

# The KING'S CRIER

## HALIBURTON

Our senior students traveled to Haliburton Forest on October 3rd. On Monday, we departed from school. The bus ride went perfectly for the students until we picked up our friends in Bracebridge. Shortly after our stop, we ran into trouble and had to pull over at a nearby park. While here, the seniors and teachers enjoyed the beautiful weather while waiting for a replacement bus. After a few short hours, we were back on our way to Haliburton. The students spent the rest of Monday unpacking and getting situated in our bunks. On Tuesday, the real fun began. Everyone woke up bright and early, ready for a day full of activities. The day started with team-building activities

and challenges. Teams earned 'money' throughout the day that they would later use to buy supplies for boats in an auction. After the auction, the teams built their boats and were off into the freezing lake. The winner of the race was The Poohs, led by Mallory. On Wednesday, students took part in very different activities. We started the day with rock climbing on a natural rock wall. After a tiring morning, we headed into the woods to test our survival skills. In groups, we created shelters to protect us from water and built fires to boil water. A campfire was the perfect way to end a long day, where we shared scary stories, and Mr. Hahn played songs on his guitar.

On our last full day, we went for a walk in the forest (while 40 feet in the air). We got to explore the forest from above and look at all that there is to nature. The day ended with more activities like Running Pictionary followed by karaoke. With our week of activities ending, we packed up on Thursday night to prepare for our departure the following day. Haliburton 2022 was a massive success for students and staff alike, filled with fun, activities, and, most importantly, bonding.

By Chase Graci



## KING'S DISCOVERY

On Monday, October 3rd, King's Discovery Week began. Grades 2-8 worked on team-building exercises and getting to know everyone better. There were four teams: Team Perry, Furious 9, Team Water bottle, and Dora the Destroyer. Throughout the week, the teams had to earn points to win.

On Day 1, all students worked on their team-building skills, collaborative skills, and KCM. There were four stations; Mr. Dawson with the Mind field game, Ms. Khanna with the Electrical Fence game, Madame Moore with Shrinking world, and Ms. Sandher playing Silent Spoons. In addition, all students played a game of Waddle Waddle. This game was a practice to use KCM.

Day 2 was Drama Day! There were two special guests, Director Dean Sawsoin and Director AK. Director Dean Sawsoin and Director AK put us into groups to work on our drama skills. The teams had to produce their skits and make sure to include everyone. All the kids did an improvised exercise. Many students learned about other students.

On Day 3, All students took a Cold Creek Conservation Area trip. The four teams combined into two. One was working on the high ropes course, and the other was playing more Team building games and conquering the rock wall. The rock wall exercise showed many students that they could trust other students. Students were encouraging other

students and helping students if they didn't know how to climb it.

On Day 4, kids started the day by playing family feud and ended it by playing predator and prey. Predator and Prey was a free-for-all game. All students had to find food and water to survive independently, but most importantly, they had to try not to get attacked by their predator. Finally, it was Movie and Pajama Day. On the last day of King's discovery week, all students came to school in Pajamas and brought snacks to watch a movie. Grades 7 and 8 watched Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, while, the 2-6 had the choice as to watch The Little Mermaid or James and The Giant Peach.

By: Etom Mann



## HOUSE COMPETITION

Another month has passed, and the rivalry between the King's Houses has been fierce! At the beginning of October, we had a competition where students were asked to present The Song of Magnificence with their house in the most captivating way possible. The performances were impressive! All houses did an excellent job of reciting the song through exotic dance moves, melodic singing, and even some elegant rapping.

A few highlights were an epic parody of Stayin' Alive by The Bee Gees by House Lord, the captivating "worm" dance move by House Mitchner, and a duet from rapping hotdogs from House Kumba. Many points were awarded to all the houses, and although no real winner was decided, everyone felt like a winner. Along with this competition, a new long-term competition has entered the school. In collaboration with the Noble Academic Reading Club (N.A.R.C.),

a school-wide reading competition has started! This competition has gotten students cracking open books and reading furiously to earn points for their houses. More competitions are expected to appear soon, so keep an eye on the King's Crier for more updates! Good luck to all the houses! By Adam Dwyer



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## READING COMPETITION

This year King's is holding a new competition! The Reading Competition was introduced on September 29th and will continue until December 13th. This is a House competition; whichever house reads the most books win a Pizza Party that will be held just before Winter Break. This competition was organized by the Noble Academic Reading Club (N.A.R.C.). They are working to create a library in the school to promote reading. Throughout the next couple of months, fundraisers will be held to purchase new books, and the old books will be cleared off the shelves. Updates on the library will continue to be provided throughout the year.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Parent Teacher Interviews (November 1st - 3rd) | Trip to Shelburne for Matilda (November 16th) |
| York U Presentation (November 3rd)             | Remembrance Day (November 11th)               |
| Carleton U Presentation (November 9th)         | Winter Gala Practice Day (December 2nd)       |
| Senior Drama Club Starts (November 10th)       | Winter Gala (December 3rd)                    |

## TRIP TO RIPLEYS AQUARIUM

On October 26th, grades 2-7 went to see the beautiful ocean creatures at Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto. Students were split into two groups. Group A was Algae, and group B was Plankton. First, the groups split and learned about either algae or plankton. Then, both groups had a contest. After the competition, everyone explored all the animals at Ripley's. Next, students went through Dangerous Lagoon, Rainbow Reef, Planet Jellies, and Ray Bay. On the Upper level is where the Dangerous Lagoon adventure starts.

This large tank is home to the aquarium's largest and most dangerous species, including sharks, stingrays, sawfish, and green sea turtles. Students then dived into the lower level where the Rainbow reef began, with a dazzling and colorful array of Indo-Pacific species and an interactive dive show. Finally, students watched the whimsical, color-changing jellyfish dance and float in Planet Jellies and catch a daily dive show

where divers feed four species of stingrays in Ray Bay. Toward the end of the adventure, students could touch the stingray's back (with staff supervision). Before students got on the bus, they walked through Ripley's Aquarium Gift Shop.



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## TRIP TO THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL

On October 26, grades 8-12 took a little trip to the Stratford Festival in Stratford to see a progressive rendition of Hamlet. The day started with a reasonably smooth bus ride, with nothing but a bit of rain in our way. We then stopped at The Queen's Inn for a fantastic lunch. After lunch, students were free to explore Stratford for all it offers, such as walks along the river and traversing through shops on the main street. Unfortunately, when the school finally got into the theatre,

we lost one of our VIPs! Mr. Eta was nowhere to be found! We searched for our headmaster, stopping our search when the doors opened, only to find Mr. Eta sitting in his seat, waiting for the show to start. When asked for comment, Mr. Eta explained that he "found a door." After that, Hamlet began, and it was a fantastic show. The lights and set looked terrific, and the music and sound effects were startling but immersed us in the performance.

Amaka Umeh stole the show with her razzling, dazzling portrayal of the main character, Hamlet. Thank you to the Stratford festival for showcasing their outstanding work!

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