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### **Pink Shirt Day**

Wednesday, February 28 marked Pink Shirt Day and staff and students celebrated acceptance and diversity across the district. Kindness and compassion were the prevalent themes as students shared stories, initiatives, and events in the hopes of building kinder, connected communities. A “flashmob” was seen at the Grand Court in Metropolis Metrotown where Burnaby schools shared the message of unity and support.

### **Diversity Dance**

On March 7, Byrne Creek Community School hosted the District's second annual Diversity Dance, open to secondary students across the district. The sold out event was a huge success, celebrating the diversity and inclusiveness of Burnaby schools. Enormous thanks to community partners for their generous donations, and to all staff throughout the district for attending the event and their ongoing support.

### **Moscrop Hosts Prestigious Sports Event**

Moscrop Secondary School was the proud host of the 2018 BC Provincial High School Gymnastics Championships, March 7-10. This year marked the 69<sup>th</sup> annual event of its kind, with teams of students from across the province competing in apparatus and floor routines for 3 consecutive days. Many thanks to all those who volunteered and supported the event.

### **Burnaby Schools Showcase Theatre**

The weeks prior to Spring are amongst the busiest for theatre productions in Burnaby schools. This year is no exception as student performances shone all week during the District's productions of Gilmore Community School's *The Lion King*, *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at Burnaby North; *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Burnaby Central; and Confederation Park's *Beauty and the Beast*, performed at the Michael J Fox Theatre. There is still time to catch a show and witness the incredible talent of our students, with the upcoming production, *Almost Maine*, April 16-18 at Moscrop Secondary School.

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### **Refugee Women's Conversation Group**

Since November 2017, Edmonds Community School and the Burnaby Children's Fund have supported the District's Arabic speaking refugee women's group. The parent support group meets once a week to offer support to women, empower them with resources to connect with the community and to assist them in learning the English Language. On March 2, a trip to Rev's Bowling marked the women's first time ever bowling – a fun time was had by all.