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## **CBC NEWSDAY 2013**

On March 27th, 30 student reporters, including three students chosen from Burnaby School District, took over the news for CBC. The radio, TV and print stories featured were on issues that matter most to students. In fact, Burnaby South student Maggie Onedo was part of a BC Almanac panel discussion on "What really matters to teenagers?" Cariboo Hill student Jenna Masuhara researched parent soccer coaches and their support of youth teams, and Burnaby Central student Ola Majzab looked at the importance of hot lunch programs in schools.

## **ENVIRONMENTALLY SAVVY THROUGH SONG**

On March 27, 10 district elementary schools participated in Voices of Nature Day – a concert that provides ecological learning through music. More than 150 students from Confederation and Brentwood Park raised the roof of the Michael J Fox Theatre performing with their Artist In Residence band, *The Wilds* to encourage youth to take a leadership role and speak up for nature. Their audience included 500 students from 8 district elementary schools who learned how to take action and reduce waste and recycle as they sang along.

## **IN PURSUIT OF A CAREER**

Eight students from Burnaby's secondary schools recently completed training at the RCMP Youth Academy. The program provides students with a safe simulated work experience to help them decide if they might want to pursue a career in policing. During the intensive 8 day experience they learned about search and arrest, traffic law, forensic identification, property crime, drug laws, impaired driving, and the court system. Then they applied this knowledge through some day and night scenario training exercises. The 2013 Youth Academy students graduated last week plus received 4 grade 12 elective credits. Historically 88% of Youth Academy graduates become full members of the RCMP.

## **THE WEST IS BEST**

Marlborough Elementary is the Western Canada winner of the 60 Minute Kid's Club Challenge – a school challenge that encourages kids to be more healthy and active by doing at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day for 60 days. To earn the distinction of the West's fittest school, students tracked their sleeping, nutrition, fitness, hydration, and breakfast targets and participated in numerous fun challenges with their classmates and peers. On April 2, Marlborough Elementary was presented with their award at a very active assembly that matched their new active lifestyle.

## **BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS**

On March 28, a public forum *You Can Play, Burnaby*, brought gay athletes and their allies together to talk about homophobia in sport. BC Lions' wide receiver Marco Iannuzzi moderated the forum, which featured Olympic gold medalist and former US women's national soccer team player Angela Hucles; NCAA Division 1 cross country skier Jordan Goldwarg; and University of Ottawa hockey player Scott Heggart. At the end of the evening, Iannuzzi encouraged attendees to continue the discussion and carry it beyond the confines of the Michael J Fox Theatre. *You Can Play, Burnaby* was a joint initiative of the Burnaby Teachers' Association, the Burnaby Board of Education and the *You Can Play* campaign, which challenges professional sports organizations to support and welcome gay athletes.