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CITY RECOGNIZES DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH STEWARDS

On Sunday, June 10 the City of Burnaby wrapped up Environment Week in Burnaby by recognizing 6 district students for their eco-friendly efforts. Jennifer Hao (Burnaby North) and Kayla Isomura (Cariboo Hill) each received an Environment Award for Youth. Students from the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network - Angela Andrievska (Burnaby Central), Ant-te Chu (Moscrop) , Tomas Lang (Alpha) and Catherina Pan (Burnaby South) each received an Environmental Star for Youth. The awards were presented at a ceremony held at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion. Congrats to these 6 stars and the entire DO IT GREEN District Team.

MATH WHIZ KIDS

Math Challenges abound during the month of May. Almost 1,100 district students wrote the Grade 7 Gauss Math Contest that is created by the University of Waterloo. Seven district students received a perfect score of 150. They include Tavina Jin and Edward Jiang (Chaffey-Burke), Siwon Park (Marlborough), David Joun (Sperling), Jun Kim (Stoney Creek) and Jerry Zhu and Alyssa Zhao (Taylor Park).

Burnaby School District's Abel Math Contest is for students in grade 4 & 5. Of the 1,000 district students who participated in this contest, two students came out on top, achieving a perfect score of 25. They were Brandon Kang (Clinton) and Bradley Tong (Sperling).

Congratulations to all the contest participants for taking on these challenges and continuing their journey towards mathematical excellence.

MEET THE MAESTRO

On May 10th Stoney Creek Community School and Lyndhurst Elementary had the pleasure of meeting VSO conductor Bramwell Tovey as part of the VSO's "Meet the Maestro" program. Mr. Tovey gave an amusing and captivating presentation of the importance of symphonic music and the role music has played in his life. The polite applause at the end got even louder when a representative from the Royal Bank presented Bramwell Tovey with a \$40,000 cheque for the VSO Connects Program. That means he'll be able to make an encore performance at a Burnaby Elementary School next year.

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO CREATE A MURAL

More than 300 Second Street Community School students, staff, Strong Start Centre participants and community members were part of a 3 month mural project entitled: "Celebrating our Community." Led by Community Arts programmer Shelley Twist and local artists Mona Lochan and Anna Talbot, the project's six stunning canvas murals depict aspects of Second Street's diverse and vibrant community. The murals were recently unveiled at Second Street's "Celebrating our Community" multi-cultural dinner and they will be used as the backdrop at future events at the school for many years to come. Special thanks to special partners, the City of Burnaby, ArtStarts and Westminster Savings.