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Burnaby RCMP Officer In Charge Awards

On May 2nd, the Burnaby RCMP honored 112 citizens at its Officer In Charge Awards Ceremony. Awards are given for recognition for long standing service, investigative work and selfless acts that contributed to making the city a safer place to live and work. This year, Burnaby School District's Critical Incident Team, along with staff at Second Street Community School, were recognized for their outstanding efforts. It was indeed an honour for the district.

Lions Pride Flag Football Tournament

As part of the *Lions Pride* initiative, a four-team flag football league for at-risk youth, a group of Burnaby students held practices throughout the month of April, culminating in a tournament on Saturday, May 5th. Students participated in the tournament by picking a team name, a team cheer and an intro song before the first round of games. It was a fun day for all.

District Track and Field Event

Elementary and secondary students from across the district participated at the annual track and field meet at Swangard Stadium. While a number of medals went to several of Burnaby's talented athletes, elementary student participants were all winners with their recognition of participation.

Burnaby Youth Citizenship Awards

The Burnaby International Celebration of Youth Week is held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun, interaction and celebration that focuses on building strong connections between young people and their communities and that profiles the issues, accomplishments and diversity of youth across the province. This year, several Burnaby students were honoured and presented with Youth Citizenship Awards by Mayor Derek Corrigan.

Concours d'Art Oratoire

Twenty students from Burnaby participated in this year's pan-provincial French public speaking competition, Concours d'Art Oratoire, at Simon Fraser University, Surrey Campus. Emily Liu and Sarra Pirmohamed achieved first place in their category and Michell Fong, Andrea Guerrero Chiprout, and Prjal Biswas achieved 3rd place in their category. Congratulations to all for their incredible achievement.

Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BSYN) Art Contest

The Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BSYN) is a student-run district-wide organization that aims to promote sustainability. This year the students organized and hosted a sustainable art contest to incorporate sustainable materials and elements into their artwork. Judges awarded Kaitlin Liu from Ecole Alpha Secondary first prize for her "Talk of the Town" newspaper dress and Vyshnavi Manohara and Joshua Ho from Moscrop runners up for their "Tea Party" and "Sustainability on Track" pieces. Thank you for sharing your creative talents.

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

"Snapchat this? Instagram That? Roblox, Minecraft and Musicly.ly: Mom, I want to be a Youtube star!

On Wednesday, May 9, over 500 parents attended the District's "Raising Digitally Responsible Youth" information session at Ecole Moscrop Secondary School. The session, supported by the Ministry of Education and Safer Schools Together, provided parents with information to help protect kids and teach responsible and appropriate use of technology. Topics included social media use, apps and trends, current research updates, digital footprint and reputation, cyberbullying and the dangers of anonymity, sharing images and inappropriate websites. The evening ended with a discussion of tips and tricks for parents to know and use at home.

The biggest take-away from the evening was the importance of engaging kids in discussion about their online worlds, and all attendees were given a copy of the 2018 Digital Parenting Handbook to help the conversations continue at home.