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## **CASCADE HEIGHTS A “JUMP FOR HEART” LEADER**

The Heart & Stroke Foundation’s ‘Jump for Heart’ “fun-raising” program keeps kids’ hearts healthy through education and activity. This year 205 Metro Vancouver schools registered, including Cascade Heights Elementary. This determined school raised \$10,692 - the fourth highest amount, obviously they take their jumping seriously. Funds raised support research to uncover mysteries like the role of physical activity in preventing diabetes in youth. Congratulations to all the “jumping beans” at Cascade Heights – you make us proud.

## **SCHOOL’S OUT AND THE WORK’S JUST BEGUN AT ALPHA SECONDARY**

A seismically safer and upgraded Ecole Alpha Secondary is one step closer. Last Monday, Burnaby North **MLA Richard T. Lee** and **Trustee Narang** met with students, teachers and staff to take part in the groundbreaking of the \$27.2-million project. They also unveiled the design plans that include the replacement of two classroom wings with a better organized and more modern space, a learning commons, STEM labs, and energy efficiencies. Expected completion of the project is the Fall of 2018.

## **STUDENTS SHARE LEARNING AND TEACH PREMIER CLARK SOME FUN TRICKS**

Earlier this month **Premier Christy Clark** and **Minister of Education Mike Bernier** and school trustees, were honoured guests at Taylor Park Elementary Schools’ Coding & Robotics Showcase. The students were uber-excited to show off their projects, the result of a year-long learning partnership with students from Byrne Creek Community School. It was the perfect backdrop for a provincial announcement that \$6 million will be invested in teachers to learn to teach and incorporate coding into the new curriculum. Burnaby Schools’ students and staff are already up for the challenge!

## **WATER CONSERVATION IS UP TO US**

Burnaby South students cleaned up in the City of Burnaby’s water conservation poster contest. The artwork of grand prize winner, **Camille Dansereau**, will be featured as a mural. Second place winners **Abby Jocson** and **Sasha Yao** will see their artwork displayed at bus shelters. Five other South students came in third and their art will appear on eco-media bins.

In the elementary category, two students from Suncrest, **Shawn Yee** and **Emilie Paco** and University Highlands student, **Alex Chan** took first place. Their work will appear in a bus shelter. Five students from five other elementary schools came in second place.

Check the posters out at: <https://www.burnaby.ca/City-Services/Water---Sewers/Water-Conservation/Poster-Contest-Winners.html>

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### **STUDENT DESIGNERS MAKE THEIR MARK**

Four Burnaby South students in the Applied Interdisciplinary Design (AiD) Program were winners in the Sears DX Canadian High School Design Competition. Students were tasked with designing a collection of coordinating desktop accessories to make schoolwork easier and enjoyable. Grade 11 students **Clarissa Martins** and **Camille Dansereau** came in 1st place in the Senior division and claimed the \$500 prize. Grade 9 students **Atindra Sahu** and **Kyle Young** came in 2nd place in the Junior division. Proud AiD teachers are Doreen Leo and Kent Lui.

### **EDMONDS PLAYS HOST TO ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATION**

Burnaby's first National Aboriginal Day celebration was a big success thanks to the great planning done by local parents and community partners that included the Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby Neighbourhood House, Burnaby Village Museum, the Spirit of the Children Society and Burnaby School District. The event was held at Edmonds Community School and earlier in the day, students enjoyed participating in a host of activities. After school, almost 250 people enjoyed an Aboriginal feast complete with stew and bannock, traditional dance performances, displays and more interactive events. It was a rewarding learning experience and a great time was had by all!