

**May 13, 2014**

## **SAVING OUR WORLD, ONE SONG AT A TIME**

Staff and 281 intermediate students at Chaffey Burke recently staged the musical "The Environment Show". Its powerful message was about encouraging waste reduction and clean considerations to save our world from climate change. It came through in performances and songs such as *Voices of Nature*, *Urban Mining*, *40 Million Salmon* and *I am the Future*. The play was created and produced by teachers, **Elaine Jaltema**, **Catherine Seminara** and **Jennifer Escueta**.

## **CANADA SCORES SOME GREAT POETS**

On May 8, students in the *Canada Scores* after-school program gathered together at Taylor Park for a *Poetry Slam Showdown*. Guest judges, including Whitecaps legend **Carl Valentine**, **Trustee Hayes** and **Mayor Corrigan**, were all treated to incredible poems and found it very difficult to judge a winner...but they did! The winner was Team Barcelona made up of **Gillian, Rob, Nikki & Jackie** with Team Rainbow Caps, **Michelle, Jasmine & Brad** in a very close second. Canada Scores Vancouver is a charitable organization providing afterschool programs at Taylor Park Elementary, and Stride and Edmonds Community Schools. The program focuses on sport and literacy.

## **TOGETHER IN SONG**

Under the direction of **Rosemary Bell**, the Burnaby South Secondary school choir participated in the *41<sup>st</sup> International Youth Festival* in Harrogate, England. The students had a wonderful time performing in fantastic, historical venues and getting to know students from around the world. Countries represented at this year's festival included: Africa, Canada, England, Germany and Russia. The students also had the opportunity to explore Scotland.

## **2014 CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE**

What a sweep! Eight district French Immersion students came away with awards at this year's *Provincial Concours d'art Oratoire*. They spoke on a wide range of topics – from the Ogopogo to nuclear energy.

- First place winners were secondary students **Wassim Khelifi** (Alpha) and **Catherine Zhu** (Moscrop)
- Second place winners were elementary students **Chris Zhang** (Marlborough) and **Leila Khan** (Aubrey)
- And third place winners were secondary students **Charlotte Peters** (Cariboo Hill), **Una Rekic** (Burnaby South), **Amir Shafiee** (Burnaby North) and **Rachel Nixon** (Alpha)

Special thanks to French liaison and Sperling Elementary head teacher **Anne Marie Bilton** for her coordination efforts. They certainly paid off in spades!

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## **CELEBRATING YOUTH WEEK IN BURNABY**

In recognition of Youth Week May 1-7, Burnaby Youth Citizenship Awards were presented by Mayor Corrigan at the City Council Meeting on May 5. Five Burnaby schools youth were selected as the top winners for going above and beyond to make a difference in Burnaby, while maintaining personal, academic, and extracurricular involvement. Congratulations to **Albert Cherng, Andy Lin, Maisaloon Al-Ashkar** (pronounced Mee-saloon), **Si Jia Wen**, and **Vanessa Bui**.

Twenty other district students also received youth citizenship awards, a proud testimony to the leadership role our youth play in the community. They include Aishwi Roshan, Anthony Wong, Aslan Youdan, Caitie Sturm, Elijah Sherlock, Hannah Aubert, Jeanne d'arc Mabalama, Jenny Ho, Jeo Mateo, Jess Ashton, Jet Thorsteinsson, Joey Di Pietro, Jordan Strachan, Julia Sharma, Julie Schlegel, Nathan Marsh, Nicolle Salas, Shadab Sharafiar, Theo Best, and Victoria Thein.

The Burnaby Youth Week logo contest winner was grade 11, Burnaby South student, Mohsen Baghalha.

## **SCIENTISTS IN OUR MIDST**

Burnaby Schools students faired exceptionally well at the GVRD Science Fair held last month at UBC. Two students received Gold awards: **Surat Singh** (Burnaby South) for his project on *The interactions between plant hormones and nutrients in relation to plant growth* and **Alice Wang** (Moscrop) for her project *Hypoglycemia: Fruit or Juice?* Silver awards went to **Holly Duerichen & Linda Kanyamuna** (Alpha) and **Dante Wong** (Alpha) Bronze awards were claimed by **George Kubik** (Burnaby South), **Matthew Liu** (Burnaby North), **Julia Colasurdo & Luiza Ortiz** (Alpha) and **Joanathan Han & Edmond Weng** (Burnaby North). And five projects received honourable mentions. (Natasha Bussanich & Alicia Reil (Alpha), Alessio Bonaventura (Burnaby North), Grace Yang & Ceci Deng (Burnaby North), Tavian Jin (Burnaby North), Anthony Yeuen & Nelson Tam (Burnaby South)

## **RIVERS TO SEA REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR**

Twenty Burnaby schools students won awards in the recent *Rivers to Sea Regional Heritage Fair*. It was hosted by the Burnaby Village Museum and Trustee Hayes participated as a judge. Four of the standouts will be off to the 2014 BC Fair in Kamloops taking place this summer. They include:

- Sylvia Beck, grade 5 student at Glenwood Elementary for her project on Ironworking in Canada
- Amber Craig, grade 5 student at Stoney Creek Community School for her project on George Stanley, the designer of Our Flag
- Steven Dai Chuy, grade 6 student at Windsor Elementary for his project on Craig Kielburger and
- Boya Yang, grade 6 student at Marlborough for his project on Translink

We wish them the best of luck!!