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REBEL FEVER

It was a triple banner year for the Burnaby South Rebels, with three of their basketball teams winning the Burnaby/New West Secondary School Athletic Association banners. So although the Olympics are over, the nail-biting and the pressure is still on with Rebel Fever in full swing. Here's where the teams are at, since their banner wins.

- The Senior girls team led by **Coach Manhas**, beat all odds this weekend to win the Lower Mainland's AAA Crehan Cup. **Jasmine Manhas** was the tournament's MVP and was named to the tournament all-star team alongside teammates **Amie Morrison** and **Desiree Lister**. They will next be competing in the AAA Provincial Girls Championship coming up in March.
- Not to be outdone, the grade 8 Rebels Bantam Boys team, led by **Coach Edwards** and student **Tyus Batiste**, captured the Vancouver & District trophy this past weekend. They compete next in the Provincial Championships. Follow this star-spangled team – known on social media as #The Future.
- The Senior boys team led by **Coach Smith**, are presently in the Lower Mainland playoffs. This weekend they beat out David Thompson High to advance to the semi-final against Vancouver College. They expect to be in the BC Provincial Championships for the long haul.
- Catch Rebel Fever – and Go Rebels Go!

HOW DOES THEIR GARDEN GROW?

Cariboo Hill's Garden Club includes students and teachers from the Alt Ed and Transition to Trades Program. They recently received their second \$1,000 grant from the Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds Program. It will be used to build wheelchair-accessible planter boxes, and will also fund pollination and composting projects. Last year, the Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds Program funded 95 schools and daycares across Canada. The program has multiple sponsors including the BC Teachers' Federation.

LAKEVIEW HAS HEART

Like many of our schools, Lakeview Elementary is celebrating kindness this week. Their focus is on the school's **HEART** code of conduct. **HEART** stands for Hardworking, Encouraging, Active learners, Respectful and Trustworthy. Throughout the week, when students see someone showing "HEART" they will write down what they saw on a pink sticky note. The notes will be placed on a big **HEART** in the hallway - a hallway decorated with pink construction paper t-shirts decorated with positive messages.

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SHOOTING STARS AT GIANTS GAME

On February 10th – Family Day - more than 3,000 students from 30 Lower Mainland schools came together in a community partnership at the Giants game to promote acceptance for Bullying Awareness Day. During an extended time out in the second period, the students stood up in their seats, took off their jackets so they could be unified wearing their "Acceptance" pink shirts and danced to "Shooting Star" by Owl City. Participation in the Pink Day dance represented months of rehearsal time and organization. The seven participating Burnaby schools included Alpha and Burnaby North Secondary and Cascade Heights, Chaffey Burke, Confederation Park, Kitchener and Montecito Elementary schools. This is the 4th Acceptance Project using social media to spread a positive message. **February 26, 2014 is Anti-bullying day, but Acceptance happens every day in Burnaby Schools.** Watch the dance on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIIVkZmuS9Q&feature=youtu.be>

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Metropolis and Maywood had fun collaborating on a unique Kindness activity. On Tuesday, February 18, 42 leadership students visited the mall to perform some impromptu random acts of kindness to shoppers! Each of the students was given a \$10 gift card to buy things that might make people's day. They also came up with ideas that cost nothing at all. They were surprised at some of the reactions – some people refused their "acts" while others burst into tears of joy. All in all it was a wonderful learning experience and they left the mall feeling good. They are also hopeful that their random acts of kindness encouraged those people that they touched to pay it forward and do a kind act to someone else.