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A photo with santa at the Christmas Fair of 2015, two years ago.

IC's Weird and Wacky Christmas Traditions

Grade Sevens interview people on long lasting Christmas rituals

BY SOPHIE V & TATYANNA W

As you are all aware, it will be Christmas soon, and we know that you are all excited about the upcoming winter holiday. We have gone around interviewing different students, and teachers, about their holiday traditions. But we have not been looking for regular everyday hanging-stockings-by-the-fire-traditions. We're looking for weird, wacky, and silly holiday traditions that you and your family take part in, like buying your Christmas tree in Hawaii.

One of the wackiest traditions was shared by Abby W. in Grade Seven. She and her family like to put marshmallows on their yams. "It tastes like roasted marshmallows on yams!" Abby says. Her sister Charlotte W. had something to add as well: "For Christmas, my grandma gives us weird looking but sometimes comfy hats, that we only have to wear during Christmas dinner. Then, we can take them off."

One of the most traditional ones was a certain German tradition that Hannah in Grade six and her family always participate in. She explained that, "On

Christmas Eve, we put out a boot for St. Nicholas to fill, and in the morning, we wake up to find it loaded with sweets!"

The next tradition was shared by Olivia S. in Grade Seven. Now here's a person that loves summer: "On Christmas, we watch summer movies! It's so fun! That shows you how much my Dad hates snow!"

This one was shared by Julia W., also in Grade Seven. Someone really hangs on to the good old days: "On Christmas day, my old and very traditional grandma gives us oranges in our stockings!"

Here are some traditions that were shared by teachers:

Mrs. Castro: "I always go to an ugly christmas sweater party every year. It's the funnest thing in the world!"

Ms. Kirk: "My family and I would cut down our Christmas tree in the woods, bring it home, and have a giant bonfire in the snow with hot chocolate on Mt. Puntzi."

Ms. Amanda: "Every year that my family and I would go the the Christmas train, we would always wear matching Christmas shirts together."

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And finally, a tradition shared by our principal Miss Foran: "On Christmas Eve, not Christmas dinner, we eat tacos!"

But we have to award Ms. Rica for the funniest and silliest holiday tradition: "On Christmas night, we all gather around the dining table, and sing the song, "On The First Day Of Christmas." But, then we take out all the things, and replace them with funny things, such as: "On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a ding dong in my sock! On the 2nd day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, two prickly pickles, and a ding dong in my sock! On the 3rd day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, three french toilettes, two prickly pickles, and a ding dong in my sock! . . ."

We hope you have a weird and wacky (and very enjoyable!) Christmas Holiday. God bless!

Grade's 1 & 3 go to Writer's Festival

On November 9th, 2017, the Grade 1s and Grade 3s went to a Writers' Festival. The Vancouver International Writers' Festival was held at Granville Island. There were three multi-talented writers, illustrators and even artists who were Sydney Smith, Marie Louise Gay and Barbara Reid.

Sydney Smith is an artist and an illustrator. He draws things

that look very realistic. He also painted a picture with the Grade 1s. The Grade 3s painted pictures that are like his, all of them are wonderful. He has a cat named Buster, whom he loves. Buster was in almost all of Sydney Smith's illustrations! Smith studied both drawing and printmaking at NSCAD University located in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It was at that time when he realized that he enjoyed his joy for illustrating

children's books.

Marie-Louise Gay is an author and illustrator. She moves a lot. She often moves from Montreal to Vancouver, Vancouver to Montreal, and had a lot of stops in between, that was when she learned to speak English. She even moved 10 whole times before she was 12. When she was young, she tried finding her talent. ■P3

Christmas Fair Reminders!

SAMANTHA P & ANABELLE S

The Christmas Fair is coming! Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets. If you sell your raffle tickets you might get prizes! If you sell more than one book you'll get dress down coupons. Bring in the items on your passport to get stamps. If you bring in everything on your passport, your passport gets entered into a draw.

Does everyone remember the pancake breakfast? Every penny you use for the pancake breakfast is a donation for our school. They are the best pancakes in the world! The pancake breakfast reminds us of the bake sale. There are these lovely treats prepared by others. When we eat these treats we feel like we are in heaven.

Everybody loves the games! Every year there is the bang the bell game and you have to be strong to win. There is always candy and little toys as prizes. It takes place at the Dunbar Kids Club in the Marian Hall.

We love the crafts! We once made a reindeer out of soap, towel, and pipecleaners. It is so much FUN! We like how other people spend their time to make the children have fun.

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And then there's grand finale, meeting Santa! Every young child is so excited to meet Santa. Don't forget to bring your wish list! Get your picture with Santa with a friend.

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets, bring in items on your passport, and bring money for games, crafts, bake sale, pancakes, pictures with Santa, and toys. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Grade Twos all dressed up in spooky and funny costumes for Hallowe'en!

Hallowe'en Parade a Spooky Success

ABBY W, Grade 7

The Hallowe'en Parade organized by the Grade Sevens has been a longstanding tradition at ICS. The Grade Seven class judged each grade for the best costume and the winners got a prize. During the assembly, everybody got a chance to show off their costumes by walking around the gym so everybody could see. Following each grade's parade around the gym, the winner from that class was announced.

Here are the winners from each grade:

Kindergarten: Miranda as an astronaut

Grade One: Elise as a panda and Charisse as a cake

Grade Two: Ben as a Lego Ninjago Ninja

Grade Three: Charlotte as the sky

Grade four: Amy and Anna As the yip yip twins

Grade Five: Andrew as a cricket player

Grade Six: Christina, Shannon, and Maya as gangster grannies

Grade Seven: Liam as a headless guy

All of the costumes were super awesome but the teachers had to be judged too! The Grade Sevens judged the teachers in costume and the winner was Miss Amanda who was dressed up as Barb from *Stranger Things*. The parade is so much fun every year and we can't wait to see what next year's Grade Sevens are going to do!

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Christmas (Fair) is Coming!

VICTORIA F, Grade 5

The 2017 ICS Christmas fair is coming up on December 2nd! You should come! If you don't want to, I hope this article will change your mind. You will need some money to buy something you like at the toonie table. You should wear a Santa hat if you have one. There is another level, it has fun crafts, and a bookstore. The choir will sing a few songs, I'm sure there will be some ICS hair accessories, candy and more. You can bid money on something you like, but I saved this for last because it's the most exciting! Santa is coming to the Christmas fair! If you are coming I

hope to see you there and if you are not I hope I changed your mind.

Merry Christmas and a happy meow-year! (My favourite animal is the cat so I just had to say that). Merry Christmas, everyone!



Come to IC's Christmas Fair, on December 2nd!

KRISTINA B & SOPHIA B, Gr. 5

On October 17, 2017, the grade five class went on a field trip to Camosun Bog in Pacific Spirit Park. Ms. Jeri Sparrow, an elder from the Musqueam First Nation and our classmate Victoria's grandmother, accompanied us on this trip.

Ms. Sparrow taught the grade five class about plants and their uses. She taught us about nature and the differences between plants. The grade five students were very interested in learning about the different plants and their qualities. One surprising fact that the grade five students learned was that the Musqueam Band used plants for medicine. Ms. Sparrow also told us about a Musqueam legend that was passed down from generation to generation. The legend is about a serpent that created all the rivers and creeks near Vancouver. It also created the Camosun Bog. We were very interested in her stories.

One of the plants we learned about was the Swamp Tea Plant. It is used when you are sick. You put it in your tea and it puts you to sleep. You use about a handful of leaves from the plant. It looks green on the front and a rusty colour on the back. They are flat and have a matte surface. It turns the rusty colour in the Fall. In the Spring it has a white back. Incredible, don't you think?

Our trip to Camosun Bog was informative, amazing, and fun! It taught the grade five students to look at nature in a different perspective. Thank you Jeri Sparrow for coming with us to Camosun Bog and for teaching us about all the different plants.

Grade 5 Students Learn about Camosun Bog



The Grade Fives looking excited on their trip to Camosun Bog.

Grade Five Girls Vault to Volleyball Success

KRISTINA B

The Grade Five volleyball girls had an amazing season! "In such a short time they became awesome volleyball players," according to their coach, Mrs. Bedford. The Grade Five girls made it to the quarter finals due to all their hard work. The girls had a lot of practices and it payed off. They also had four games, two of which they won. The last game was so close. "It could have gone either way," said the Our Lady of

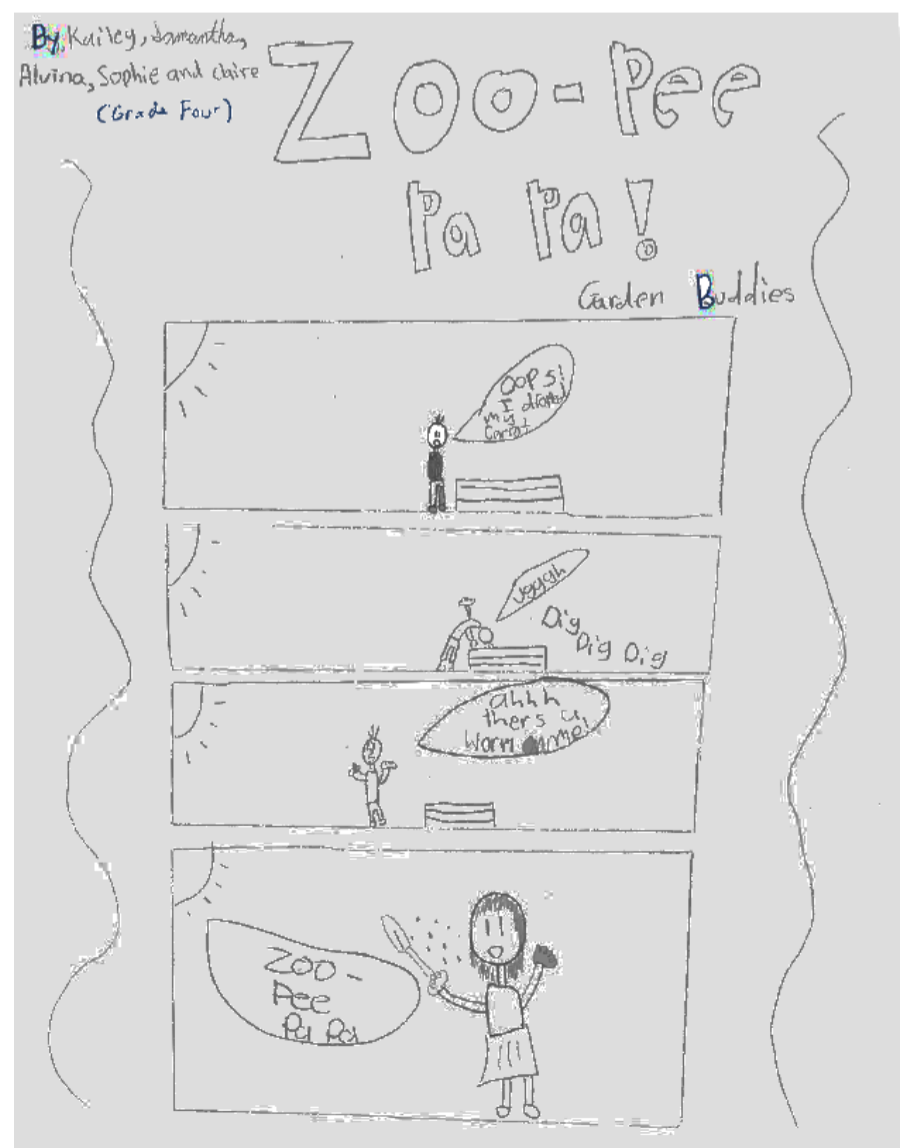
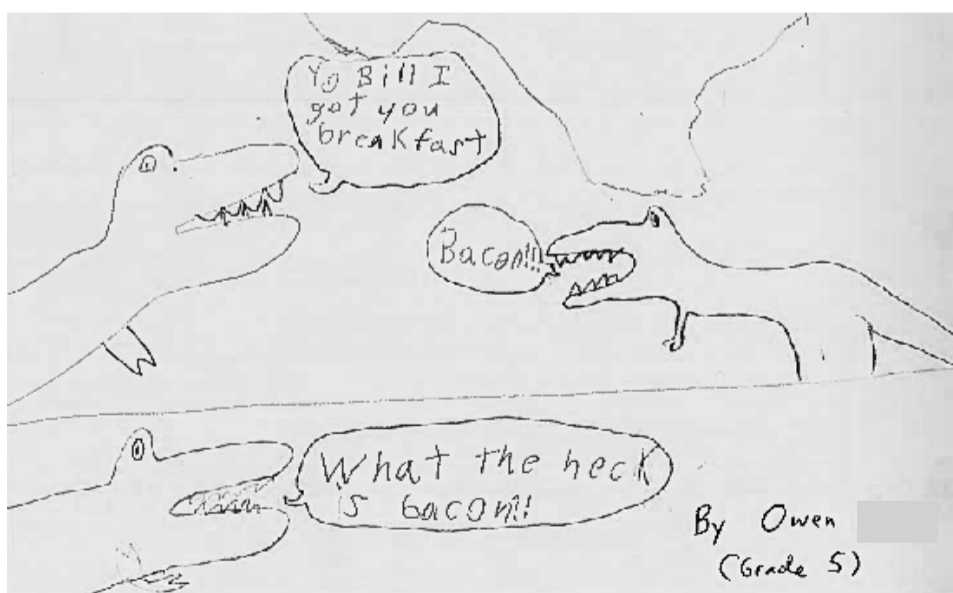
Sorrows coach. To be on the volleyball team from my perspective was one of the greatest things that has happened to me. It was a good way to work as team, to be a friend, and to have fun. Some of the girls' volleyball games were astounding! For example, on one occasion the Grade Five girls were down 9-19 and came back to win the game 25-20. Awesome, right? All the girls felt proud to be supporting our little blue school.

Sophia B, a Grade Five student who was also part of the volleyball team, would like to share some of

her highlights from volleyball. "It was so much fun playing," Sophia said. "Every girl enjoyed playing volleyball, especially me. It was a good way to strengthen my volleyball skills, bond with my friends, and make awesome Grade Five memories. We are not going to get to be in Grade Five every day, so let's make memories that we can remember before we leave this little blue school. Finally, this was one of the best things that I have ever done and the rest of my friends also agree."

Our coach, Mrs. Bedford,

also shared some meaningful words about this year's Grade Five girls' volleyball season. "I am so proud of these girls because they all worked so hard and showed tremendous growth in the various skills. They demonstrated positive sportsmanship and persevered even when challenged. This season has been awesome. I have loved working with the Grade Fives and hope to coach them again next year in Grade Six." This volleyball season has truly been special to the Grade Five girls as you can see. Now one more cheer till next year: GO ALLSTARS!



Grades 1 & 3

Go to the 2017 Writer's Festival in Vancouver

MARY C.L., Grade 5

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Montreal to Vancouver, Vancouver to Montreal, and had a lot of stops in between, that was when she learned to speak English. She even moved 10 whole times before she was 12. When she was young, she tried finding her talent. In Grade 3, she failed art class and gave up drawing for the next 10 years. She tried taking piano classes, but she didn't have a piano at home, so she used a cardboard replica of the keyboard. After a while, she found out her talent was not in music. When she was 9 years old, Marie-Louise Gay started acting. She was really good, she acted on stages and on several TV shows. She missed school and her classmates grew jealous of her. Life was pretty good, but then her family had to move again. About when she was 17, a teenager, a miracle happened! Fantasy invaded her life, flying pigs flew out of her textbooks! She wasn't exactly proud of her report card grades, but that didn't matter. She had found her inner joy! Marie-Louise Gay love writing kids' books in kids' point of view. How

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kids think, how kids act.. One of her most popular series is called Stella.

Barbara Reid is an author and an illustrator. She loves playing with plasticine from when she was just a child. She written over a dozen books and illustrated over 25! Barbara Reid loves combining the things she love, plasticine and books, which are plasticine books. She illustrates with plasticine and make it look easy, which looks so good. The first book she illustrated using plasticine was The New Baby Calf. Barbara Reid has won a lot of awards for her books. The awards include the Ezra Jack



Keats Award, the Vicky Metcalf Award for Literature for Young People, the Governor General's for illustrations for her book The Party, and also won the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Award for The Subway Mouse. Barbara Reid's books are international. They have been translated into at least 8 languages!

After hearing about the three artists and authors, the ICS students did sheets about which author out of the three they liked the most, and drew the picture of the cover of the book they liked most from those authors. The Gr.1s and the Gr.3s had a wonderful time at the writers' festival. They learned a lot from the authors and illustrators.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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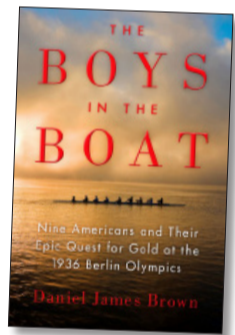
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And thanks to all our editors, who made this newspaper proper!

P.S. I left a hidden message in the paper related to the Immaculate Conception somewhere. See if you can find it!

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT

by Daniel James Brown
Penguin Books
Isabella D

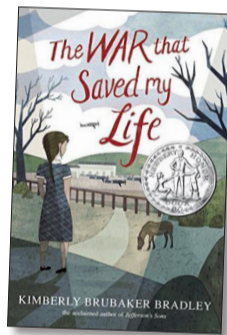


The Boys in the Boat is a stirring novel written by acclaimed writer Daniel James Brown. Published in the summer of 2013, The Boys in the Boat portrays a vivid image of the struggles and success of the University of Washington's rowing team and their strenuous journey to achieve the gold medal in the 1936 Summer Olympics. Together these young men learn how to cooperate with each other, and to give all their might towards their goals and ambitions. The inspiring tale of The Boys in the Boat was a New

York Times Bestseller and has won the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction Selection along with the Adult Nonfiction Book of the Year. I highly recommend this book for voracious readers in Grades Six or Seven. Happy reading!

THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE

by Kimberly Bradley
Dial Books
Beth J



The War that Saved my Life is one of my all time favourite books, and is written by acclaimed author Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. The War that Saved my Life is set in England during the Second World War. The story unveils secret life of 10 year old Ada who yearns to explore the world outside her apartment. but is kept inside by her cruel mother who is too embarrassed of Ada's club-foot. Then, after German planes bomb London and Ada's mother sends her younger brother, Jamie to the countryside, Ada sneaks onto the train. The siblings are taken care of by Susan, who

does not want children. However, she changes her mind later. But Ada's club-foot has still not been fixed. Will she ever be able to walk? The War that Saved my Life was published in January 2015 and has won many awards including the 2016 Newbery Honor Award and the 2017 William Allen White Award. I highly recommend The War that Saved my Life to bookworms in Grade 4 and up.

GET TO KNOW IC STAFF

Mary K.H, Grade 6

Every issue we will be posting an article on one of the Immaculate Conception staff members. For this issue, we have interviewed Miss Della Siega.

Q1. If you could travel to any place in the world where would it be?

I would travel all over Asia.

Q2. If you could have any animal as a pet what would it be?

I would like a dog, especially if it was a golden retriever.

Q3. how was your first year of teaching different than this?

"I'm more confident, I know the

students better, I have more friends, and everything is just easier."

Q4. What are some of your hobbies?

I like coaching, singing, and playing sports

Q5. if you could have any superpower what would it be?

My ideal superpower would be the ability to read minds.

Q6. What are four things you like?

I like the Blue Jays, icecream, teaching and watching cooking shows.

Q7. What are four things you dislike?

I dislike tomatoes, snow, scary movies, and spiders.

Special thanks you to Miss Della Siega!

