

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 23, 2015

1. Sound Wave – District Handbell Choir

The Sound Wave Handbell Choir is a District Honour Choir that is comprised of both elementary and secondary schools in the district. Students in the 2014-2015 choir come from Cascades and Inman Elementary schools and Moscrop and Burnaby Central Secondary schools.

Being a member of this handbell choir requires dedication and talent. The choir meets out of regular school time to practice, prepare for performances and learn how to take a piece of music and bring it to life. The choir is celebrating its 15th anniversary season this year, under the direction of Janet Nordstrand, music teacher at Inman Elementary.

Tonight, Reg LaPlante, Program Consultant Visual and Performing Arts, will introduce the ringers and the selections they will be performing.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Brentwood Park Hip Hop Dancers

On May 29, 2015, Brentwood Park Elementary School hosted a Hip Hop celebration, performing to a full house of parents, students and staff. Under the direction of instructor, Sue Cejalvo-Howse, of 1-Vibe Entertainment, students in kindergarten through grade 7 performed a variety of dances to music with an international flair.

Each year, 1-Vibe Entertainment hosts “School Hip Hop Workshops” across the district. The company works with students to hone their dance skills, culminating with a school-wide performance at the end of the two-week session. The final performance is a dance extravaganza with the added, much-anticipated routine from the Brentwood Park staff. The focus of the program includes team building, refining musicality and rhythm, fostering respect, kindness and determination, and honing leadership skills. Ultimately, students are encouraged to create dances of their own.

This evening, students and staff from Brentwood Park Elementary, under the direction of 1-Vibe Entertainment, will perform a segment of their year-end finale.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.