well and is super kind whenever we talk to him!

~ Mr. Hoeksema taught my favourite subject, (social), and he had lots of interesting bits of information and stories. He truly made that year of Social Studies memorable for me.



~ My favourite teacher has got to be Kirsten Brinks. She takes the extra mile to make classes fun, usually including jokes, exciting projects, clear instructions, constant clarification and communication. I've had her as a teacher multiple times and I always get excited when I learn I'm in her class yet again! I've even specifically signed up on her classes next for extra credits!

- Taya Young

~ Mr. Hoeksema helped me a lot with getting caught up in my schoolwork and put a lot of time into it. I also would like to say he gave great feedback and was really encouraging this year. One last thing he had some good jokes :).

- Summer Silcoff

~ When I first had Mr. Hoeksema, he was on sick leave; however, he was still my favorite teacher, because his lessons are more interesting than the textbook. He always gives great feedback and marks according to completeness of answer, not number of sentences. We'll miss you, Mr. Hooks!

- Levi Patterson

~ Mrs. Learmont is always kind and cheerful in her responses and she always made sure to let me know when she graded my tests. I have never had a complaint about her lesson material or her marking. In fact, she was always positive even when I did poorly on assignments and I never felt judged or unintelligent.

On a personal note: Thank you Mrs. Learmont for always being a wonderful math teacher to me throughout my high school career!

-Emma Shentaler

~ Mrs. Brinks gives great feedback and is very good at answering all the questions you have without giving you the answer.

- Karina Thiessen

I just want to say on behalf of all the students, we're so grateful for what every teacher has done for us. I, personally, haven't had classes with each one of these amazing teachers, but from what I've heard, y'all sound so amazing! We appreciate all our teachers; Angela Paine, Rene Hoeksema, Randy Wood, Shelia McIlwain, Maddison Haller, Barb Johnson, Emily Christopherson, Kristen Brinks, Teresa Learmont, Susan Cullum, Marci Penner, Amanda Sadler, Bobbie Luymes, Corrie Leismeister, Erin Kaupp, Glenda Ferguson, Jennifer Fluney, Jill Schmidt, Kimberly Brown, Michelle Best, Rick Glasspell, Roberta Onyschtschuk, Shauna Crotser, Shaylene Machacek and Susan Sampson.

(I wasn't able to contact every student but I reached out to as many as I was able. Even if you didn't receive a comment, please know we appreciate you just as much!)

~Leah Brown



N.S.A.

As a final note, I'm so proud of everyone this year!

Your hard work in every story, news article, painting, photograph, joke, and poem has really paid off. I'm so glad to be apart of this awesome team! I'm sure I'm not alone when I say y'all did an amazing job in every edition. A big thank you to everyone who's leaving the team this year; Sesame Perry and Anna Gamble. You've all been a joy to have on the team. I can't wait to see what we come up with next year!

~ Leah Brown, Sesame Perry, Sean Umbsaar, Kate Fersovich, Naomi Kitchen, Jacob Brown, Serena Clark, Anna Gamble, Daniel Hindle, Michaelyn Redgewell, Natalie Dryden, Rachel Smith, Jade Hill, Kayla Niccolls, Benjamin Widish and Taya Young