

November 24, 2015

## LET US NEVER FORGET

On November 13, secondary students and staff filled the Michael J Fox Theatre for the Holocaust Symposium. They were able to put a face to the horrors of the Holocaust through distinguished speaker **David Ehrlich**, a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Historian **Kit Krieger** then provided some background with his presentation on "Understanding the Holocaust." The symposium was presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, a teaching museum devoted to anti-racism education and the promotion of human rights, social justice and genocide awareness.

## DISTRICT LINC CLASS WINS LITERACY AWARD

Students in Windsor's LINC 6 class are winners all around. They submitted their "found poetry" to Decoda BC's 'Literacy is Life,' contest and to their delight, were selected as the collective winner! The award was presented at the Decoda Literacy Conference by CBC TV's Dan Burritt. Teachers **Ms Avram** and **Ms Stenberg** were on hand to accept the award as were LINC students **Frazaneh Naderi** and **Gilberto Cabrera**. The class is already enjoying the Bose wireless speakers they received as a prize and they are seeking other contests they can enter! Follow their learning journey on twitter @ourLinc6class

*\*Decoda is the only province-wide literacy organization that provides resources, training and funds to support community-based literacy programs and initiatives.*

## MOUNTAIN STUDENT AWARDED NATURE INSPIRATION AWARD

Burnaby Mountain grade 10 student **Miranda Andersen** is the youth winner of the 2015 Nature Inspiration Award from the Canadian Museum of Nature. The award recognizes leadership innovation that connects Canadians with nature. Miranda is a talented environmental filmmaker, speaker, blogger and volunteer. She produced her first film about a local fish hatchery for a school project in grade 4. Since then she's produced documentaries on coral conservation, deforestation, plastic pollution and is currently working on one about the steller sea lions. In 2013 she presented a TEDxKids@BC talk on nature deficit disorder. Miranda is clearly one to watch in the years ahead! Congratulations Amanda!

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### **CELEBRATING GURU NANAK**

Last Friday (November 20), parents and grandparents from the Sikh community at Second Street Community School, prepared a feast in celebration of Guru Nanak's birthday. When it was ready, the entire student population excitedly filed into the gym to enjoy a delicious traditional meal together. They were joined by Trustee Baljinder Narang, Trustee Chen, and MP Peter Julian. This annual event, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, is a proud testament to the way that the District embraces diversity, and how it enriches the learning experience in our schools.

### **PROVINCIAL SOCCER FINALS ARE ON – AND BURNABY SCHOOLS ARE IN!**

The Burnaby Central Wildcats AAA Senior Boys Soccer Team locked up a berth to the Provincial Championships with a 1-0 victory over West Vancouver. The Burnaby-New West league champions, who were recently ranked No. 1 in BC, plan to bring their best to the Championship Tournament, which runs Nov 26 to 28 at Burnaby Lake Complex.

The Alpha Aztecs AA Boys Soccer Team advanced to the BC AA Championship Tournament when they beat rival Sutherland Secondary from North Van. They are presently playing at the Burnaby Lake Complex hosted tournament, which runs until Nov 25. Get out to cheer these Burnaby schools soccer teams on!

### **SCHOOL UPGRADES TO CREATE ENERGY EFFICIENCIES TOO**

Schools throughout BC will soon benefit from more than \$35 million worth of improvement projects that will be financed through the Provincial Routine Capital Program. Two Burnaby schools, Ecole Aubrey and Stride Avenue Community School, received \$205,800 and \$315,000 respectively. The funding will be used to upgrade boilers and ventilation systems that will ultimately increase energy efficiency and reduce costs. The funding announcement was made at Aubrey Elementary by MLA **Richard Lee**. He was joined by Board of Education Chair **Ron Burton**, Trustee **Katrina Chen**, Superintendent **Gina Niccoli-Moen**, Secretary-Treasurer **Greg Frank**, Assistant Superintendent **Wanda Mitchell**, Principal **Merani**, parents and students.