

**May 27, 2014**

## **MURAL PROJECT UNVEILED AT MORLEY ELEMENTARY**

Students from K-7 worked on Morley's first mural project with Artist in Residence Tammy Pilon. The theme was to create images of the school's motto – safe, welcome and responsible. The artist then took portions of photos of students in grades 4-7 to combine them into a collage. Students from K-7 painted the background. Intermediate students painted the faces and details. The welcoming mural is underneath classroom windows by the front entrance to the school. It was officially unveiled by Trustee Hayes at their Community Appreciation Celebration. The project was sponsored by ArtStarts and the school PAC.

## **VSO MAESTRO INSPIRES TAYLOR PARK STUDENTS**

VSO Maestro Bromwell Tovey dropped by Taylor Park earlier this month. It's part of their VSO Connects program that offers nine separate modules over two years and introduces students to some aspect of the orchestra, instruments and music. The module that Tovey led was called "Meet the Maestro." The students exuberantly greeted him and then settled in to listen to classical, jazz and the blues. He even did an impromptu song for a student's birthday! Other modules have included the ABC's of Music, and Creative Music Composition. Thank you Maestro for bringing your appreciation of music into Burnaby Schools!

## **STUDENT ART BRIGHTENS CITY STREETS**

The City of Burnaby's new outdoor street banners were designed by three students who previously participated in the Burnaby Art Gallery's Arts Alive showcase. The banner by **Alana S.**, a grade 7 Cameron Elementary student, depicts a tree silhouetted against a sunset, a reminder of the view outside her window in Israel. The design by grade 10 Burnaby Central student **Amelia Earhart** is a woman's facial profile highlighted with textures, patterns and shapes. And Burnaby Mountain grade 10 student **Yejin Han** created a uniquely-patterned sunflower. These spectacular works will be blowing in the wind for several years, affixed to 300+ street poles along Deer Lake Park, Burnaby Lake and entrances into the City of Burnaby.

## **LEARNING IN DEPTH OPEN HOUSE**

Last week students at University Highlands had a chance to publicly showcase their "Learning in Depth" topics. One student demonstrated a worm trap. And another created a praying mantis habitat! Each student receives a topic in kindergarten that they study through to the end of grade 7. While they become experts in their field, they also get a chance to teach and learn from each other. The Open House was attended by parents, grandparents, students and teachers from Surrey, Burnaby teachers from nearby schools and Superintendent Kaardal. Also in attendance was Dr. Egan, who developed the program with the Imaginative Education Research Group at SFU.

## **CENTRALS WILDCATS SET TO POUNCE**

The Burnaby Central Wildcats track team is set to pounce at the Provincials! They recently won the BNWSSA grand aggregate and senior and junior banners. Proud coaches include teacher Randy Kamiya and parent Wes Stinson. Perhaps they were inspired by the visit from Olympian Curtis Moss who attended the official opening of the new track and field facility last month? This weekend they compete in the Provincial Track Tournament. Go Team Go!