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READY FOR ANOTHER INSPIRING YEAR?

The following are just a few highlights of the many welcome back activities that took place in Burnaby Schools last week:

- A new grade 9 cross-curricular cohort at Burnaby Mountain Secondary called ConnEx took advantage of the sunshine and got inspired through nature taking photos and getting blog ideas. The program combines the study of Science, PE, English and Social Studies. Watch for blogs - coming soon!
- Lochdale Community School and the Burnaby Firefighters hosted an amazing welcome back BBQ where over \$400 was raised for charity.
- A social studies class at Burnaby Central began the year putting together a silent puzzle - using nonverbal communication and teamwork.
- University Highlands Elementary students learned the poem "My Heart Soars" by Chief Dan George then each student decorated a feather with their hopes. The feathers were gathered to create a powerful display of eagle wings.
- Inman Elementary students worked with resident artist Milton Randall on a hands-on drumming workshop centered on the culture and music of Ghana.

MOUNTAIN STUDENT RECEIVES SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

Burnaby Mountain graduate, **Miranda Andersen** is the recipient of a Schulich Leader Scholarship. Anderson was the top biology student and top student of the year at her school, and also swam competitively in the Canadian swimming championships. Additionally she is an extraordinary filmmaker who showcases environmental issues. This fall she is beginning her studies at UBC in the Sciences.

SOCCER STUDENTS AT CENTRAL IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS SUMMER

Grade 12 Central student **Emma Regan** was a proud member of Team Canada at the summer games and even carried the flag! In July she played for Team Canada in an U-20 two game exhibition in Australia. Additionally, Central's **Ashley Cathro** was invited to attend the U-20 National training camp in Burnaby where scouts are seeking players for 2018 FIFA U-20 World Cup next August. She's already committed to attend the University of Illinois next Fall. Both are members of the Whitecaps FC Girls Elite Rex program.

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BURNABY NORTH GRAD EARNS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Monica Hsu, a recent graduate of Burnaby North Secondary is the recipient of a \$28,000 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award. It recognizes young people who embody the legacy of Terry Fox by not only believing in a better world but striving to contribute to it. Like many of her fellow award winners, Hsu has seen her share of adversity, including the illness and passing of her mother, yet she has managed to harness these difficult experiences to create change and make a difference in the lives of others.

BURNABY FAMILY LIFE AWARDS

Burnaby Schools have enjoyed a rich partnership with Burnaby Family Life for decades - working together to support the needs of the community. Last week, at their Annual General Meeting, presented awards to three District employees. Congratulations to **Lisa Parr**, the Strongstart Facilitator at Maywood for her support of the Burnaby Family Life parent education programs; **Alisa Faring**, Youth Engagement worker for Burnaby South's Young Parent Program; and **Yvonne Jongejan-Ahmad**, community school coordinator from Stoney Creek who has facilitated two "keeping cool" groups for children who have witnessed abuse. We are very proud of these District community leaders - three of many in the District.

THE POWER OF WE

ME to WE is an innovative social enterprise that inspires and enables people to become leaders and agents of change. It began its focus on students as change agents almost a decade ago and Burnaby Schools is one of the most active participants in the Province. Last year 38 schools represented the District at "WE Day," an event held annually at Rogers Arena. And the "Me to We" annual impact report features two Burnaby high school projects. Burnaby South's schoolwide fundraising project to purchase goats for families in Kenya, raised over \$9000. And Burnaby Central's WISH club (World In Students Hands) supported Canuck Place as well as education projects in Kenya through funds raised at a dinner gala. These are just two of many "Me To We" projects that showcase community and global leadership in action in Burnaby Schools.



GOOD NEWS