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TWIN DAY

This month, our Spirit Day was Twin Day! Thank you to everybody who showed their school spirit by matching one or more other people. It was great to see everybody showing their school spirit! Just a heads up, March's spirit day will be Crazy Hat/Hair Day!



STICKY NOTE DAY

This month, the Student Council organized a fun event for the students. They prepared sticky notes with kind and supportive messages and came early on the 20th so they could stick them on every single student's locker. When the students went to their lockers in the morning, they were greeted with messages like "You are un-beet-able!", "Your cat-itude is paw-some!", and "1 universe, 8 planets, 7 continents, 195 countries; yet I still had the chance to meet you!" Overall, the sticky notes brought a little bit of happiness to every student's day, and we hope to do the same thing next year!

THAT WAS... DESCRIPTION

Every month, we will be having a "That was" part of this newsletter. It will be a student written description of a trip, event, or a special day from that month.



STAGE BAND

On February 20, the grade 7/8 Stage Band travelled to York University to perform in Jazzfest '19. They watched other schools perform pieces and represented CWSA well. They performed three pieces (*Here's that Rainy Day*, *Using the Force*, and *That's How We Roll*) and participated in a workshop with acclaimed jazz musicians. Overall, they received gold as their rank in skill and enjoyed the day.

THAT WAS FEBRUARY:

GLENN H (5-1), TESSA N (5-2),
ARJUN S (5-2), DAMIAN L (5-2)

5-1 CROWN VS QUIRKY MOCK TRIAL: GLENN H

On Thursday, February 7th, the grade fives at Claude Watson School for the Arts participated in a Crown VS Quirky mock trial program sponsored by the Ontario Bar Association. Prior to the trial, Mr. Kleinman, a lawyer, came in to teach the grade fives about the legislative system in Canada.

In the plot of this trial, Planet Earth and Planet Muzak have decided to become friends through an exchange program, which required a few families from the City of Toronto to move to the City of Hanson and vice versa. Quirky was an alien whose family moved to Toronto. During his first month, he went to a mall with his sister, Zirky. In an electronics store, Quirky spotted an iPhone and put it in his pocket without paying. Mr. Jones, the storekeeper, stopped Quirky outside the store, asked Quirky to empty his pockets, and called the police. The police arrested and charged Quirky with theft under \$5,000.

The trial consisted of Mr. Kleinman as the judge, Quirky as the accused, and five witnesses, his sister Zirky, Mr. Jones, Ms. Smith, Constable Chen, and Noodles. Ms. Smith witnessed the robbery, Constable Chen was the arresting officer, and Noodles was an expert from Muzak. There were three crown prosecutors who explained why Quirky was guilty, and four defence lawyers who defended Quirky's innocence. There were a court clerk and two bailiffs, and the case was heard before a jury comprised of 11 students.

The first witness the crown called up was Mr. Jones. They affirmed that the case of aliens stealing happened before and Mr. Jones was scared when Quirky walked in. When the defence cross-examined

Mr. Jones, they revealed that Quirky was the first alien to come into his store and while Mr. Jones was watching Quirky, he stopped doing his work. Mr. Jones admitted that he did not ask every customer to empty their pockets, but he asked Quirky to empty his pockets without witnessing the situation because Quirky was an alien.

The defence then called up Noodles, an expert from Muzak. The defence confirmed that there was no payment system in Muzak. Noodles said 10 families from Muzak came to Planet Earth and the aliens thought the rules at Earth would be the same as it was in Muzak.

The next witness the crown called up was Zirky. They addressed the jury by establishing that Zirky, 15 years of age, was Quirky's older sister. The crown affirmed that Zirky didn't know anything about money. She knew that a mall was where people buy goods, although she never questioned what "buy" meant. During the cross-examination, the defence confirmed Zirky had been on Earth for less than two months.

The final witness the crown called up was Constable Chen, the arresting officer. Constable Chen admitted that he didn't know about Muzak or aliens although when he got to the store, people were swarming around him. Constable Chen thought Quirky wanted to take the iPhone but didn't know he had to pay.

The defence lawyers' closing statement explained how Quirky made an honest mistake. Once the case was closed, the jury decided that Quirky was not guilty on a vote of 6 VS 5.



5-2 MOCK TRIAL - QUIRKY VS JONES: TESSA N. AND ARJUN S.

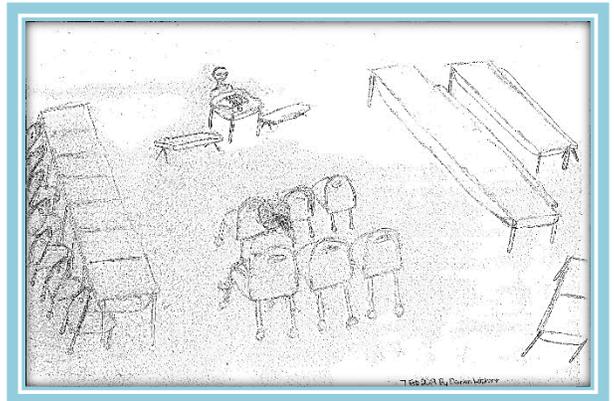
A few weeks ago, a Muzakian named Quirky who was on the exchange program from the planet Muzak, was accused of stealing an iPhone at an electronics store in a local mall. An expert on the planet Muzak, Noodles, stated that on her planet, there is no such thing as money. Ms. Jones, the store's owner definitely had something to say about the twelve year old alien taking the iPhone. Both the crown prosecutors and defense lawyers had been working on this case tirelessly.

On the day of the trial, the crown prosecutors started with their opening statement. We had interviewed one of the lawyers a few days prior to the trial. We asked Ms. Clara Hendren Jenkins (one of the crown prosecutors) if she believed that Quirky would be treated the same as everyone in court. "Well, I believe that everyone should be treated equally in court," said Ms Hendren Jenkins. We also interviewed one of the defense lawyers Cole Fisher. We asked him how he felt about Quirky being a minor. "I believe that Quirky will be treated fairly in court because the whole case is basically centred around the minor."

Proceeding, the members of the court moved on to question the witnesses; Noodles, the expert witness, Mr. Smith, Constable Chen, Quirky, Zirky, and Ms. Jones. All the witnesses agreed that Quirky had no knowledge of the use of currency and that he did not have bad intentions. Said Constable Chen, the officer at the scene, "Quirky was scared and confused when he was being questioned".

After all the witnesses had spoken, the crown prosecutors and the defence lawyers read their closing statements. Even though only one side won, both sides put up a compelling case.

After contemplating for a few minutes, the jury came to a conclusion that Quirky was guilty. After the verdict was concluded, the judge decided that Noodles, an expert on the planet Muzak, would establish an education program to teach Muzakians about earth and that Quirky must attend this program, become a teacher and pay a fine that was close in value to the phone he stole. This case has been very important for both Muzakians and humans. This case will definitely be remembered.



Court Case Sketch by Damian L. (5-2)