

Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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Current and Future Leadership: *Mr. Nowak*

Victor Zhu
Reporter



2019 Investiture ceremony

Photo Smugmug

Could you summarize some of the leadership activities this year’s leaders have done?

In my opinion, the most important activity of student leaders is the way they act each and every day. I think the entire community knows who they are, and they are all looked upon as role models and representatives of the community. They are the ones that are setting the standards. They helped shape our community into what it is now. We trained as a group in the fall, and we’ve done some group building activities that are extremely fun. Apart from fall training, leaders as a group also gather around every Tuesday night to discuss school cultures and figure out solutions to any ongoing problems. The truth is, there are so many things that leaders have done that are not noticed by the majority of the community. For example, dorm leaders often prepare parties behind the scene, school leaders always help address school meetings, and a bunch of others constantly prepare themselves to speak in front of the whole school. All the activities that we do are about service and leadership, and that’s what Cardigan is about.

Which part or aspect do you believe the leaders did particularly well this year? Are there any areas of improvement?

Our leaders this year did extremely well on the aspect of leading by example, and they all follow the core values. Compassion, I would say, is the right word to describe this group of people who constantly help one another with their kindness. I also think this year's student leaders did a good job to make sure everyone has a sense of belonging. Overall, this is a strong year for leadership. In terms of something to improve upon, I definitely believe that we can be better leaders in the aspect of technology. It continued to be a challenge for the students and the leaders, and that it is funny because now we are heavily relying on technology. I would say when we all return to campus, I hope we can spend less time on the screens and go out to have fun.

Are there any things you want to say to the current group of leaders who are about to head into secondary schools?

I will be saying more to the current leaders throughout the year, the job is not done.

What are some of the qualities that you are looking forward to in the next year’s group of student leaders?

The most important quality for a student leader to demonstrate is the four core values. It is rare that you are a natural-born leader. In fact, leaders are often trained to be great leaders. Our highest priority is that they all have good characters so that you can train them to become excellent leaders. Ultimately, the evaluation process is based on our core values. We chose leaders not because they tell the best jokes, play the most sports, but we pick them because they demonstrate the four pillars of core values.

Are there still voting and speech processes given the current situation?

Yes, starting with assembly this upcoming Wednesday, we will be doing the voting process. We are trying to mirror the original process as much as possible. I already told the 8th grader’s to treat this seriously and thoughtfully, and we have speeches for school leaders as well as the investiture ceremony. It will be quite different given the current circumstance, but we are going to adapt and be flexible. However, we are not going to compromise the integrity of the leadership process.

Is there anything else that you would like to say to the community?

I want to say that while there is a lot of disappointment that we can’t do things that we normally do, I am glad that we are going through the process right now. I hope it can motivate students and others in the community to lead, serve, and go out of their way to help to strengthen the bonds. I wish everyone can step up, not step down during a time when you are obviously given the chance to do less. We need to adjust to reality, not to do less, but to do more as leaders. Compassionate and kind people will use this opportunity to help, and I believe these people are needed the most now.



Kenny Chen’19 receiving leadership from Tony He ’20 Photo Smugmug

Culture

The World: According to Mr. Gartner

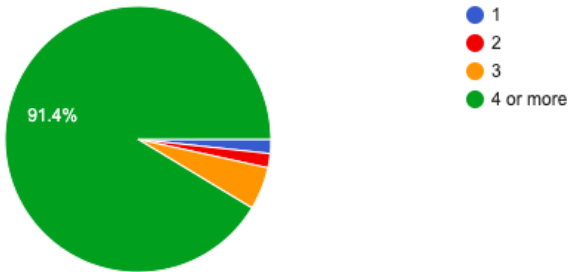
Mr. Gartner
Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) Rudolf was actually a female reindeer.
- 2) None of the ingredients in a trail mix can actually be found on a trail.
- 3) Mr. White already named his dog Meatball.
- 4) Running downhill burns more calories than running uphill.
- 5) An African swallow has a higher average velocity than a European swallow.
- 6) Martin Riggs would win in a fight against John McClane.
- 7) Balto was a fraud.
- 8) Carole Baskin did it.
- 9) The price is always wrong on The Price is Right.
- 10) The best Expo marker to write with is the purple marker.

Surveys: Quarantine Edition

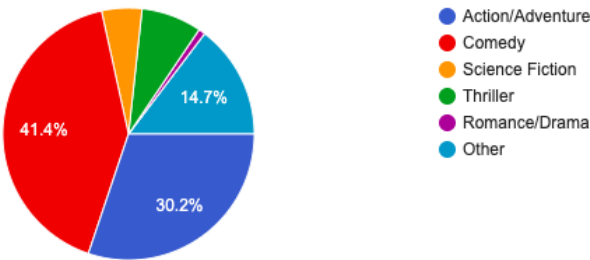
How many rolls of toilet paper do you have in your house?

116 responses



What genre of movie have you watched the most while at home?

116 responses



Funny Moments from Spring Break:

- 1. We almost burnt down a forest.
- 2. You're muted.
- 3. On the plane, the woman sitting next to me and I happened to be watching the same movie about halfway through the flight and someone in the movie sneezed and the woman sitting next to me jumped and let out a quiet (yet still audible) scream.
- 4. I taught Lucas Ding '20 how to shave.
- 5. Will Sabat broke my bed when he jumped on it doing the "flying elbow."
- 6. I slap boxed my dad, I initiated it and he beat me.
- 7. Our family was having Sunday night dinner via zoom and my mother-in-law was trying to see everyone. She didn't realize how close to the camera she was. All we could see was the top half of her face.
- 8. We realized one of our sons forgot his bed at college and we couldn't go back and get it.
- 9. My brother-in-law got stuck in quicksand.
- 10. I shaved my head.
- 11. We accumulated quite the pile of dishes with all the home-cooking... Our nightly tradition of playing "War" (a card-game) to see who washes the dishes got pretty heated!
- 12. When exiting my flight with 8 passengers on board a very large plane, I saw at least a dozen cleaners waiting to get on and clean the plane. My flight was 28 minutes long!!!!
- 13. I was looking at an owl and that owl just flew and landed on my head!



Culture

From the Faculties!

“Be the reason someone smiles today” - Ms. Frazier

“Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit. Perhaps someday it will be pleasing to remember even these things.” - From Virgil’s “Aeneid”, Provided by Mr. Johnson

“Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.” –Dalai Lama, Provided by Ms. Willems

“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.” -Albert Einstein, provided by Mr. Kenny

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - W.B. Yeats, provided by Ms. Kidder

“You’re muted.” - Mr. Clark

“The hardest walk is walking alone, but it’s also the walk that makes you the strongest.” - Mr. Frost

"It is better to fish hopefully than to catch fish. Some young anglers might disagree, but no old fisherman would. Fishing is hope experienced." - From “Pavlov's Trout.” by Paul Quinnett, provided by Mr. Shipman

