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INTERNATIONAL PINK DAY

International Day of Pink was April 12. It's a day that celebrates diversity, acceptance and kindness to all people regardless of who they are, where they are from, what they believe, or who they love. Second Street Community School decided to do something special to mark the day. Students and staff walked to Cariboo Hill Secondary "under cover" to "post" pink notes of love and appreciation for the students and staff of Cariboo Hill. The day ended with an assembly to officially thank the youth of Cariboo Hill and to celebrate the diversity within both communities.

CELEBRATING RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY 2017 GRADUATES

The RCMP Youth Academy is a partnership between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and five Metro school districts. It is an 8 day camp for grade 11 and 12 students interested in exploring policing as a career option. It was held at Camp Stillwood near Cultus Lake and involved demanding physical and academic training, and day and night scenarios that simulate the rigours of police work. Congratulations are in order for the ten Burnaby Schools students who graduated from the RCMP Youth Academy program last week.

SOUTH STUDENTS MAKE THEIR MARK

- Burnaby South competed against 29 BC teams at the Math Challengers Competition. Their grade 9 team finished in 2nd place – and the grade 8 team came in 3rd. Congratulations to **Boya Yang**, who was the top grade 9 competitor and received a \$250 cash prize.
- A team from Burnaby South participated for the first time ever in the World Scholar's Cup, a 2-day intellectual challenge that covers a variety of subject areas. They finished 4th in the senior division and 2nd in the writing component. Two individual students also made their mark. **Deforrest Petrik** was 3rd in the individual senior division competition while **Jared Kutney** was selected to be a part of the final day debate showcase. Their impressive results have qualified them for the Global round to be held in Cape Town, South Africa this summer. Fundraising efforts are in the works.

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BE GOOD TO MOTHER EARTH

Last Friday, Mother Earth provided a sunshiny day for the students, staff and parents of Lochdale Community School. The timing couldn't have been better as they participated in their first ever Earth Day cleanup. It was a fantastic community event and they appreciated the support of Bonsor Community Centre. After the hard work was done, everyone had a chance to bask in nature's beauty with a picnic and plenty of fun activities. A great time was had by all!

A VPA SORT OF WEEK

Every day there is something incredible happening in Burnaby Schools – but last week there was something happening every night too. The week kicked off with DSAC's Burnaby's Got Talent, with Byrne Creek's **Jorry Luz** claiming bragging rights as Burnaby's best - and \$3,000 raised for the Families in Need Society. Next up were performances by the District's two Youth Choirs, Piccolini and CoroVoce – as well as the District Handbell Choir. On Thursday, Moscrop's Theatre Company performed *She Kills Monsters* at the James Cowan Theatre. And Saturday marked the final performance of a four day run of *"The Outsiders"* at Byrne Creek Community School.