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**NEW TRASH SYSTEM OF 2.6 MILLION BINS TO SIMPLIFY
MACKENZIE'S THREE BIN POLICY**

"After all, not everybody can properly sort their waste—it's just too difficult sometimes."

By: Ben Anapeel

Starting in March of 2020, the science hallway of Mackenzie will be reconstructed in order to implement a revolutionary waste-sorting strategy. Instead of designated black bins, blue bins, and green bins, all waste in the school will be sorted alphabetically and by colour. According to the official Mackenzie trash council, this new system will make it easier for students to properly sort their waste.

"Sorting trash only by garbage, recycling, and compost has proven to be a very demanding mental challenge for students," said one of Mackenzie's expert trash analysts. "Especially since high school can be quite stressful for students, we don't want to overwhelm them. I believe that this new system will not only help students sort their waste, but also help with their mental health. After all, not everybody can properly sort their waste—it's just too difficult sometimes."

There will be 26 sections of bins, one for each letter of the alphabet, and each section will contain 100,000 bins to correspond



A preview of Mackenzie's new and innovative trash sorting system.

to a set of 100,000 different colours. Individual bins will be labelled with a colour, represented by a hexadecimal code. As of now, the school has finalized orders to create a total of 2,600,000 bins for the new system. The funding for this investment was obtained through lasagna sales from the cafeteria.

A survey conducted last month in anticipation of this new system showed that approximately 92% of students preferred to have hex code labels for waste sorting instead of the current posters listing

what trash goes where.

The science hallway of the building will be closed off for a week to prepare for the implementation of the new system. All the new waste bins will be located in this hallway, which, according to the Mackenzie trash council, "is necessary for an efficient, centralized trash system". Once the new system is complete, the amount of improperly sorted trash at Mackenzie is expected to decrease by at least 48% and the colour variety in Mackenzie's visual arts projects to increase by 39%.

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WEATHER

Each day, the universe approaches its cold entropic end.
In the meantime, we have climate change.
Expect some snow.
-2 °C.

LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE CAUSES THE COLLAPSE OF “CLUB PRESIDENT’S CLUB”

Some insist that the club never existed in the first place. Perhaps it is for the best that we do the same.

By: John Doe

Every fall, enterprising students vie to create new and exciting clubs to draw members and pad their resumes. But what about students who lack the creativity and drive to create their own club, but still need something to add to their university supplementary applications? This fall two Mackenzie students came up with a creative solution to this problem. They proposed a brand new and innovative way of running a club. A way that would shock the administration to the core and completely redefine the meaning of what a club at Mackenzie is meant to be.

The “Club President’s Club” opened its doors to future executives in September and quickly grew to a whopping 45 executives and 0 members. The club valued inclusivity and equality above all else; anyone who attended a meeting would automatically become one of the club’s many

presidents. The club presidents would assemble once a week to plan meetings and discuss ways of increasing membership.

For a while things went well, or at least as well as possible for a club comprised entirely of bickering execs. The real trouble started when the club presidents were informed by the administration that a club could not, in fact, have more presidents than members and that the club would be shut down if half of the presidents did not step down to assume a lower rank.

For eleven days and twelve nights (incidentally setting a new Mackenzie record for longest time gone without sleep) the executive council deliberated on who would be allowed to keep their title. At the end of the megasecond, the directorate decided to put it to vote. Each president would vote for whomever they thought should keep their role. Somewhat

unsurprisingly, it resulted in a forty-five way split.

Faced with no other options, the committee was forced to disband, but speculation as to what really happened is rampant. Some say that the club still exists, but meets in secret. Others claim that it has simply changed its name to escape detection, yet others insist that the club never existed in the first place. The “Mackenzie Club President’s Club Truther Club” (or MCPCTC) has recently taken to demanding the school for answers. As to what they did before the collapse of CPC is yet another mystery. Incidentally, MCPCTC has announced that they are still looking for forty-six people to fill empty roles as club vice-presidents.

STUDENTS ADOPT ALTERNATIVE OPTIMISED STUDY SCHEDULE

You can’t have disruptions to your study schedule if you don’t study at all.

By: May Belatr

Mackenzie’s library was a place for students to have a quiet place to study and do work. But since July, the library’s state of renovation has cost students their primary study spot. Scrambling for alternatives, a select group of Mackenzie students with a stroke of genius has found an excellent solution to their academic concerns. Mackenzie students, being the brightest of bright and the best of the best, have found that not studying at all is the perfect alternative.

A normal day for grade 12 students would look like this: go to school, attend classes, study during lunch, then study again during their spare if they have one. But with this new way of life, high school students are able to engage in some of their favourite activities such as procrastinating, wasting time, but most importantly, sleeping.

These students have reported impressive improvements in different areas of their lives. Benefits have consisted of an extra hour of sleep, up to two extra hours

of free time and even five hours of family time every day.

“I now get a whopping three hours of sleep instead of my usual two,” said one student.

“Class averages have dropped by about five percent,” complained one of the teachers. Students rebutted, calling it “a fair trade-off.”

It is expected that students will not be willing to go back to their old ways.

“Hmmmmm, I like this schedule better,” said an anonymous student.

MACKENZIE ALUMNI'S CREATIVE BRIDGE DESIGN NOMINATED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION AWARDS

"Aren't bridges supposed to be made with popsicle sticks?"



The original technical drawing made by the lead bridge engineer.

By: Amanda E. Davis

A new Toronto bridge has been diverting traffic off of the busy Gardiner Expressway year. Reports confirmed Friday that the bridge, affectionately named Bridgey McBridgeface, was made entirely out of popsicle sticks

and wood glue. Mackenzie graduate and lead engineer, Warren Trust, was nominated for the Suzuki Distinction Award, as well as two engineering awards for environmental innovation.

"I just thought that this was how bridges were made," said Trust at the press conference.

The science department at Mackenzie is very proud of Trust's achievement. "This is exactly why the grade 11 bridge project exists. It's a fountain of knowledge that is applicable, practical, and real-world," added a Mackenzie teacher.

McBridgeface's consideration for the environmental awards is due to its materials being fully biodegradable and made of recycled materials.

"The bridge gives off a pleasant smell, sort of like orange creamsicles. I experience this aroma every day as I drive over it, reminding me of summer," said one commuter.

Unfortunately, Bridgey McBridgeface will not last long. One of its legs has already started to biodegrade and the bridge will turn into a rich bed of compost by June.

VAPING POPULATION AT MACKENZIE DROPS BELOW 0%

"Future trends, we decided, should be considered negative," said the Official Mackenzie Statistic Fabricator.

By: Henry Puff

The dramatic rise of teenagers who vape in school bathrooms has created a new problem for administration. They took notice, and responded by implementing a highly effective strategy: new signs posted on all bathroom doors that say "NO SMOKING, NO VAPING (e-cigarettes)". These small, thin plastic boards have had a wide and impactful effect on the Mackenzie community.

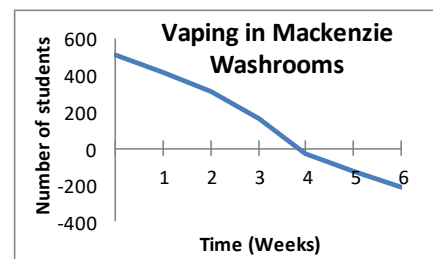
A survey conducted by The Flounder showed that the previous 34% of the school that vaped, has dramatically decreased by 48% over the last six weeks. "We didn't think it possible for the number to drop below zero, but that was before we took into account the amount of students that have been deterred from vaping in the future," said the

Mackenzie Vaping Officer.

The figures were calculated by a convoluted process that involved multiplying the total number of vapers by the latitude of the school, then dividing the product by the total number of students, multiplied by the number of letters in the school's name. "Future trends, we decided, should be considered negative," said the Official Mackenzie Statistic Fabricator.

The capitalized text and strong wording on the sign, combined with its clean and minimalistic layout, has seemingly done the trick. An anonymous student commented: "At first, I didn't think the signs would achieve anything. But after a couple of days, I really felt impacted by them. They changed the way I see the whole issue."

Last year, a North Vancouver high school had to shut down almost all of its student bathrooms in an attempt to prevent kids from vaping at school. Mackenzie thankfully realizes the importance of bathroom privileges, and has created a very unique solution to this emerging problem, one that doesn't involve students holding in their bladder for the day, and gives the hall monitors a break from barging into bathrooms.



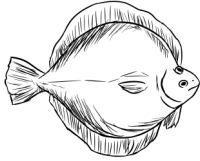
Data collected from Mackenzie's Department of Statistic Fabrication.

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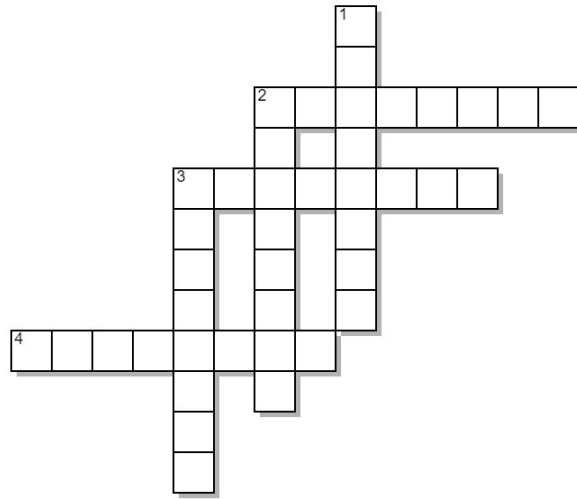
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PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA, ONLY
ONE FLOUNDER AT MACKENZIE

Something's Fishy



ACROSS

- 2 Mackenzie's leading fish-themed newspaper
- 3 Struggle mentally
- 4 Edible flatfish

DOWN

- 1 Ariel's best friend in "The Little Mermaid"
- 2 Flood beneath, a fish
- 3 Stagger clumsily

HOROSCOPES

The Flounder accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of today's horoscope. Please remember that you are a walking bag of meat and the movement of stars hundreds of light years away most likely will not have any impact on your life. Side effects of reading these horoscopes may include severe negativity from our astrologer and a poor mark in Data Management. If your belief in astrology lasts more than four hours, please consult a science textbook.

♈ ARIES

(MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)

Hot-headed as your sign, the Ram. Be kind this week and avoid butting heads. Remember to get sheared regularly to avoid overheating.

♉ TAURUS

(APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

Ambitious and determined, this year try to chill out a bit. High blood pressure will only harm you long term. Your friends all think you're a try-hard. Only wear plaid this week, or else.

♊ GEMINI

(MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

One of the more misunderstood of the signs, remember: you're not two-faced - you're multi-faced. Own it! Also, go vegan this winter to avoid a tragic injury. Please.

♋ CANCER

(JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

Usually an emotional wreck, this season, you will be surprisingly under control. What will you be under control of? I highly doubt it will be yourself. It's not like I can see the future or anything.

♌ LEO

(JULY 23 - AUGUST 22)

Always thirsty for the spotlight, this month, decide whether you should clean your room. Today, confess to a crime you committed. If you didn't commit it, even better.

♍ VIRGO

(AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22)

You have overcome so many adversaries this year, except one: yourself. Quit making excuses and be a better you. Avoid tall cliffs and rabid wolves.

♎ LIBRA

(SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22)

Due to the position of the sun in the sky (probably somewhere in the middle), today you will have some amount of successes and failures.

♏ SCORPIO

(OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21)

Haha, look at your sign! It's literally just an "M". Look, I'm not saying that there's anything wrong with the letter "M", it's just that I think you need a more interesting sign. At least you put in more effort than Aquarius over there.

♐ SAGITTARIUS

(NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 19)

This month, your sign will be in full power. You will feel confident, self-assured, and strong; you will feel ready to tackle anything head on. Key word, "feel".

♑ CAPRICORN

(DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 19)

This sign won't tolerate bad vibes. Luckily, vibes are a figment of your imagination. Just vibe them away. Is this horoscope giving you bad vibes? What a shame.

♒ AQUARIUS

(JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18)

You've worked yourself crazy all year, so sleep in and unwind this winter break. You will find this difficult now that the break is over. Scorpio's talking trash about you.

♓ PISCES

(FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)

The moon is waning and Mackenzies is in its second semester. Change is good, but only sometimes. Go to school, spend time with friends, and read The Flounder.