

March 12, 2013

THE GUYS & DOLLS OF BURNABY NORTH

With sell out crowds, the response was greater than “*a bushel and a peck*” for Burnaby North Secondary’s musical fable of *Guys & Dolls*. It ran from March 6 - 9 and was the first musical production staged at the school in eight years. Hats off to the cast, crew and band, with special thanks to drama teacher and director Courtney Couch for making it all happen.

APPLE OF THEIR I

John Tyler, VP of Burnaby Online and Cariboo Hill Secondary has been recognized as an *Apple Distinguished Educator for the Class of 2013*. He is one of just 50 Canadians and one of only three BC educators to receive this distinction. Since 1994, Apple has recognized K-12 and post secondary educational pioneers who use a variety of Apple products to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. Today it has grown into a worldwide community of over 2,000 visionary educators and innovative leaders who are using technology in new ways both in and outside the classroom.

<http://youtu.be/2dlc6Oq27EU>

BC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Parm Dhesi graduated from Burnaby Central last year, but he continues to receive kudos for his high school athletic endeavors. Parm was a finalist for Sport BC’s 2012 BC high school athlete of the year. His passion is wrestling, and while at Central, he was the two time BC Champion, four time National Champion, 5th in the 2010 Youth Olympics Singapore and the 2012 BC Wrestling Association High School Athlete of the Year.

DESTINATION IS THE TOP

Burnaby North’s *Destination Imagination* team recently came in first place at the *Destination Imagination Lower Mainland Tournament*. The team designed a structure to withstand twisting force, and prepared and enacted a skit to present their structure. They also participated in instant challenges that tested their quick thinking, collaboration and problem solving skills. The team includes Amber Li, Becky Lin, Jordan Pryde, Ann Sheng and Jennifer Xu who look forward to participating in the Provincial Tournament in April.

THE BAND PLAYED ON

The Vancouver Giants won their game on March 10 against the Prince George Cougars—but the bigger excitement was on the plaza where 163 intermediate band students from nine Burnaby elementary schools were playing. Under the direction of band teacher Steve Denroche it was the first time that this group has performed all together. They astounded the appreciative crowd of 290 friends and family, with songs that included – Westwind Overture, Mr. D’s Power Rock (Queen/arr. SD) and the themes from Spiderman and Star Wars.