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## KGC'S NEW WEB SITE MAKES A QUANTUM LEAP!

By Daisy and Donna



**W**e are glad to have been able to interview Stanley and Paul who just finished creating KGC's new web site. Soon we will have our new and beautiful web site! Paul, an excellent Web Designer, led this project. Stanley, KGC's Operations Manager also contributed a lot to the project. This new web site will provide more information to students who are studying and for those who want to study at KGC in the future.

**Interviewer:** "How long have you been working on the new web site?"

**Paul:** " We have worked on the new website

since the middle of August, and it will be ready in the middle of September.

Actually, this is considered a very short time to do a web site. The new web site is a medium sized project that contains a lot of new information."

**Interviewer:** "How is it different from the previous web site?"

**Stanley:** "The main difference is that we tried to add new information to help students live and study in Vancouver. For example, we added new useful links (transport links, money management, or weather forecasts). The second difference is that on the new web site, it is easier to find useful information. We added a new section called "Our Team". Students can now easily find out whom to ask for help if they have questions. Also, a new Photo Gallery section will display many interesting photos. Perhaps you may be in one of them. In addition, our new website is fresher, and we added information on KGC's new evening and weekend programs for adults, teens, and kids. We also added a new "Frequently Asked Questions" section. It contains a lot of great information for students, and we will add new information monthly to keep it updated."

**Interviewer:** "Which section do you like the best?"

**Paul:** "That is a tough question.

Personally, I think the home page is the best part, because it has photos of students. We also used some new programming like Macromedia Flash animation to create eye-catching pages.

It is much more colorful, easy to navigate, and organize than our previous web site."

**Interviewer:** How often do you update KGC's web site?

**Stanley:** "In the future, we will update it every month, so that when our teachers select a student to become the student of the month, his/her name will be posted on the web site with a picture. This is a good way for students

to show their parents they are doing well job at KGC. Perhaps if you study hard, you will be the next student of the month!"

**Interviewer:** "Do you think KGC's new web site will be helpful for students?"

**Paul:** "Yes, I am sure the new web site will have useful information,

which will help students a great deal. We have added more information, so students can easily find out how to find a homestay, how to take a bus to school, how many courses our school offers, and how to apply for them."

**Interviewer:** "If foreigners want to study at KGC, what should they do?"

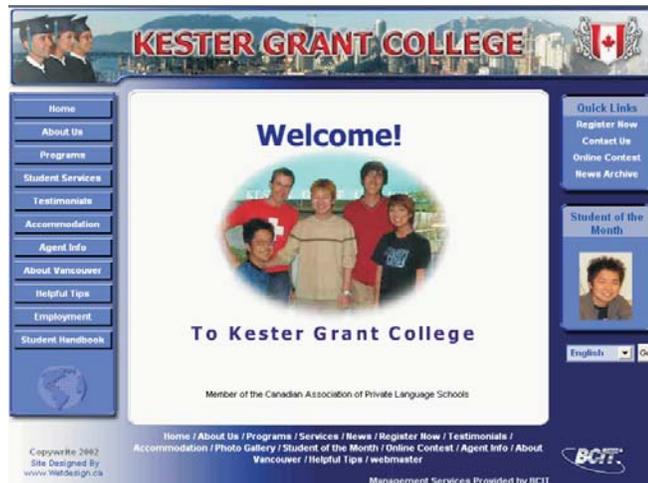
**Stanley:** "They can download an application form and send to us. Also, they can e-mail their questions to us, and we will send them a quick reply."

**Interviewer:** "I guess it was a lot of work for the two of you to design and put together this website. Did you enjoy working on it?"

**Stanley:** "Yes, it was a fun project. We really enjoyed the challenge and we hope students will like it."

**Interviewer:** "Thank you very much for answering our questions and for telling us about this great web site."

**Stanley & Paul:** " It was our pleasure, and we hope students will have fun checking it out! "



Come to visit our new web site at [www.kgc.bc.ca](http://www.kgc.bc.ca)

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Oct 31 will come soon!



By Leslie



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Many years ago, in North America there were floods and droughts, and people would wear ugly masks, because they believed evil spirits had brought bad luck. The ugly masks were used to frighten evil spirits away. Nowadays children dress up like ghosts to frighten their neighbors, and the neighbors always give some candies to the children. This is called "Trick or Treating" or Halloween! Also in Asia there are a lot of ghost stories. Let me tell you a famous Asian ghost story:

## "The girl in white"



A long time ago, a story was told about a girl who had died. Usually in a university the washrooms have two sections. Inside one area is the toilet, and inside the other section is a place where people can wash. One day a girl in white committed suicide in a university washroom.

Some years later, after people had already forgotten about the girl in white, students in the university, where the girl had committed

suicide, began to see a girl in white washing clothes and crying at night. Everyone was very scared.

One night, Fangfang a university student had been studying very late. She wanted to go to the washroom before going to her dorm, but she was afraid because of the rumors about the girl in white. At last, she decided to go to the washroom. At the door she heard the water flowing out of the tap and somebody crying. She went into the room and found a girl who had long hair and who was dressed in white washing clothes and crying. Fangfang ran into the toilet stall quickly and tried to hide. Meanwhile she still heard the water flowing and the girl crying. She was totally terrified! When she went out, the girl in white was gone. Fangfang was confused, and suddenly from behind her she heard somebody saying: "Are you looking for me?"

Fangfang was so scared she ran out of the washroom. As she ran

down the hall, she bumped into her friend Xinxin. She told Xinxin what happened. Xinxin told her not to worry, that it must have been her imagination. They both walked into the washroom again. Fangfang went into the area where she had heard the voice. Xinxin turned to talk to Fangfang, but Fangfang had disappeared. Xinxin looked everywhere for her, but she was gone.

From then on Fangfang was never seen again.

ENJOY A SCARY HALLOWEEN!!



By Jo Jo



## Tomorrow's Dream?

Different people have different dreams, at different times in their lives. Now, I'm 19 years old, and I have another dream. When I was just a little girl, I imagined

I would become a nurse because I had dreamed of working in the health field for a long time. In China, we call nurses "White angles". Do you know why we call nurses "White angles"? The reason is that nurses' uniforms are white and look very lovely, but the most important reason is that nurses take care of patients. I wanted to use my hands to relieve patients' pain. That's why I wanted to become a nurse. A few years later, when I was a middle

school student, I changed my dream. At that time, I wanted to become a travel guide because this job would allow me to travel around the world. It would be a wonderful job. If I decided to become a travel guide, I could do a lot of different things, such as, visiting interesting places, studying different cultures, and learning more languages. I promised myself one day I would become a travel guide. Now, I'm a college student, and I have changed my dream again. I think this will be my final dream. Now I want to become a VJ. A lot of people don't know what this job is? Let me explain what a VJ is: A VJ is different from a DJ. A DJ is a person who can broadcast music or news through the radio. VJ means video jockey; A VJ can broadcast music video through television. This job is very popular in Hong Kong and Taiwan. I have liked this

job since I was in high school. Because I like music, I hope one day I can become a VJ and then I can broadcast music videos to different countries. What a great way to earn a living. In Hong Kong there is a very popular music channel called channel [V]. If you want to work for this company, you must be able to speak English and Chinese. Fluently, in this company, all the VJs have studied abroad, so I decided to come to Canada so that I could improve my English. I heard from my friends, that Canadian broadcasting is very famous throughout the world. So, I chose to study in Canada. When I finish my study, I will go to Hong Kong to apply for work with [V]. So, from now on I must study hard everyday.

Generally speaking, there are a lot of students like me who always change their dreams. I want to encourage them to never give up trying to find their ultimate dream. I hope all KGC students' dreams come true!

# “Falling in Love in Autumn”

By Ryan



Ryan

told the boy that she had something important to do and then ran out. The boy was surprised and wondered: “Was she using my method of escape?” Of course, this story is just a joke. However, true love really does exist. Let me tell you how some students at KGC met their true loves.

Ryan: “Hi, Daniel, could you tell me how you caught Clair’s heart when your first met her.”

Daniel: “Oh, it was difficult to catch her heart when we first met. After we met, I sent a lot of messages to her cell phone, and I spent a lot of money buying roses to give to her. Slowly she fell in love with me.”

Ryan: “Finding love looks real difficult, doesn’t it?” Let me ask Ricky how he meets girl friends.

Ricky: “Hello, Ricky, can you tell us how you meet girls?”

Ricky: “It depends on what kind of girl she is. If a girl I like looks modern, I usually ask her out directly, for example, I may ask her to eat dinner or go to a movie together. However, if the girl looks shy, I might ask her for her phone number and address, and then call her later.”

Ryan: “Sounds good! Could you tell me how many times you have succeeded using

this method of meeting girls.”

Ricky: “I am not sure to say the truth. However, my rate of failure is much higher than my rate of success.”

Finally, let me ask Joyce.

Ryan: “Hi Joyce, do you mind telling me what kind of boy catches your heart when you first meet him.”

Joyce: “Basically I like a guy who likes sports and acts like a gentleman. Also, if he has a handsome face, it doesn’t hurt. My rule for finding a boyfriend is “Three Highs”. This means my boyfriend must be tall, have a high education, and have a high salary.”

Ryan: “This is a difficult rule. Have you ever found a “Three High guy”?”

Joyce: “Not yet, but I have already found a great boyfriend at KGC.”

Ryan: “Thank you Joyce. I think it is good news that you found a great boy friend at KGC even if he isn’t a “three high guy” yet.

As you can see finding true love is possible. I hope that all KGC students will find true love this autumn season.



Any time of year is a good time of year to fall in love, but there is something special about falling in love in the autumn. Let me share some autumn romance stories with you.

A boy met a girl on the internet and became very attracted to her. Eventually the boy wanted to meet the girl in person. However, he was afraid that the girl might not be attractive, so he told his friend to phone him while he is meeting with her, then he can run out quickly if the girl is not attractive. When the boy met the girl, he was so excited because she was very beautiful. The boy shut his phone off at once, but the girl’s phone began to ring. After the girl spoke and hung up, the girl

## Having good teachers is the most important part of getting a good education!



By Walter

KGC is a good English language school for international students who want to go to BCIT because there are many excellent teachers here. My first teacher at KGC was Vesna, who is from Yugoslavia. I think she is a very nice person and that she taught students many useful English skills. Students find her class fun and interesting because she is a friendly teacher. I will never forget her because she was the first teacher who taught me in Canada. My second teacher was Michelle; she is very beautiful. In her class, I had lots of fun. She is very young, and she works very hard. I liked to study in her class because we were able to communicate well with each other because we are in the same age group. Another of my teachers is Gordanna. She is also a kind person. She usually tells her students “don’t worry too much about your marks and just try to do your best in everything.” Another of my teachers was Robin; she is a good teacher. She taught us lots of useful things including writing and grammar. At first, I felt a little nervous because her voice is a little bit loud, but after a short time I got used to it. She is also a friendly teacher. Now, I’m studying in level 6, and my teacher is Jerry. In my opinion, Jerry is a very good teacher and has a strong sense of responsibility because he really cares about his students. Also he tells us important things about how to write well and how to succeed at BCIT. I like him very much. In conclusion, I think KGC is a very good English language school because there are many good teachers here.

# The Mid-Autumn Festival

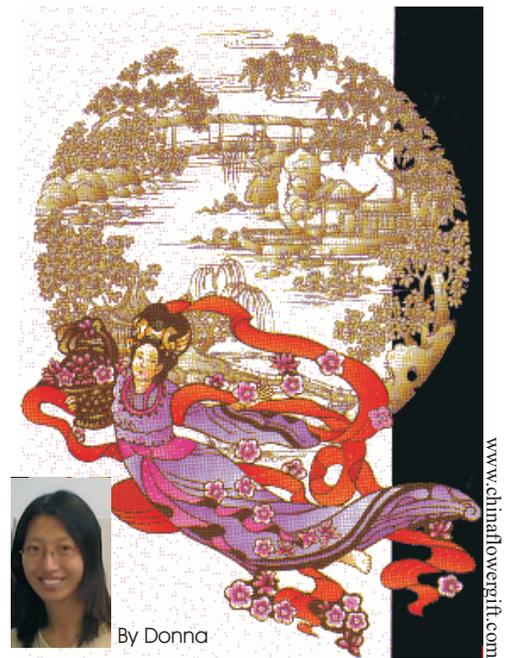
Now, it is autumn. Many autumn festivals will come soon. In Canada, there are many festivals during this season. In China, there is also an autumn festival and it is called The Mid-autumn Festival. The Mid-autumn Festival is one of the most important traditional festivals in China. On that day, everyone stays with his or her family. It is celebrated on the night of the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar. In a sense, it is the Chinese moon festival. On this night, people eat moon cakes, which are so called because they are shaped like the moon. These cakes are also set on a table in the open air, to be offered to the god or goddess of the moon.

This year, the Mid-autumn Festival will come on September 21st. When I was in China, I always stayed with my family to celebrate the Mid-autumn Festival: we watched TV, ate moon cakes, and told the stories about the moon. In my family, we have a tradition where all of my family members will go out together on the night

of the sixteenth day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar. The moon is at its roundest on that night.

Now, I am studying in Canada, so I can't celebrate the Mid-autumn Festival with my family this year, and I will miss them very much. I think most Chinese students will also miss their families very much on the night of the Mid-Autumn Festival. However, we can celebrate it with our friends. As there is many stores that sell moon cakes in Vancouver, we can buy many kinds of moon cakes to share with our friends.

People believe that the moon is at its brightest on this night. Many poems have been written about it, and poets are never tired of reading and writing such poems. The moon of the Mid-Autumn Festival has been compared to several things in Chinese literature. It has been compared to a looking glass, a jade rabbit, and a beautiful girl whose name is Chang-E. It seems that Chinese literature is far more concerned



By Donna

with the moon than with the sun.

I hope you will enjoy in this Mid-Autumn Day in Vancouver this year. It will be different and interesting. Let us celebrate together with our family of friends at K.G.C.

## Money in your Pocket !

Do you know how you can save on your food bill? Some people will say: "Go to T&T to taste the samples!" I also agree this is a good idea, but you know you can't do that everyday! Let me teach you some ideas to help you save on your food bill. I believe you will benefit from them.

**Look for bargains:** When you go shopping at the grocery store, you must keep your eyes open for specials and bargains; on items such as canned food, rice, and pasta. These kinds of food have been stored on the shelf for a long time and may be sold at a discount.

**Freeze it:** You can buy more ground meat, chicken breasts, and cheese when they are discounted. Separate the food items into small containers and put them into the freezer.

**Make your own drinks:** Instead of buying expensive sodas and bottle drinks, buy canisters of powdered mixes to make your own fruit juice.

**Make homemade foods:** Some people like pizza, chips, and hamburgers, but they

are expensive. If you can, try to buy the basic cooking ingredients, and make your favorite foods yourself at home, I think you will save a lot of money by doing this.

**Turn leftovers into another meal:** You can use any food for lunch the next day.

**Use less meat in your meals:** Meat is expensive. When you are cooking, you can try to use less meat, and mix your meat with beans or vegetables.

**Breakfast is important:** Breakfast is very important for people. Therefore, you should try to eat a large breakfast. This way you can save some money by eating a smaller lunch.

**Eat more raw fruits and vegetables:** They are nutritious, delicious and inexpensive.

**Learn to make your own omelets:** They are economical and good sources of protein.

**Buy whole chickens:** If you want only



By Daniel Zhang



breasts, save the dark quarters, freezing them for later use.

**Use chicken necks and backs to make soup:** Cut some meat from the bones, and add the meat into the soup.

**Recycle drink bottles, and return them to the supermarket:** You can get a little money this way, and it's good for the environment, too.

Overall, there are many ways to reduce people's food bills. Students need to use these great money saving ideas in order to use their parents hard earned money for more important things such as videos, CD's and beer!

Remember money  
Saved on food is  
money in your pocket !



# Top 10 Cards That International Students Should Have

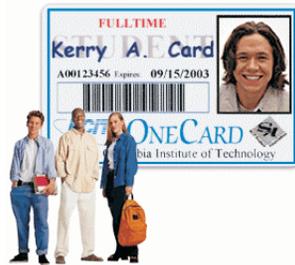


By Daisy

I have been living in Canada for 8 months. During these 8 months, I have applied for 10 cards that are very useful for me. I think every international student should have these cards. Let me introduce them to you. I think the most important card that international students should have is a Bank Card. There are a lot of different Banks in Vancouver. Such as, TD Bank and The Royal Bank. You can easily find these

banks because they have offices in every city. Having a Bank Card will help you manage your money better.

The second card you should have is a Student "One Card". You can go to BCIT's One Card office to apply for this card. A student "One Card" is very useful for you. For example, you can only buy a one zone monthly bus pass and take a bus across two zones using your student "One Card".



The third card you should have is a Social Insurance Card. You can go to the Human Resources Development Canada office in Vancouver to apply for this card. This card is also important for you because you have to use this card to apply for your tax refund every year.

The next card you should apply for is a British Columbia Care Card. You can apply for a Care Card at the Ministry of Health office in Vancouver. After you have this card you can go to see doctors at no extra charge other than the annual Care Card fee. Otherwise, you have to pay expensive fees every time you see a doctor.



A Driver's Licence is another card that you should have. In Canada a Driver's Licence is not only a Driver's Licence but also used as your photo ID. If you lose your passport, you can always use your Driver's Licence for identification.

Another card that I want to introduce to you is a Vancouver Public Library Card. This card gives you borrowing privileges at any branch of the Public Library as well as access to any Lower Mainland Library through Interlink.



An Irewards card costs \$10 per year for membership. With this card, you can buy books, music, gifts, magazines, software and more to save 10% on regularly priced goods at all Chapters, Indigo, Coles, and SmithBooks stores across Canada, as well as online at [www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca).



You should also apply for two or more supermarket cards. For examples, a Save-On-Foods card and a Safeway club card. By having these kinds of cards you can buy many items at supermarkets at a discount.



Most international students have to call their overseas families. Long Distance Calling Cards provide cheaper long distance calls. There are a lot of different brands of



calling cards in Vancouver. Some of them are very expensive and their services are not so good. However, if you buy a calling card in Chinatown, it will be good, and you can save 10% on each card.

The last card you should have is an Airline Card such as an Aeroplan card from Air Canada. You can collect points every time you travel with Air Canada or their partners, and you can redeem your points for a free ticket after you have enough points.



With so many cards in your wallet there may not be enough room left for any money, but don't worry because you can always use your debit card!