

April 23, 2018

### **Burnaby Artists Guild & Opus Art Supplies Award Burnaby Students**

District High School art teachers were asked by the Burnaby Artists Guild to submit the name and artwork of a talented and deserving student from their class. On April 6, seven Burnaby School District art students were awarded a \$100 gift card to Opus Art Supplies on behalf of the Burnaby Artists Guild and Opus Arts Supplies. The awards were presented at the Burnaby Artists Guild's Spring Show by President, Jim Keayes, and Vice-President James Knoll. Congratulations to the winners!

### **Skills Canada Competition**

On April 18, the Skills Canada Provincial Championships were held in Abbotsford. Burnaby Mountain Grade 12 student Giovanni Porta, who attends the District CISCO Networking Academy at Burnaby South, brought home the Gold Medal in the IT Network Systems Administration competition. The challenge demanded competitors troubleshoot and resolve complex hardware and network configuration problems. Giovanni will now move forward to the National Championships held in Edmonton in June. Eddie Wong, program teacher from Burnaby South describes Giovanni as a most exceptional student and is expecting even greater things from him in the Nationals – Good luck Giovanni!

### **Arts Alive 2018**

Arts Alive is a long-standing collaboration with the Burnaby Art Gallery where Burnaby students have the opportunity to present their artwork at the gallery. 2018 marks the 36th year that the gallery and the school district have collaborated to make this event a success.

In 2018, students from 8 Burnaby Secondary Schools will have their work displayed at the Burnaby Art Gallery. The exhibition runs from April 20th-June 3rd.

### **Rotary International Food Festival 2018**

For the past 6 years, Burnaby Central Secondary School has been host to the International Food Festival. Saturday, April 21 was no different as many local businesses and community partner groups attended this event. Culinary delights were prepared in partnership with members of the Rotary Club of Burnaby and students of the Youth Train in Trades program. Some of the exciting dishes prepared represented foods from Countries such as the Caribbean, India, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Philippines, Ukraine and Africa. This year, proceeds from this annual event are going towards the re-development of Burnaby's Fair Haven Affordable Seniors Rental Housing and Scholarships for eight Burnaby Secondary Schools students.

## **Vancouver Sun Run 2018**

Six students from the District's Royal Oak program joined Canada's biggest start line by registering a team called the `Royal Oak Riderz` for this year's Vancouver Sun Run on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The team trained and were motivated by Royal Oak teachers Daniel Cooper and Keir Calvert. The teachers got the idea after attending a pro-d day a few months back and in the ensuing months they trained an hour a day three times a week. Three of the students even went under the 1 hour mark. Daniel Cooper ran along with the team. Other district members showed their support by either joining in the race or cheering the team on. Joining them were Ron Hall, retired Director of Instruction, Sue Dorey, Managing Director of Safe and Caring Schools, Peter van den Hoogen, Coordinator of Student Intervention, Jessica Gill, the District's Substance Use Prevention and Health Promotion worker, Eryn Hart, District Counsellor and Duncan Ferguson, Youth Engagement worker from Royal Oak. There were also three students from Burnaby South's ABLE program who completed the race with the help and encouragement of Youth Engagement worker Anna Alarcon and teacher Matthew Perry.