February, the month of love

February the 14th, best known as St. Valentine’s Day, is fast approaching. For some, this is a day to look forward to as you will be swept off your feet by your significant other. However, for others (such as myself), Valentine’s Day is one of the most dreaded days of the year! Back in high school, my girlfriends and I would have pity parties. Every year, we made sure that we sent each other roses as we knew that it was unlikely that we would have a “real” Valentine or even a secret admirer. However, as I have grown up, I have realized that Valentine’s Day is not a day exclusively for couples. Valentine’s day is a day to spend with those you love—lovers, friends, family, pets. Valentine’s day for me is a day when I shower myself with extra love and attention because—let’s face it—who doesn’t love themselves?! So, even if you do not have a Valentine this year, go ahead and “do you.” Treat yourself to a nice dinner, buy yourself something cute and spend time with your other single friends who can relate to you!

Happy Valentine’s Day all :) 

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It pays to enrich your word power

This month’s edition will help you enhance your knowledge of some commonly used Similes.

As busy as a bee
As blind as a bat
As dead as the dodo

As gentle as a lamb
As scarce as hen’s teeth
As old as the hills

As quick as lightning
As solid as the ground we stand on
As tough as leather

As plain as day
As free as a bird
As poor as a church mouse
As cunning as a fox
As hungry as a bear
As mad as a hornet

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

- Anthony J. D’Angelo
International Development Week

This year will be the first year that Grenfell officially celebrates International Development Week (IDW). "We are doing this not only to celebrate what is underway, but to remind us of the necessity of increasing our intercultural awareness and caring in today's world." -Dr. Ivan Emke

Be sure to check out some of the events being held from the 5th of February up until the 9th of February.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**
7 a.m.: Global fitness with world music and interculturally-appropriate aerobic techniques, with Nora Lundrigan. *Grenfell Gymnasium.*
7 p.m.: Film, "Last Chance." A film about five asylum seekers who flee their native countries to escape homophobic violence, and come to Canada. And then they wait to see if they can stay, or will be deported. Co-sponsored with the AIDS Committee of Western NL. Special guest speaker, Rob Alexander. *AS2016.*

**Thursday, Feb. 7**
12:30 p.m.: "Seeing Development – Volunteer Experiences in Eye care around the World." Two local eye care specialists discuss their experiences in providing eye care in a variety of developing countries. Participants include Dr. Carl Durand and Dr. Daniel Walker. *FC224.*
2:30 pm: Study Abroad Opportunities for Post-Secondary Education Students (with a focus on South Korea summer programs). Presented by Dija Drummond, Chelsey Laird. *AS379.*
5 p.m.: International potluck. All are welcome to bring an international dish, a plate and cutlery, and join us in the 2nd floor lounge, near AS2026.
7:30 p.m.: Film, "Last Train Home." Part of the "Films from Away: Pictures from the Global Family" series. A recent highly acclaimed portrait of the largest migration in the world, when 130 migrant workers in China attempt to return to their rural roots for Chinese New Year. This year, Chinese New Year is on Sunday the 10th. So, as we watch the film, people in factories all over China are making plans for their attempt to make it home for the most important holiday in the Chinese calendar. *AS2026.*

**Friday, Feb. 8**
7 a.m.: Global fitness with world music and interculturally appropriate aerobic techniques, with Nora Lundrigan. *Grenfell Gymnasium.*
12:30-2 p.m.: Study abroad and International Centre information. With Hadija Drummond and Chelsey Laird. *Grenfell Crossroads.*
12:30 p.m.: "Stories of Home" – an interchange between international students from Grenfell and Corner Brook Regional High. Focusing on international students from both institutions. This is a co-sponsorship with the Corner Brook Regional High School. *AS2026* and lounge outside AS2026.

**Saturday, Feb. 9**
10:30 a.m.: Children’s Story Time, with an International Twist. Corner Brook Library staff and Akua Anyemedu (Grenfell International Student). *Corner Brook Public Library.*
2 p.m. “Gems in Literature from the Developing World.” Several English faculty members discuss what they consider to be significant pieces of literature from the developing world. Presenters include Stephanie McKenzie, Shoshannah Ganz and Holly Pike. *Corner Brook Public Library.*
3 p.m.: “Music from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe (and a few places in between).” A brief field guide to world music, with Ivan Emke and the most eclectic CD collection in the whole Bay of Islands. *Corner Brook Public Library.*
7 p.m. Film, “Milking the Rhino.” An award-winning film that examines the conflict between humans and animals in an ever-shrinking world. It explores wildlife conservation from the perspective of people who live with wild animals. Shot in some of the world's most magnificent locales.
Word on the street is that you are from Venezuela. Tell us a bit about your home.

My home is in Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela. Caracas is a big city surrounded by mountains and humid forests. The most remarkable aspect of this city is “Avila”, a big mountain that encompasses the majority of the city view and it has a special place in the hearts of the people of Caracas.

How did you find out about Grenfell Campus?

One of the university advisors back home organized a meeting for me with a MUN International Recruitment Officer and I was told everything about Grenfell and Memorial University.

I am sure that you looked at several other universities. Was there something specific about Grenfell that helped you “seal the deal”?

Firstly, the available degree. Few universities offer any chemistry program focused on the environment. Secondly, the affordability. MUN offers one of the lowest tuition fees among the highly recognized universities of Canada. Finally, the location. Corner Brook offers, in my opinion, an ideal learning environment and an amazing natural richness.

What did you spend your last 3 days at home doing?

Studying and getting prepared for university.

Did the reality of Corner Brook exceed your expectations? (Or vice versa).

No. Corner Brook is a beautiful city, but its services have many limitations compared to others. However, I believe that these things can be improved.

What do you miss the most about home?

Warm climate and shiny sun!

How important do you think it is for young adults to leave home and experience life in other parts of the world?

I believe that an experience like this is highly valuable for anyone. Having to live on one’s own can be tough but it will eventually help the person build the necessary experience and confidence to face life and to make the best of it!

Overall, are you glad that you made the choice to leave home and become a part of the Grenfell family?

Absolutely! I wouldn’t change it for a thing.

“However painful the process of leaving home, for parents and for children, the really frightening thing for both would be the prospect of the child never leaving home...”

Robert Neelly Bellah
Black History Month

Want to experience a poetic take on Black History Month? Grenfell Campus is pleased to announce that Jamaican-Canadian dub poet, mono-dramatist and educator D’bi Young and her DJ DJ Fflood will be performing at Grenfell! Here are the details for her FREE performances:

Grenfell Campus Backlot
February 14, 2013
9pm– midnight

White Horse Pub
February 15, 2013
6pm-10pm

Here are some inspirational quotes from some of our black heroes.

Ruby Bridges
"Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and start a trail."

Malcolm X
"Without education, you’re not going anywhere in this world."

Martin Luther King Jr.
An American clergyman, activist and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement using non-violent civil disobedience.
"If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

Rosa Parks
(Rosa Louise McCauley Parks). "The first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement."
"Each person must live their life as a model for others."
Other Upcoming Events

**Gender Inequality and Gender-based Violence presentation**

Date: February 12, 2013  
Time: 3:30-5pm  
Place: AS375  
Free snack provided.

**Corner Brook Winter carnival**

February 15-24, 2013  
Please visit [http://www.cornerbrookwintercarnival.ca/](http://www.cornerbrookwintercarnival.ca/) for more information.

**Coffee House**

Date: Wednesday 27 February  
Time: 4-6pm  
Place: AS 2011  
Topic of discussion: Multicultural week.

Check your emails regularly for information about more exciting events!!