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DIVERSITY AND UNITY THEME OF NEW QUARTER

Wendy Hu, a grade 12 Moscrop student, has won a design-your-own-coin contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Mint. The contest was part of the 2012 Culture Days celebrations with coins designed to represent "community and culture." Wendy's winning design shows four arms from people of different cultures reaching out to form a peace sign. And while it won't actually be produced, her win did include a large model of the coin design, a silver \$10 coin, a Canadian coin set and a classroom visit by an engraver from the Royal Canadian Mint.

LITERACY DAY AT KITCHENER

On January 23 Kitchener Elementary hosted their annual Literacy Day to celebrate the power of words with students and the greater community. The day was kicked off with a school assembly where Principal Taylor read a book about acts of kindness. The day also included VIP guest readers, a giant book swap, a character dress up day and a read-a-thon. This highly anticipated event is planned jointly by staff and the parent community.

A FLASH MOB FOR ACCEPTANCE

Confederation Park and Ecole Alpha Secondary are once again raising awareness of anti-bullying day. On January 20 they participated in a flash mob made up of 2000 students from multiple districts at the Vancouver Giant's hockey game. Wearing pink "Acceptance" t-shirts, they danced to "What Makes You Beautiful" by the youth band, *One Direction* to the delight of a surprised and enthusiastic crowd at Pacific Coliseum. The Vancouver Giants players also supported the cause by donning pink laces, pink socks and pink hockey tape.

A video of the flash mob on YouTube caught the attention of One Direction band members who "tweeted" out their support and backing of the project to their fans.