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NELSON CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

On September 19, former students, staff and parents attended the opening of a 20-year-old time capsule to mark the opening of Nelson's Centennial celebration. As it was unearthed, music teacher Sheila Little, led the group in a round of "The Nelson School Song" – composed by former head teacher, Ila Chapman. Time capsule contents included a t-shirt signed by students from 1992, old journals, and favourite songs from that era. The items will be displayed during the Nelson Centennial, September 27 and 28 from 4 to 9 pm. The school looks forward to seeing many former students and staff members at the events.

COPS FOR CANCER TEAM VISITS BURNABY SCHOOLS

On September 26 the Cops for Cancer team of cyclists had the red carpet rolled out for them at Burnaby South/BCSD. Physical Ed Leadership students lined the curb of South's entrance to welcome the team and present each participant with a yellow flower. Leadership teacher Ms. Kingra, presented the team with an advance donation of \$1,000. The students will be raising funds for the cause this fall and as per previous fundraising campaigns, they expect that the amount raised will far exceed this goal. The Cops for Cancer team also visited Burnaby North and Nelson Elementary.

THAT SOUND OF MUSIC BEGINS AT CENTRAL

Burnaby Central graduates Zainen Suzuki and Nicholas Burns are both presently attending McGill University's Schulich (pron: Shoe-lick) School of Music one of the major music schools in North America that embodies the highest international standards of excellence in professional training and research. They are two of just 20 students accepted into the Voice Performance program from more than 3000 international applicants. A former Central grad, Steven Baker, just graduated from this prestigious school. Congratulations to these gifted students and to teacher Carrie Taylor who has been at the helm of Central's music department for more than a decade.

COMMUNITY EXPRESSED THROUGH MOSAIC ARTSTARTS PROJECT

Today Confederation Park celebrated the completion of their mosaic project, a project sponsored last year by an ArtStarts grant from VanCity. The students worked with artist-in-residence Glen Andersen and created beautiful mosaics around the theme community – a word that evolved significantly in meaning from kindergarten to grade seven. The project was completed at the end of May and was installed over the summer on the steps around the school.

DISTRICT ENERGY SAVINGS FEATURED IN POWERSMART ADS

BC Hydro is singing the praises of Burnaby School District in a Power Smart partner ad campaign. It highlights the impressive energy savings that have been realized since the district signed up to be a partner in their program. By the end of March 2013, lighting in every school building in the district will be upgraded. That translates to energy savings of \$335,000 per year – and brighter lights in the classrooms!