

**DECEMBER 11, 2012**

## **MEN WITH BOOKS**

Since 2006, the boys of Windsor Elementary School have participated in the *Men with Books* program and built up the most popular collection of books in the library. This year 14 boys, their dads and male staff went shopping to select books that they like to read and that other boys might be interested in. The goals of this program are to increase interest in reading for both boys and girls and to create ownership of the books in the collection. This year, the *Men with Books* program was generously sponsored by the Telus Ambassadors.

## **ROOTS FOR YOUTH**

Burnaby South Secondary and the BC School for the Deaf proudly hosted the inaugural *Roots for Youth Provincial Conference* at the end of October. Its focus was leadership, self-advocacy and self-awareness. Attended by more than 100 students, teachers and staff province-wide, they enjoyed collaboration, friendship and inspiration. By day, attendees were captivated by the words of four keynote speakers. After the learning, social activities included barbeques, wall climbing, dinners, shopping, movies, and the much anticipated PNE Fright Night. Special thanks to the Greater Vancouver Association for the Deaf, Jericho Hill Legacy Trust, Urban Systems and the BC Deaf Sports Federation for their generous financial contributions to make this event possible.

## **DOUGLAS ROAD VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT TOP OF THE HEAP**

The grade 6/7 Girls Competitive Team at Douglas Road Elementary returned back to their school with smiles on their faces and the trophy that declared them this year's District Champions. They were undefeated throughout the zones and the finals - winning every game they played. Special thanks to Coach Brian Minichiello for leading the team to victory.

## **STUDENT PIECE PUBLISHED IN CANADIAN ANTHOLOGY OF SHORT STORIES**

Parkcrest Elementary grade 6 student, Baapooh Chung has won first prize in the Canadian Short Story Competition for young authors aged 7-11. The story is entitled, *DEATH OF A HERO*, and the subject is: the life of some crows. It has been published in *The Wishing Well*, an anthology of the best of today's Canadian short stories published by the Poetry Institute of Canada.

## **THE BURNABY CHILDRENS' FUND**

Burnaby teachers continue to help district children and families in need – carrying on a tradition that started in 1991 in response to a single mom and her children who needed to return to their country of origin for their safety and well being. Burnaby Children's Fund was started by former district counsellor Helen Stolte who still oversees it. One of two key fundraisers is an annual Christmas party for staff. It was held on December 7 and it raised over \$7,500 through a quilt raffle and silent auction. The next fundraising event is a trivia night to be held in February.