

April 10, 2017

## **MIND OVER METAL CREATES MEMORABLE SPRING BREAK**

Fifteen Burnaby secondary students participated in the Spring Break Welding Camp that was held in partnership with BCIT and the Canadian Welding Association. Students learned about safety, the basics of the welding profession and then they set to work on an individual project. Attendance at the camp was excellent and everyone received a certificate of completion. A letter from a parent sums up the experience. She writes, "As a result of this camp, my son is extremely interested in exploring welding as a career. Thank you for your efforts to engage young minds."

## **EXPLORING TRADES FOR WOMEN**

It's not every day that a contingent of young women have the opportunity to participate in a Trades and Technology Conference for Women. But on April 5, students from Burnaby South did just that, at the Skills Canada Exhibition where they received hands-on experience from qualified Red Seal women mentors from 10 different trades. The students were deeply engaged and the experience sparked their interest in continued exploration of careers in Trades and Technology through the new Applied Design, Skills and Technology curriculum. Bright futures lie ahead!

## **DRUM PROJECT UNITES COMMUNITY**

Last week, grade 7 students of Aboriginal ancestry who are transitioning to Alpha Secondary next Fall, began work on building a community drum. Working alongside student mentors from Alpha and a local elder, classes from throughout the school are also participating with curricular connections provided by the Aboriginal Learning Inquiry Teacher. Once completed, the drum will be used by students to learn and share songs at events with the larger Alpha community and other school events too.

## **AN APPLE A DAY**

Lochdale Community School recently hosted a Wellness Day that was informative, engaging and fun. Students and staff learned through workshops and displays on topics that included nutrition, healthy relationships, mindfulness, and the Aboriginal Medicine Wheel. After school, The Club 16 Fitness Group hosted a cardio fitness class where all community members were welcome to participate.

## **VAISAKHI CELEBRATION BRIDGES CULTURES AT LAKEVIEW**

Last week, Lakeview Elementary hosted its ninth Vaisakhi Celebration. This PAC initiative included a cultural luncheon for students, staff and families, a Vaisakhi Fashion Show featuring K-7 students and five groups performing traditional Vaisakhi dance. Then it was participation time, where families who knew these dances shared their moves with those who didn't know them which resulted in lots of smiles and giggles. Plans are already underway for the 10<sup>th</sup> event!