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## **LAKEVIEW STUDENTS KICK SMART**

Lakeview students are kicking the soccer ball with precision and style these days – thanks to some help earlier this spring from the Whitecaps Kick-Smart program! The goal of the program is to introduce all kids to soccer in a fun and interactive way, inspiring them to make activity a big part of their lives. Learning from the best, Lakeview's Kick-Smart coaches included Canadian Hall of Fame soccer legend Sam Lenarduzzi and residency player Ben Fisk who talked to the students about soccer skills, sportsmanship and working hard to reach your potential both in school and at home.

## **DISTRICT STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS YOUTH LEADERS**

An international celebration of youth is held annually during the first week of May. In BC, its aim is to build strong connections between young people, their communities and profile the issues, accomplishments and diversity of youth across the province. Wherever Youth Week is celebrated, the idea behind it is the same: *Young people are important and need to be recognized in a constructive and positive manner.* Burnaby's Youth Week Committee has created a youth citizenship award to recognize young people who have contributed to the community. Twenty-three youth received certificates of recognition from Mayor Corrigan at a City Council meeting on May 7. Five of these youth received a \$100 bursary award and included district students Allison Graham (Cariboo Hill), Binyam Hailu (Byrne Creek), Mikayla Louie (Moscrop) and Zoya Nari (Burnaby South).

## **WORDS TOOK FLIGHT AT AWARDS EVENT**

Literacy is the foundation of all learning, and for 26 years Burnaby School District has celebrated this fact in a uniquely Burnaby way. On May 17, ninety-seven of the district's best student writers gathered at Michael J Fox Theatre for the annual WORDS Writing Project Award Event and the launch of this year's anthology, *Words Take Flight*. There were two guest authors at the event to inspire the audience, both Burnaby principals, David Mushens (VP of Burnaby North) and David Starr (Principal of Edmonds Community School). The ceremony closed with final "words of wisdom" and encouragement from Eleanor Hoskins, a grade 12 Burnaby North student, whose prose has been selected each year since grade 3. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the student commons catered by students from ACE-IT's Professional Cooks Training program.

## **RICK HANSEN'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEDAL RELAY**

On August 24, 2011 in Cape Spear, Newfoundland & Labrador, Rick Hansen's 25th Anniversary Medal Relay began. Retracing the Canadian leg of the original Man in Motion tour, the Medal Relay has travelled through more than 600 communities on a nine-month, 12,000 kilometre cross-Canada journey. The 7,000 participating medal-relayers were chosen for the difference they make in others' lives. On May 18, the relay came through Burnaby where Capitol Hill grade 7 student Celia Yu had been chosen to carry the medal from Fell Avenue to Holdom Avenue along Hastings Street. She was cheered on by hundreds of people who came out to show their support. Congratulations Celia for the difference you make to lives - and congratulations to the inspiration behind the tour, Rick Hansen, whose Anniversary Relay wraps up today.