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HEAD OF THE 'MATH' CLASS

The BCAMT (BC Association of Mathematics Teachers) recognizes outstanding teachers in BC. Recently they singled out one of Burnaby's finest, Daryl Goeson, Burnaby North's Math Department Head, formerly of Cariboo Hill. He received the prestigious Ivan L. Johnson Memorial Award – an award established to honour the longtime BCAMT executive member who had coincidentally been a math teacher in Burnaby. Since it was established four years ago, two Burnaby teachers have received the award for inspiring other teachers to try new ideas and to seek innovative practices in the math classroom. Daryl will be traveling to the Annual NCTM conference in San Francisco this Spring.

PICTURES TELL THE STORY

Burnaby Mountain recently hosted a student writing workshop by Richard Scrimger, a Canadian author best known for children's literature. His engaging interactive presentation helped inspire English Honours students using the "magic" of story writing. Students particularly enjoyed learning how to write a graphic story using a hotdog and bacon! He explained that he struggled when writing his first graphic novel, until someone shared with him how to use pictures as well as text to tell a story. Then he encouraged them to pick up their pen – or sit at the computer – and write on!

ALPHA STUDENTS SERVE UP HOT POTATOES

Students from Alpha Secondary are making a real difference in the lives of people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. They recently served about 200 steaming baked potatoes during their October "Spud Patrol." It's a monthly initiative run by the social justice club known as "The Offence." The group is already gearing up for their next "Spud Patrol" on November 28. Volunteers are always welcome.