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## **GREEN EVENTS AT ALPHA AND BEYOND**

Alpha Secondary grade 9 student, Tomas Lang, has been recognized as a change maker by Ashoka Canada after he presented them with an idea to reduce waste at his school. They provided funding for Tomas to launch a "library" so that event organizers can borrow commonly-used materials such as plates and silverware for up to 200 guests. Dubbed the "Green Events Project," the inaugural event was Alpha's "Breakfast with Santa." The program also teaches event organizers how to set up a waste management system to properly sort waste. The "library" of place settings is available for other schools and organizations to borrow to keep Burnaby green. (To watch a video on this project, click [here](#) )

## **THE EDGE PROJECT: GOOD TO GO**

What happens when you get 3 metro-Vancouver high schools and 80 students together? Mentored by a team of professional theatre artists from Green Thumb Theatre, *The Edge Project: Good to Go* is a collective performance that was designed, written and performed by students from Cariboo Hill (Burnaby), Lord Byng (Vancouver) and North Delta Secondary. The students original take on *The Hero's Journey*, reflects the views and voice of their generation. It was presented at the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival January 17 to 19.

## **MOUNTAINS OF EXCITEMENT**

Windsor Elementary students received a generous gift of a field trip to Grouse Mountain through the Vancouver Sun's Adopt-a-School program. It is part of the school's planning goal to increase awareness and a willingness to care for the environment through outdoor educational experiences. The Vancouver Sun provided buses while Grouse Mountain provided the education program. To top it off, Windsor's sponsor school Mont Royal Elementary (North Vancouver) donated boots, hats, gloves and snow pants. For many students, this was their first adventure on a snowy mountain and they had an amazing time snow-shoeing, skating, learning about Aboriginal culture and the animals that live on the mountain.

## **GLOBAL ACTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

On January 15 representatives from the Free the Children organization were at Burnaby Central to do a workshop with 35 students who are part of GAAP -Global Action Against Poverty. The workshop was followed by a lunch hour presentation in the theatre for all Central students who were interested in attending. GAAP presented Free The Children with a cheque for \$8,500 to build a school in Ecuador. This is fourth school GAAP has raised money for over the past few years.