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## **HEAD OF THE 'MATH' CLASS**

The BCAMT (BC Association of Mathematics Teachers) annually recognizes outstanding teachers in BC. Recently they singled out one of Burnaby's finest, Daryl Goeson, Burnaby North's Math Department Head who had formerly taught at Cariboo Hill. He received the prestigious Ivan L. Johnson Memorial Award, an award established to honour this longtime BCAMT executive member – and coincidentally had been a math teacher in Burnaby. Since the award was established four years ago two Burnaby teachers have received this award for inspiring teachers to try new ideas and seeking 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 on the "magic" of story writing. Students particularly enjoyed learning about how to write a graphic story using a hotdog and bacon! He explained that he struggled with 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 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Students from Ecole Apha Secondary recently made a real difference to the lives of people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. They served almost 200 steaming baked potatoes during their October "Spud Patrol." It's an initiative run by The Offence, a Social Justice Club. They are already gearing up for their next "Spud Patrol" on November 28. Volunteers always welcome.