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HAPPINESS IS A FULL BACKPACK

For over five years, students in our Burnaby schools, who may not otherwise have access to school supplies, have benefited from receiving new backpacks from TELUS and Costco. This year was no exception. Between them they donated 950 colourful backpacks filled with school supplies. We are grateful for the ongoing support of these community partners for adding even more excitement to the annual back to school event.

THINGS THAT GO MOO

Students at Cameron Elementary spent a day on the farm on October 3 – thanks to the BC Milk Producers' Association and BC Dairy Foundation and their Mobile Dairy Classroom experience. The presentation included a milking demonstration, a calf feeding session, an overview of the cow (biology, nutrition, digestion), milk production (milking process, handling, processing), and the role that milk plays in human nutrition. While the kindergarteners were excited and speechless, the grade 7's had really good questions about ethical farming. A great day was had by all – cows included.

FULFILLING TERRY'S DREAM

On October 3rd, Buckingham Elementary School and the community held a Terry Fox Celebration and Run as a culmination of their Terry Fox week. School Trustee, James Wang, joined the community in welcoming Terry's brother, Fred Fox, to speak with students about Terry's legacy, his character, and his dream. After the run Mr Fox and Principal Gurney acknowledged students who "exemplified Terry's character" throughout the week. What a wonderful way to end an amazing week where students learned about leadership, effort, caring, and making a difference in the world.

THE POWER OF THE DRUM

Stoney Creek Community School students, grades 1 to 7, spent the first week back to school learning about African Drumming with Art Starts' Artist in Residence - Milton Randell. This hands-on, collaborative learning encouraged students to demonstrate respectfulness and kindness while taking responsibility for contributing to the group activity in a positive way. The week ended with an energetic school-wide community performance.