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### **Robotics in Burnaby Schools**

Summer Session in Burnaby Schools is always popular. This year, Robotics was added to the list of options. It was so in demand that courses were full within seven minutes of registration opening online. More than 230 primary and intermediate students took the course, which was offered at Taylor Park, Cameron and Maywood. It culminated with the students coming together for a robotics competition.

### **Burnaby Schools Have Pride**

Burnaby Schools celebrate diversity and are proud to create warm, welcoming, and inclusive learning environments for everyone. For the seventh year in a row, we showed our support at the Vancouver Pride Parade. Trustees, staff, students, and parents accompanied our Burnaby Schools float. This year also marked the first annual Burnaby Pride Street Party. Trustees had a table at the Burnaby event where they shared information about the District.

In time for back to school, a powerful symbol of the District's commitment to celebrating diversity was unveiled at Burnaby Mountain Secondary. The rainbow crosswalk is a result of hard work and planning by students in the school's Gay Straight Alliance club, teachers, administrators, and Maintenance Services.

### **Drum Circle at Burnaby Central**

Burnaby School District's Indigenous Education Program provides culturally relevant programming and services to students of Indigenous ancestry. An example of one of the opportunities for students is the "Drum Circle" group involving Moscrop and Burnaby Central high schools. Indigenous students in the Drum Circle were featured on Global TV's "News Hour at Six" earlier this month. Students spoke about the importance of feeling connected to their culture and the opportunities provided by the Drum Circle.