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GONG XI FA CAI (pron: Gong shee fa chai!)

On January 31, Mandarin Language Arts students at Forest Grove hosted their annual spectacular Chinese New Year Celebration. The festivities included fan dancing and singing, the lion parade, a kung fu demonstration and the presentation of the flags of the Twelve Zodiacs. Parents, students and staff appreciated the special guests that dropped by, dressed for the occasion – Board Chair Narang, Trustees Chia, Hayes and Wang, and Burnaby MLA Jane Chen.

“ALL A GOOGLE” AT CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill Elementary students **Erika Lieu** and **Hannah Cui** have advanced to Round Two of the “Google Doodle Contest.” Canadian students from K to 12 submitted logo art for Google’s homepage. Twenty five winners were selected, including Erika and Hannah, and they will be heading to Toronto to view the top doodles at the Royal Ontario Museum. The winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship among other great prizes, and will be determined by a public vote. You can vote online – through a link on the front page of the district website: BurnabySchools.ca

FULL HOUSE AT CAREER PROGRAMS INFO NIGHT

Last month, secondary students and their parents gathered at Burnaby Central for an information night that showcased the wide range of District Career Programs. Special guest **Larry Espe**, Superintendent of Trades and Student Transitions, kicked off the night highlighting the healthy future of trades in BC. Then families got a chance speak with both instructors and students at the various information tables as they considered their options. There was a great energy in the room as the many young minds in attendance imagined their futures.

MARLBOROUGH WALKS FOR WATER

Marlborough Elementary students have been learning about the dire need for access to clean drinking water in Africa. Determined to make a difference, during the chilly frosty weather last week students carried jugs of water around their oval track on a “WALK 4 WATER” walk-a-thon. The event raised awareness and \$1,400 for “Free The Children” to build wells in Africa.

OLYMPIC FEVER

Another Winter Olympics is upon us, and the students of Chaffey Burke took the opportunity to celebrate. This morning they hosted an opening ceremony. It included an athlete march, the raising of the Olympic flag, a medal ceremony, and likely a few cheers of “Go Canada Go!”