

Good News

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MAYWOOD CELEBRATES NATURE

On September 13, students, staff, parents and neighbours of Maywood Community School celebrated the completion of a new mural. Located on the east side of the school, the mural was created by artist Todd Polich and Maywood students. This beautiful piece of art depicts the West Coast landscape and the local animal habitats. Thank you to Burnaby Metrotown and the Burnaby Rotary Clubs, Home Depot and the Maywood Community Council for their generous donations that helped make this community art project a reality. It will be enjoyed by all for many years to come.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

This year Billy Xuan (prun: Shoe-enn), entered grade 8 with the technology he needs to succeed in his educational setting. Billy is a visually impaired student in the district. He was the fortunate recipient of a new laptop, printer/scanner, distance camera and software – all provided to him by the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC). Debbie Sitar, the district's Vision Learning Support Teacher, initiated the application that has given Billy a whole new perspective on learning.

COPS FOR CANCER

A number of district secondary schools recently raised awareness and funds for Cops for Cancer.

Burnaby North Secondary's campaign events included "Fly on the Wall" and a "Shaving Cream Pie Throw," and many staff and students shaved their heads for the cause. The school raised \$2,754.

Ecole Alpha Secondaire's campaign consisted of a bake sale and a prize draw. Mr Wong and Richard Cunningham both had their heads shaved by students in Alpha's Hairdressing Program, while Ms Rai cut her long hair and donated it to "Locks of Love." Additional support came from the FIT Leadership students, the Leadership class, and Student Council. The school raised \$1,500.

A NEW WAY FORWARD

On September 22, a team of almost 50 plus students, families and staff from the district showed up with umbrellas to participate in the 4K Walk for Reconciliation. They were treated to an address by Dr Bernice A King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The walk was the grand finale to Reconciliation Canada, a week-long National event. Its goal was to build new relationships among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians, and to create a shared understanding of history and a commitment to move forward in creating a better future.