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THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

On November 16 more than 13 diverse cultures came together as one at Westridge Elementary to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Morning activities included a dress up station with traditional clothing, a rangoli station, where students created traditional symbols of Diwali with dyed rice flour, and a mehndi centre where students tried out painting with henna and a samosas tasting station. An afternoon celebration of learning assembly featured a light ceremony and Bollywood dancing by staff, parents and students.

MOSCROP'S PANTHERS MIGHTY POUNCE

Moscrop's Panthers made senior boys' volleyball school history, when they won their first-ever Lower Mainland championship banner following a 19-17 tie-breaking final set over Vancouver's Eric Hamber - the team that took them out last year. The fairytale ending happened on hometurf on November 15. JJ Cross was named the tournament MVP, while seniors Zach Or and Ricky Sun were named to the all-tournament team. The BC AAA high school boys' volleyball championship will be played in Kelowna this week. Special thanks to Coach Ed Chin and parent coach Kim Orr.

Not to be outdone, Moscrop's Junior Girls Volleyball Team was also victorious, winning the corresponding title at the Vancouver and District's Championship.

CARIBOO CHARGES ONWARD TO BRONZE

The Cariboo Hill Chargers took third place at the BC AA high school soccer championships held at Burnaby Lake West Sports Complex. It is their second medal in as many years. Last year the team was a surprise runner-up in the 2011 provincial final. Congratulations to coach Carlo Bolognese and goalkeeper Juggi Dosanjh, who was named the tournament's top goalie allowing only one goal in five games.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD BROKEN

Students at Chaffey-Burke Elementary participated in the "2012 Stack Up" on November 15, in an attempt to break last year's Guinness World Record for the most people sport stacking in multiple locations on the same day. Spearheaded by the World Sport Stacking Association, it involves setting up cups in various configurations as quickly as possible. Final numbers are still being verified, but the last count was 468,454 participants according to the Association's website - 50,000 more stackers than last year. More than 2,600 groups and schools worldwide participated in this year's record-breaking event.