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## **SHOWCASING BURNABY SCHOOLS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Trustees were out and about in the community this summer singing the praises of Burnaby Schools.

- At the Edmonds Community Fair in July, trustees joined student volunteers from Burnaby Central and North at a booth, answering questions about Burnaby Schools programs and services.
- Trustees, students, teachers and staff marched with pride in the Vancouver Pride Parade in August as they celebrated the diversity of Burnaby Schools.

## **BRIGHT DISTRICT STUDENTS SELECTED FOR SHAD SUMMER PROGRAM**

Ten district secondary students were selected from more than 1,200 applicants to attend SHAD, a 4 week summer program held at host universities across Canada. SHAD exposes youth to advanced topics in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). By getting out of their comfort zone, students discover new ways to learn, engage, experiment and excel. District students who attended the SHAD Program were **Frank Cheng, Harold Xi, Lily Xiong, and Nancy Yang** from Burnaby North; **Federico Firoozi** and **Marina Gonzalez** from Burnaby South; **Sarah Savic Kallesoe** from Byrne Creek; **Caitlin Wu** from Moscrop; and **Angela Yu** from Burnaby Mountain. [www.shad.com](http://www.shad.com)

## **EDUCATION THROUGH THE ARTS**

At Confederation Park, teachers engage students through the arts – integrating drama, visual arts, dance and music into the curriculum. The school was recently designated as an *Exemplary School for 2014-2016*, by the Arts Schools Network, the largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. It recognizes a schools' excellence in continuing improvement and honours their efforts in strategic evaluation of purpose, operations, and educational programs. Confederation Park is presently the only Canadian school with this designation. [www.artsschoolsnetwork.org](http://www.artsschoolsnetwork.org)

## **BC LIONS PASS TO CENTRAL**

During the BC Lions game on August 17, TSN ran a 2 minute video-clip of Burnaby Central. It featured Central alumnus and CFL player, John Pankratz and included highlights of Burnaby School District's newest secondary school. This year marks a return of football to Central after a four year hiatus, with former Central teacher Jim Stockman stepping in as head coach. Go Wildcats!

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## **BURNABY SCHOOLS ENJOY BC SUMMER GAMES**

Nanaimo hosted the 2014 BC Summer Games in July. Thirty-five students from 15 Burnaby public schools were amongst the best in the province who participated. Of these, 14 students received medals. The Board would like to extend best wishes to all the young athletes who will continue to pursue their athletic dreams – and a shout out to their coaches too.

## **VP PART OF TEAM CANADA'S GOLD**

Burnaby South vice-principal Sandi Lauzon has set the bar high for her schools' sports teams. She has just returned from competing for Team Canada at the World Ball Hockey Championships in Tampa Bay, Florida. Her team was victorious over Team USA and brought home a gold medal. Not to be outdone, the men's team brought home gold too. Congratulations Sandi – Go Rebels Go!