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Political Corner

By: Noah Jacobs

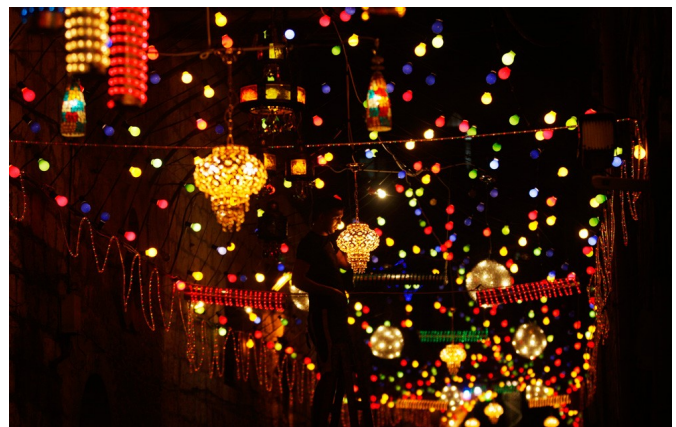
As Canadians, we are lucky to be living in a democracy where the population has the right to vote for our leaders. Some countries have political insecurity and citizens would welcome an opportunity to have a voice like every Canadian has. Unfortunately, many of our eligible citizens are not using one of the most powerful tools that fuels our democracy... the right to vote. Voting is extremely important in our system of government. Whether you are voting in a federal, provincial, municipal, or even student council election you are influencing change. Every time you vote you are appointing someone to represent your opinions, which is why it is unfortunate that some people do not vote. It is equally unfortunate when the very politicians we elect to represent us don't listen to the people who elected them. Recently politicians have been thinking less and less about their constituents and more about partisanship. An example being our current provincial government. Many people have spoken out against the budget, however many Liberal MHA's are not listening. One Liberal, Paul Lane, has stood up and spoken against his party's budget. He made this decision after listening to his constituents and now he has been kicked out of his own party. What the Liberals must remember is that people have long memories and the people may decide in four years to return the favor and kick them out of office which is what makes our political system so great.



Culture Column

By: Noubahar Hasnain

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every day during this month, Muslims around the world spend the daylight hours in a complete fast. During the blessed month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world abstain from all food and drink. Ramadan is much more than just not eating and drinking; it is a time to purify the soul, re-focus attention on God, and practice self-discipline and sacrifice. It is also a prime time to give Zakat (a form of alms-giving). As one of the Five Pillars of Islam, zakat is a religious obligation for all Muslims who meet the necessary criteria of wealth. This year, Ramadan will start on Monday, the 6th of June and continue for 30 days until Tuesday, the 5th of July. Note that in the Muslim calendar, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Muslims will celebrate Ramadan on the sunset of Sunday, the 5th of June. Although Ramadan is always on the same day of the Islamic calendar, the date on the Gregorian calendar varies from year to year, since the Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar and the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar. This difference means Ramadan moves in the Gregorian calendar approximately 11 days every year. The date of Ramadan may also vary from country to country depending on whether the moon has been sighted or not.



Music Review - Dog Days Are Over

By: Veronica Oliver

Dog Days (meaning)-

The time of year when the sun shines its most unforgiving beams, baking the ground and everything in its path, including us. It's the portion of the summer known as the hottest time of the year and the most torturous.



As this is the last music review article of the school year, I figured that it would be appropriate to end off this wonderful, chaotic time with a song that celebrates the final days of hardship. “Dog Days Are Over” by Florence + The Machine does just this, mixing a pop inspired bass and a ukulele beat with the haunting voice of Florence Welch. The tune is one of pure excitement, exuberance, and like all good songs, a dash of heartache and meaningful warnings. All of these traits are swirled together to create a delicious concoction that sounds like what colors look like; beautiful, vibrant, and thought provoking. So, like all good painters, Welch uses these colors to her advantage; painting a picture of a girl finding happiness in the midst of numbness that “hit her like a train on a track”, running from everything she once knew, letting go of everyone she once held dear, to create a new life elsewhere, even though she didn’t want to feel it (“coming towards her, stuck still, no turning back). It says in the pre-chorus, “Run fast for your mother, run fast for your father. Run for your children, for your sisters and brothers. Leave all your love and your longing behind, you can’t carry it with you if you want to survive.” We, as students moving on to either the next grade, post-secondary, or something else, feel the need to move fast through life, stopping for nothing that may be in our way. Welch tells her listeners that they need to leave love and longing for past things behind if they want to keep running as fast as they are through whatever their goals may be. Though some may view this as pessimistic, it actually is somewhat realistic. The chorus rushes through with a whirlwind of emotion, almost like a battle cry, telling those who have been through hardship that their trial is at an end. It says, “The dog days are over, the dog days are done. Can you hear the horses? ‘Cause here they come.” This chorus repeats itself multiple times, each different from the next, with Welch’s voice overlapping the song with previous verses. One cannot help but imagine a dance of celebration or a group of those who were suffering running free with joy. The song, just as it began, ends simply with a few strums of a bright ukulele, coming to a joyful ending. So, as a final farewell to the students of MPSH, I’d like to say that your dog days are over and that adventure is coming, even if you don’t see it quite yet. Opposed to what the song says, please don’t leave your love behind. Carry it with you, giving it out to everyone; that is how we, as humans, survive. Run fast through life, but stop to smell the roses. And please, *please, find healthy, light-giving joy in your dog days. Whether that be reading, someone else, painting, hockey- just whatever it is, find it, do it, and make use of it. Your dog days are over so you better run. Run as fast as you can, as long as you can, and when you have to stop and catch your breath, pause, sit down, and appreciate life for what it is, what it holds, and what is to come. Have a good summer, everyone.*

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