

May 28, 2018

Literacy Week at École Aubrey Elementary

École Aubrey Elementary celebrated their school Literacy Goal May 7 to 11 by collaborating with the school PAC to participate in a week-long series of special events, concluding with a Read-A-Thon. Literacy Week activities included a daily literacy trivia question, whole school outdoor buddy reading, an interactive bulletin board for students to share favorite books, outdoor literacy themed stations, and a community story to which every class in the school contributed. Along with having a great deal of fun, the students at École Aubrey cumulatively read a total of 40,061 minutes during the 5 day Read-A-Thon! Over 50 community organizations donated prizes for the top readers, and the students raised over \$9,700.

A Community Visit

Students in Ms. Sutherland's grade 3/4 class at Edmonds Community School had quite the day on Wednesday, May 16. Setting out to explore their community, students spent the day on public transit, and on foot, stopping in for a visit to Burnaby City Hall and School District offices. Students were sworn in as Honourary City Councillors and enjoyed "sitting in" for the Board of Education in a round table discussion with Vice-Chair Narang and Superintendent Niccoli-Moen. Staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the students, they are very proud Burnaby citizens and had much to share!

WORDS 2018

Unique to Burnaby Schools, the Words Writing Project has annually showcased the best in student writing since 1985. Over 100 students were acknowledged on May 17, at this year's Words Writing Project Celebration. The theme was **The Freedom of Words**. Congratulations to Nathan Belleau, from Byrne Creek Community School. His artwork, titled "Dusk to Dawn" was chosen for the cover. Thank you to all the dedicated staff, supportive parents and talented students for another successful publication and wonderful event.

Float Your Boat

On Wednesday, May 23, Float Your Boat took place over 2 days with 28 teams from 17 schools participating. One hundred and fifty students in Grades 3 – 7 constructed their boats with two 4 x 8 sheets of cardboard, duct tape and packing tape and then crossed the 25 meter Kensington outdoor pool. Students had a great day learning and having fun while applying the core

competencies. A record time of 27 seconds was posted by the winning team from Parkcrest Elementary on Wednesday, with Lakeview Elementary placing first on Friday. Applied Design, Skills and Technologies is definitely 'afloat' in the Burnaby School District and soon will be "Soaring Over Burnaby" with an upcoming gliding project!