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## **READY TO PLAY**

Recess and lunch are always highly anticipated times of the day. And now Lyndhurst students have an extra reason to look forward to them. A few weeks ago, the school community gathered to officially open their new playground and recognize the many people - and the PAC who helped make the playground a reality. Two generous corporate donations at the end of the school year put the PAC over their financial goal and so the playground was installed over the summer. What an exciting back to school treat!

## **A RAINBOW OF HANDS**

A Douglas College practicum student led Windsor Elementary School in a school wide art project. And students from nearby high schools stepped in to help too by sketching out the rainbow. Once the rainbow was sketched out, students came by, class by class to add their handprints to the rainbow. The mural's overarching theme is "Together we're beautiful" - just one of many projects throughout the District that showcases the inclusive, caring community of learners that make up Burnaby Schools.

## **CANADIAN DRAGONS MAKE THEIR MARK**

Ramin Najar, a grade 12 Moscrop Secondary student, was selected this summer as a member of the Dragon Boat Canada U16/U18 National Team. In July, the team competed in Divonne-les-Bains, France at the 2017 World Nations Dragon Boat Championships. Ramin and the Canadian National Junior U18 team won the overall junior championship and additionally brought home 7 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals. Congratulations Ramin!

## **WE ARE ALL ONE**

On Sunday, September 24 more than 70 people from the Burnaby Schools community proudly participated in the Walk for Reconciliation. It was likely the largest reconciliation event in Canadian history, where indigenous and non-indigenous peoples walked together in unity across the Georgia viaduct to Strathcona Park. At the closing ceremony, grade 9 Burnaby North student Hannah Curr represented BC's indigenous youth as a participant in a blanket ritual.

The walk is a historic opportunity to show support for the progress we've made towards reconciliation as a community - and as a nation. Thank you to all who showed up - students, teachers, parents and staff alike - to walk in the spirit of reconciliation. Hay- chee!