

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, October 9, 2012

1. Burnaby North Hockey Academy

The Burnaby North Hockey Academy is a district program offering students the opportunity to receive high level hockey-specific instruction while attending regular high school classes. Now operating in its ninth year, the program provides unique program options for both male and female students. Burnaby North teacher, and inspiration behind the program, Mr. Dave Watts, is part of a team of certified Hockey Canada coaches who work with student athletes using both on and off-ice training methods. A truly unique program, the academy works with a wide range of athletes with varying skill levels, ranging from those who simply wish to improve their abilities to those whose aspirations include playing junior hockey or, in the case of Burnaby North's most recent famous alumnus, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, a chance to play in the National Hockey League.

This evening, current Hockey Academy members, Fillipo Mainella, Mario Jozipovic, Michael Brletic, along with his mother, Mrs. Lina Brletic, and Burnaby North teacher, Mr. Dave Watts, will share some highlights of this exciting program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Nelson Elementary Celebrates 100 Years of Learning

On September 27th and 28th, Nelson Elementary School hosted its Centennial Celebration - 100 Years of Learning. The event boasted memories, photos and memorabilia of years past as hundreds of students, teachers, principals and parents, past and present, shared stories and laughter of a wonderful school community.

The successful event was made possible by the dedication and support of many individuals, with special thanks to the organizing committee. From its days as Alta Vista School in 1912, the committee took delighted participants through a walk down memory lane with artifacts from the school buildings, stories of Burnaby and memoirs of teachers and students alike.

This evening, Principal, Dino Klarich and teacher, Clay Grant are honoured to share their stories about Nelson and the journey through 100 Years of Learning.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.