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Girls Softball Team Brings Home Silver

By Emily Cooke

The Girls' Softball team had another successful city championship tournament this year on Monday, May 27. The team won both their round robin games, with high enough points for/against to put them in the top four to compete for the A Division title. After defeating Bishop Carter by a wide margin in semi-finals, the team made it to finals for the second year in a row, ready to face College Notre Dame. The game was extremely close, but sadly the girls lost as CND scored one final run in the bottom of the last inning to put them ahead. The team played amazingly throughout the entire tournament and proudly brought home the silver medal.



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Quote of the Month

By Emily Cooke

*"Rule #1 is: don't sweat the small stuff.
Rule #2 is: it's all small stuff,"
- Robert Eliot*

Grade 12 Graduation

By Emily Cooke



The grade 12 graduation this year was hosted at Cambrian College on Wednesday, June 5. With 175 graduates this year, the gym was completely packed with friends and family to join the celebration. The ceremony began with the singing of the national anthem by Rebecca Wiseman, which was followed by the invocation poem written and read aloud by Abbas Dedanwala. After greetings from the School Board and Ms. Potvin, Subject Awards were given to students for grade 12 courses from arts to technological studies. This was followed by the presentation of Special Awards, scholarships, bursaries and recognition awards donated by a variety of individuals and organizations. After the presentation of these awards, 'Most Outstanding Student' was awarded to two IB Diploma students for their hard work and activities throughout their four years of high school: Lucy Dong and Lobna Abdel-Dayem.

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Reach for the Top Update

By Gray Brogden

In the month of April, Lo-Ellen Park's Reach for the Top team won not one, but two city championships. The Senior and Junior teams both performed admirably at each of their own tournaments.

The Junior championship was held on April 26 at Lasalle Secondary School. Our Juniors played extremely well and brought home the title and trophy, making the LEP Junior reach team the 3-time defending champions.

The Senior city championship was held at Marymount Academy on April 12, and in winning this tournament the Senior team became eligible to compete in the Reach for the Top provincial tournament. The provincial tournament in Ontario was held on May 11 and 12, at the University of Toronto, Scarborough. The Seniors played a total of five games, but unfortunately did not advance to the playoffs. All in all, it was another great year for LEP Reach for the Top!



LEP Coffee House

By Gray Brogden

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On April 25, Lo-Ellen Park held its second annual Coffee House. Students, teachers, and parents alike all came together for a night of poetry, music, dance, and acting – a true celebration of the performing arts. The night was hosted by the LEP improv teams, No One in the Crowd and Spontaneous Combustion, who also gave their own performances throughout the night. Snacks and coffee were available for purchase, with profits going to the LEP Arts Department.

Awards were followed by the presentation of the diplomas. The International Baccalaureate students, twelve in total, crossed the stage to receive their IB Diplomas after the rigorous two year program. Then, all 175 graduates crossed the stage for their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas. The valedictory address was then given by two students, Chloe Lauzon and Jake Bennett, who decided, after receiving almost equal nominations, to deliver it together. After their speech, which worked in many inside jokes and clichés for everyone to enjoy, a reception was held in the Student Centre with cake and refreshments for guests to celebrate the graduation.

Peter and the Starcatcher: A Thrilling Theatrical Experience

By Gray Brogden



This year the LEP Theatre company wowed crowds once again, this time with a stellar performance of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Starting with auditions back in February, students worked diligently both on and behind the stage to create a performance not soon to be forgotten.

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The company is led by LEP Drama teacher Mr. Rayburn, and this year saw grade nine student Kyrin Paris cast in the title role of Peter, opposite grade 11 Ella Cocco as the curious, intelligent Molly. Peter and Molly are two characters who defy the odds and overcome being stranded on a tropical island, the dangers of the alluring and magical 'starstuff', and the clutches of ruthless pirate Black Stache, played by senior student John McKinnon. In this heartwarming tale of friendship, magic and discovery, *Peter and the Starcatcher* tells the thrilling story of how Peter Pan came to be.

The show had a total run of six shows, including performances for LEP's own grade sevens and eights, as well as visiting students from Macleod Public School and R.L. Beattie Public School.

Reflections on IB From Those Who Survived It

By Lobna Abdel-Dayem

As the year comes to an end, a new class of Lo-Ellen Park IB graduates is heading out. Before we go, we want to make sure we answer the questions of those considering IB and those already in it.

Q: What do you have to say to someone in Grade 10 considering taking IB?

A: The IB will be simple if you are a dedicated student, and shouldn't be difficult if you do not procrastinate. ~ Ben

A: Do it if you want to be prepared for university and have a diploma that is well-respected by world class institutions. ~ Sébastien

Q: What tips do you have for someone in Grade 11 IB moving on to their second year of IB in the fall?

A: Work on your Extended Essay over the summer or through first semester if you can. You don't want to leave all of it until the winter break. ~ Emily

A: Make sure to manage your time well and take a gradual approach to learning. ~ William

Q: What is your overall opinion on the IB now that you are finished?

A: Amazing. Just amazing. ~ Cohen

A: It was a rigorous journey, but a meaningful experience. ~ Lauren

Q: What do you wish you could have known while you were in IB or before you joined IB?

A: Exactly how valuable IB is to universities. ~ Ernest

A: French Immersion and Core French students being in the same class would have more benefits than drawbacks. ~ Lucy

OFSAA Track & Field a Huge Success

By Lauren Thomas

It's no surprise that Lo Ellen Park athletes dominate in running. In fact, it was only a few short months ago that our cross country team was on the cover of every Sudbury newspaper for their phenomenal wins at cities, NOSSA and OFSAA. Now here in the spring, the Track and Field athletes have their turn to shine.

The OFSAA track and field championships of 2019 took place June 6-8 at the University of Guelph. Lo-Ellen Park sent many athletes down to compete, and came home with some impressive accomplishments including five LEP athletes who qualified for the finals at OFSAA:

- Kurtis Wennestrom placed 5th overall in the Senior boys long jump with a jump length of 6.55m.

- Logan Spicer, grade 10, competed in the Junior boys 100m dash final. He ran 11.19 s in the preliminary heats, and 11.10 s in the finals. He placed 8th in both races.

- Spicer also competed against fellow LEP junior, Jacob Schweyer, in the Junior Boys high jump. Here, Schweyer cleared 1.85 metres, landing him in 7th place. Spicer was right behind him, at a height of 1.80 metres and placing 8th.

- For the girls, Chandyn Bachiu sailed 4.96 metres in the junior girls long jump, earning her a 7th place finish.

- LEP's up and comer Midget runner, Alison Symington, qualified for the 1500 m finals from an 8th place finish in prelims. Unfortunately, during the finals she rolled her ankle, taking her out of the rest of the race, as well as her upcoming 800m race.

Perhaps the most impressive outcome from OFSAA was the troika of medals that Lauren Fearn brought home. Fearn won a gold medal in the discus event with a throw of 40.18 metres which beat her previous personal best by at least 4 metres, and placed her ahead of the second place finisher by 2.32 metres! In the shot put, she scored a silver medal with 13.18 metres, compared to the 13.59 throw for the first place finisher from Toronto. Finally, Fearn added a second silver medal, her third OFSAA track & field medal of the year, after throwing the javelin 38.02 metres, 6 metres farther than her throws at NOSSA



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“We the North” - Toronto Raptors Make History

By Lauren Thomas

After the National Basketball Association (NBA) was formed in 1946, the first NBA finals were held in 1947, where the Philadelphia Warriors won against the Chicago Stags 4-1 in the 7 game series. If you take a look at the city name on these teams, you'll notice that they are both American. American basketball teams have been victorious in the NBA finals for over 70 years...until 2019.

June 13, 2019, was the sixth game between the Toronto Raptors and the Golden State Warriors, who were the 2018 NBA champions.

The Raptors made NBA history by winning game 6, and becoming the first Canadian team to ever win the championship and to ever make it to the finals in the team's 24 year history. The game took place at the Oracle Arena in Oakland, California, where the Raptors beat the Warriors 114-110.

Finals MVP was awarded to Kawhi Leonard, who scored 22 points in the winning game, and the team was awarded the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy

On Monday, June 17, downtown Toronto turned into a red and black ocean as hundreds of Raptors fans gathered for kilometres to celebrate the win of their team with a celebratory victory parade. Fans, officials, players, and even political dignitaries such as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, and Toronto Mayor John Tory came out to enjoy the celebration. However, the mass amount of people at the parade was not safe from violence as gun shots were fired and 4 people were left injured. Three suspects were arrested, and the victims are said to be in stable condition.

The Toronto Raptors are now the only Canadian team left in the NBA after the Vancouver Grizzlies moved to Memphis in 2001. So let's see what they accomplish next year!

and SDSSAA only days before.

Needless to say, the athletes from Lo Ellen Park secondary school left their mark on track and field this year. Who knows how much they'll accomplish in 2020.

Athletic Banquet

By Lauren Thomas

What a year in sports for the Lo-Ellen Park Knights! This year, on Monday June 10, the school's annual athletic banquet took place in the upper gymnasium. One decoration that was immediately noticed by many was the huge number of banners from SDSSAA, NOSSA and OFSAA championships that LEP has gathered over just this 2018-2019 year alone, hung proudly in the back of the gym.

Not surprisingly, these banners spanned the entire length of the gym.

This collection is due to the hard work and effort put in by the 358 athletes from Lo Ellen Park Secondary that participated on at least one school sports team this year. The athletic banquet acknowledged and recognized both students and teachers who contributed generously to the success of our school.

Our athletes dominated in nearly every sport. We won 21 SDSSAA (City) Championships as well as 18 NOSSA championships! We even qualified for 15 OFSAA championships where phenomenal accomplishments took place.

The following list shows all the top finishes at OFSAA:

Cross Country Running:

Midget Girls → Bronze

Coaches: Colin Ward, Neil Phipps

Athletes: Alison Symmington, Avery Sutherland, Amanda Symington, Maggie Parks, Jill Kusnierczyk, Aoife Mahaffy)

Hockey:

Girls → Silver

Coaches: Mr. Frank, Ms. Wuorinen

Athletes: Cecilia Anderson, Taylor Buchowski, Chloe Campeau, Katie Chomiak, Paige Crowder, Emma Dyer, Lauren Fearn, Makayla Gratton, Jill Kusnierczyk, Allie Lumme, Aoife Mahaffy, Bronwyn Mantle, Kristen Mrozewski, Jessica Ouimet, Bradie Roy, Hanna Smith, Amanda Symington, Kayla Thompson

Prom 2019

By Emily Cooke

The Lo-Ellen Park prom was hosted in the Student Centre at Cambrian College this year on Friday, June 14. A week before ticket sales were supposed to stop, it was seeming like prom might get cancelled as not enough people had bought tickets. Luckily this didn't stay the case, and more tickets ended up selling than was anticipated- 197. When students arrived at Cambrian the room was decorated with beautiful lights and decorations to fit with the Northern Lights theme that the students themselves had voted on.

Dinner began around 7:00 with a buffet style meal for the students to enjoy. After dinner, before the dancing began, members of the prom committee announced students who were voted for different awards. Examples included 'life of the party', 'best dressed male and female', 'biggest female and male chatterbox' and more. The music then started and the students got to enjoy a long night of dancing to celebrate the end of their final year of high school.



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Nordic Skiing:

Team Medals:

Junior Girls Team and Team Sprint → Bronze (Maggie Parks, Jill Kusnierczyk, Chandyn Bachiu, Kalila Bachiu, Lauren Fearn)
 Senior Girls - Team and Team Sprint → Gold (Meredith Kusnierczyk, Fiona Symington, Jayde Hurley, Nathalie Marks de Chabris, Delaney Bourget)
 Senior Boys Team - Gold, Team Sprint → Silver (Kendyn Mashinter, Max Mahaffy, Auggie Marks de Chabris, Cameron Boland, Jacob Pilon)
 Overall aggregate combined senior team champions

Individual Medals:

Austin Mashinter - Gold - Jr Boys high-school 6 km
 Meredith Kusnierczyk - Gold - Sr Girls high-school 6 km
 Augustin Marks de Chabris - Gold - Sr Boys high-school 7.8 km
 Nathalie Marks de Chabris - Silver - Sr Girls high-school 6 km
 Amanda Symington - Bronze - Jr Girls high-school 3.5 km
 Alex Lambert - Bronze - Jr Boys high-school 6 km

Swimming:

Ali Bertrim → Silver (200 IM)

Track and Field:

Lauren Fearn
 Gold → discus
 Silver → shotput and javelin

The athletic banquet also recognized awards such as:

- The Senior letter
- Spirit award
- President's Award
- Colin Hood awards
- Knight Appreciation award
- Female & Male Up and Comer
- Female & Male Athlete of the Year: Midget, Junior Senior

Congratulations to all Lo-Ellen Park athletes who participated in sports. Our school accomplished so much this year and the school community can be extremely proud of all athletic successes. Congratulations also to teams and athletes who were nominated for, or were honoured at the Sudbury Sports Hall of Fame Event.

The Sudan Crisis

By Emily Cooke



Photo by cnn.com

The people of Sudan began to peacefully protest in December of 2018 in an attempt to have their authoritarian president of 30 years removed. In April, this was achieved as President Omar al-Bashir was ousted from office, however this did not end the chaos in the country. Since, the military has seized control of the country, claiming that they will remain in charge for three years to aid in the transition to a democracy. Protests have continued against this military rule, and soldiers opened fire on a pro-democracy gathering in the capital city of Khartoum. At least 118 people were killed in this tragedy, and many more like this have been occurring over the past couple of weeks.

The internet had been shut down in the country, so the people of Sudan took to social media to appeal to people all over the world. This worked, and people worldwide have been turning their profile pictures blue to stand with Sudan. The blue represents the favourite colour of Mohamed Hashim Mattar, who was shot on June 3 by a paramilitary group while he was protesting in Khartoum.

Outside of social media posts, a petition began to have the UN investigate the Sudanese government, and a GoFundMe was started to raise money to help victims of the violence in the country. Subsequently, after talks broke down and after sadly another massacre, coup leader Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan called an election for nine months from now to end the chaos and violence.

A Letter From the Editor

By Emily Cooke

I joined the LEP Press in grade 10 when it was started as a passion project by two grade 12 students. I wrote a few articles throughout the year, and after they graduated I was happy to take over running and editing the newspaper club for two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed editing the newspaper to share with the school community, but this will be my last edition as I am graduating this year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the LEP community for their support of the newspaper over the last three years and for reading, or contributing to, the hard work of the students in the club. It can be difficult to get news from different student groups, and I would encourage different clubs to communicate with the LEP Press more in the future so that no one is left out.

The LEP Press will be able to grow even more with more contributions from students from all different parts of the school, writing about what they are passionate about and what they are involved in. Sometimes important things happen in our school community that go unnoticed because students don't hear about them. This is why we work so hard on the LEP Press to include everyone, because all accomplishments are important to share.

While I may be leaving, the LEP Press will continue next year with a new Editor-in-Chief. I wish Gray Brogden all the best in sharing Lo-Ellen Park news with all of you.

Sincerely,

Emily Cooke

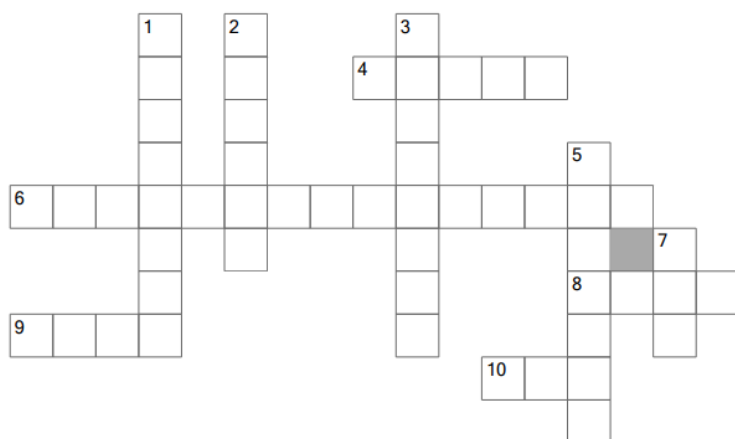
Puzzles

Emily Cooke

Sudoku (solutions at the bottom of page 7)

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Summer Crossword (solutions at the bottom of page 7)



Across:

4. The shore of the sea, or of a lake, which is washed by the waves
6. The birthday of the United States of America
8. A small body of standing water
9. Beginning of summer
10. The star at the centre of a solar system

Down:

1. To cook outdoors on a grill
2. The season of the year in which the sun shines most directly upon any region
3. A beverage consisting of lemon juice mixed with water and sweetened
5. An outdoor recreational activity involving sleeping in a tent, cabin, etc.
7. Exceeding warm in degree

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Have a great summer and we'll see you back at school in September!

Crossword Solutions

Across:
 4. Beach; 6. Independence Day; 8. Pool; 9. June; 10: Sun
 Down:
 1. Barbecue; 2. Summer; 3. Lemonade; 5. Camping; 7. Hot

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Sudoku Solution