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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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Rising Leaders: We Rise!

Reporter: Mateo Escalante

With investiture around the corner, Verbatim was able to sit down with Mr. Nowak, Director of Student Life and discuss the Cardigan's leadership program.



With leadership applications submitted this past weekend and the process unfolding, what excites you most about this year's group of rising leaders?

This rising group has gotten to see an exceptional group of current 9th grade leaders as examples. But also, they've experienced a really unique time at Cardigan Mountain School where we've had to go through a good deal of adversity as a community so I think that prepares them even more to be future leaders. I'm just really excited and optimistic to see how they use that experience to better our school and our culture.

What are your goals with the leadership program at Cardigan?

My goal with the leadership program is for students and adults to see leadership at Cardigan as founded in

our core values and to appreciate the value of servant leadership. ***When our leadership program is working the way we want it to, then people are motivated to live with the core values - people are motivated to be kind to one another, people are motivated to sacrifice for one another, and to put the community before themselves.***

Will there be continued leadership training? What will this training focus on?

In terms of future training, there will be time at the end of this year for our rising leaders to take on more responsibility and to learn from the current leaders. Next year, we'll be able to get back to having a fall leadership training club since we'll have our leaders already selected so there will be a more formal process to help boys learn skills to do their jobs as leaders. That's one of the keys of the process is that we recognize as a school that ***you aren't just born a leader. Leadership is a trainable quality and what we look for first is character and the ability to lead by example, and then we can work on some of those finer skills of leadership.***

Important dates include:

- Tuesday April 26th - Leadership Assembly (and initial voting on the candidates)
- May 10th - School Leader Speeches (for boys who score the highest in the voting)
- May 12th - Investiture (next year's titled leaders are named)

Do you have a personal favorite leader or quote?

5. Nelson Mandela is someone that I personally go back to as a role model of mine in leadership. His idea that a good leader is like the shepherd; someone who is able to lead from behind and is able to hear and listen to everyone else before weighing in with their own viewpoints. I think that the idea of humble and thoughtful leadership is something that has always been appealing to me. ***Mandela's resilience, his courage, his optimism throughout a lifelong struggle along with his belief in education and working with both your friends and your enemies - I've just always admired him and looked up to his example.***



News

The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner | Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) All dogs are at least bilingual.
- 2) Greenhouse gases are not green.
- 3) Fish sticks are 30% pork.
- 4) Hammerhead sharks can't see directly in front of themselves.
- 5) Most people who need glasses, don't know they need glasses.
- 6) The Declaration of Independence was signed on August 2nd not July 4th.
- 7) Most people drive with their non-dominant hand.
- 8) Dentist and mechanics can say anything and you have to trust them
- 9) Alaska is the furthest North, East, and West state in the USA
- 10) Fritos are the most underrated chip

Netflix Loses 50 Billion Dollars of Value

Reporter: John Murphy

Netflix has lost 50 billion dollars' worth of market value after its stock dropped over 35%. A reason for the drop is that Netflix lost 200,000 subscribers in the first three months of this year. This was due to less remote working, and competitors. Some of these competitors also offer live sports and news. Netflix also lost 700,000 customers after cutting out Russia due to their invasion of Ukraine. Netflix had exponential growth at the beginning of the pandemic due to families being at home. That growth slowed. They also have projected to lose another two million subscribers by July. They still boast 221.6 million subscribers across the world. The subscriber loss is also due to them increasing the cost of a basic subscription by a dollar, and working against password sharing. As Netflix churns out more original content, they need more money to make its own original shows and movies. They are working to stop passwords from being shared with people out of a subscriber's household. They are going to do this by having extra costs for multiple accounts. This would force sharers to have to watch on the same account, and only two people can watch at the same time.



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How Netflix Will Grow Back:

Netflix may decide to for the first time add advertisements to the platform. They would need to do that seamlessly, so it doesn't interfere with the viewer's experience. CEO of Netflix Reed Hastings said that they may have to add advertisements to keep up with competition like Disney and HBO. Also, when hit shows like Outer Banks Season Three and Stranger Things Season come out more people will resubscribe. If Netflix can make more original shows like Squid Game, they can attract new customers. Those global hit series are major moneymakers. Netflix is still the market leader, but needs to look to competition to stay on top.

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April is National Poetry Month and it gives us a chance to celebrate the craft of poetry, express ourselves as writers and feel the sentiments of other poets. This April, Verbatim would like to celebrate leadership by sharing the poem *Invictus*, by William Ernest Henley in 1875. Nelson Mandela (pictured here), former president of South Africa and the anti-apartheid leader who spent 27 years in jail for his activism often recited this poem while he was imprisoned. *Invictus*, meaning "unconquerable" in Latin, certainly encapsulated Mandela's spirit - we hope you enjoy the poem.



INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
my head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
looms but the horror of the shade,
and yet the menace of the years
finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
how charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul

A poem by William Ernest Henley