

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, April 24, 2017

1. Arts Alive 2017

The school district has long acknowledged the importance of visual and performing arts, recognizing the creative infusion it brings to all levels of learning. We are proud to be celebrating a 35 year tradition of Arts Alive – an exhibition that represents a unique partnership between the Burnaby Art Gallery and Burnaby Schools.

This year the art gallery set out to illustrate the “magic of collaboration” and asked elementary teachers to have their students work on group art projects, based on the common theme, “Place & Home.” Besides getting to tap into their “artist within,” the skills that the students gained by working together on this project are skills that will support them throughout life. The 40 collaborative art projects created by 1200 students will be featured at the Burnaby Art Gallery until May 21.

This evening, Bryn Williams, Program Consultant, Visual and Performing Arts will introduce teacher Tanya Forbes, and her students Mira Farkar and Katie Hooper from University Highlands Elementary School, as well as teacher Raili Mazurek, and her students Lucy Peloso and Hayden Ozsvath from Stoney Creek Community School. They will talk about the process they engaged in and present their artwork.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Film Festival Extravaganza

Education Through the Arts is infused throughout the learning process at Confederation Park Elementary, and it takes on many forms. Students from kindergarten to grade 7 recently had the opportunity to create and produce their own films, with the support of artist-in-residence, Yunuen Perez-Vertti.

First they learned about the multiple types of film including stop-motion animation, music videos, advertisements, promotional videos, documentaries, commercials and mapping projection. Then they put this learning into practice, and blending curriculum with their wide range of artistic talents, they produced their own feature films. The films were premiered at a red carpet Film Festival Extravaganza that also included live performances.

Tonight, Helena Readman, Principal from Confederation Park Elementary, Bonnie Ishii, head teacher and students Aiden O’Leary and Ricardo Ortiz are proud to share a few of their feature films and take us through the creative learning experience.

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