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HAMLET – WITH A TWIST

Burnaby Central's theatre students staged a complex production of Shakespeare's Hamlet just before heading off for Spring Break. The play was set in modern times with the actors wearing blue jeans and using cell phones, but the original language of the script was maintained. Led by drama teacher Carol Mann, a lot of work went into the performances that included professionally coached fight scenes and a set with trap doors. Shakespeare would have been very proud!

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Car crashes remain the number one preventable killer of youth in BC. That's why ICBC created an ad contest to get students talking about the dangers of speeding, impaired driving and distracted driving. And talk they did, with more than 225 secondary students entering the contest. Coming out on top was grade 12 student Jennifer Lam winning first place in the impaired driving category. She created a powerful graphic using Lego to get her point across along with the message "You can't rebuild a life." Jennifer was awarded a MAC computer at a ceremony held at her school. Among those congratulating her were representatives from ICBC, RCMP Superintendent Critchley, Board Chair Narang and Superintendent Kaardal.

HOOPS AND DREAMS

The finale to the basketball season was an exciting one for the district with four district teams qualifying to compete in the Provincial Triple A Championships.

- The Rebels junior and senior boys' teams both competed. The junior boys' team came out on top winning the Junior Hoop Title! The senior boys finished in 10th place following an all-time two-team record for most points scored at the Provincials - a 109-105 double-overtime win over South Kamloops.
- The Rebels senior girls' team from Burnaby South qualified for the first time in 49 years. They were accompanied by head coach Merv Magus who was recently presented with a SPORT BC Presidents' Award for 44 years of service to the game.
- The Mountain Lions senior boys' team made a debut appearance - the first time a team from Burnaby Mountain has qualified since the school opened 13 years ago.

BC GREEN GAMES – VOTE BY MARCH 31

Five district schools are contenders in this year's BC Green Games. They include environmentally sustainable submissions from two elementary schools, Cascade Height's "*Les Eco-Designers*" and Seaforth's "*Living the Life Cycle*." There were four submissions from three district secondary schools: Burnaby Mountain's "*Composts!*" and "*Reduce our Carbon Footprint*;" Burnaby South's "*Lesser is Better*;" and Byrne Creek's "*Litter Audit*." You can vote for your favourite submission by March 31 at www.greengames.ca