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ARMSTRONG IS THE DESTINATION FOR IMAGINATION

Destination ImagiNation Inc. is a creative problem solving organization for youth that fosters critical thinking and teamwork. At the Destination ImagiNation Provincial Tournament Armstrong owned the podium. The Great Transporters, a grade 6/7 team, came first, and received an invitation to the Global Finals in Tennessee for their win. The Red Wolves placed 3rd and the Crazy Monkeys came fourth. Special thanks to Armstrong parent Elizabeth Cheung for coaching the students to victory.

MANY FACES. ONE COMMUNITY.

Students at Lakeview Elementary held a special celebration on April 19 for Vaisakhi, the Indian harvest festival. Families and friends were invited to participate in the festivities, which included food, dancing and a play. Manjit Rai, a Lakeview parent, and Alpha teacher organized the event with a committee of students.

ALPHA STUDENT TOPS AT REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Just 14 projects were chosen as provincial winners at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair. Claiming first place in the "Earth and Environmental Science Division," was grade 8 Alpha student, Samantha Cibere. "*Does An Electric Field Affect Plant Growth?*" is the name of her winning project. She is soon off to represent BC at the Canada-wide Science Fair in PEI. Congratulations Samantha!

ADVANCED MATH AT SOUTH

Burnaby South sent a team of 10 to compete in the BC Secondary School Math Contest. Michael Zhang placed 1st and Bronte Lim placed 3rd in the Junior category. In the Senior category, Griffin Tench won 1st place and Mandy Tam came in 3rd. The first place winners received new HP mini laptops. Kudos to the entire team and their teacher coaches Jerry Chien and Amos Lee.

NORTH IS REACHING FOR THE TOP

For more than four decades "*Reach for the Top*," a multi-topical quiz game has been a high school student challenge. Recently a team from Burnaby North beat St. Georges School to become the BC Provincial Champs. The team of 6 will be off to compete in Toronto at the end of May. Coached by teacher Gary Suderman, this marks this teams 3rd trip to the Nationals in four years. We all hope that they will be three times lucky – a grand finale for this team of graduates.

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BURNABY SCHOOLS SMART ABOUT POWER

Burnaby School District takes sustainability seriously. Now in its 12 year of conservation initiatives, the district has once again been recognized by BC Hydro as the #1 most energy-efficient school district in the province. The district continues to follow its long term strategic plan to upgrade facilities with lighting retrofits, boiler replacements, solar power installations, building automation controls and to increase its recycling programs, energy and water management efforts.

BC LIONS PRIDE PROGRAM CHANGING LIVES

The BC Lions Football Club is inspiring youth to be active, make positive choices and excel through an outreach program called Lions Pride. Designed for youth in grades 8 through 12, it highlights the importance of making positive choices and choosing alternate activities to gang involvement. As part of this initiative, 18 students from 6 secondary schools have formed a flag football league and have been coached by two BC Lions players and district youth worker and former Grey Cup champ, Wendell Williams. At their last practice this week students were so engaged that they wouldn't break for pizza. This Sunday at BC Place stadium they will compete against 3 other "Lions Pride" teams in a tournament at BC Place stadium. Win or lose, the students are all winners.