

**October 23, 2012**

## **WE DAY ~ AND THE POWER OF WE**

More than 700 district students earned their ticket to attend Vancouver's annual "Me to We" Day held October 18 at Rogers Arena. They were among 20,000 BC youth and educators there who are inspired to create local and global change. Speakers and performers included Desmond Tutu, Demi Lovato, and Molly Burke.

"We Day" was an even greater celebration for Burnaby North grade 11 student, Jadene Lim. She won a once in a lifetime opportunity to go on a "Me to We" volunteer trip to India. Four other Burnaby North students and a teacher will accompany Jadene on the trip this summer.

## **SHE MAKES MUSIC MAGIC**

On October 20th, Teresa Fierro, head teacher and music teacher at South Slope Elementary was awarded the "Elementary Professional Music Educator Award" by the BC Music Educators' Association. Teresa was recognized for delivering an outstanding elementary music program, as well as for demonstrating strong professional leadership in music education. She has worked for Burnaby School District for the past 12 years and has been at Morley, Taylor Park and South Slope. We are lucky to have her here making the music even sweeter in our Burnaby schools.

## **MATH TEACHER GARNERS PROVINCIAL AWARD**

Burnaby South Math teacher and Advanced Learning Department Head, Amos Lee recently received the Outstanding Secondary Math Teacher Award at the BC Math Teachers' Conference held in Victoria. This award is given to a Math teacher who exemplifies excellence in teaching mathematics, who has initiated innovative and effective programs and made significant contributions to mathematics education. Congratulations Amos for the positive "mathematical" impact you have made on your school community - and beyond.

## **DISTRICT HOSTS ACE-BC CONFERENCE ~ TOGETHER FOR KIDS AND COMMUNITIES: A COMMON VISION**

About 200 people from across the province attended last week-end's three day conference. The conference boasted a list of thought provoking speakers like Molly McClusky and Jim Diers who addressed topics such as engaging youth; meeting the needs of the whole child; and supporting kids by rebuilding communities.