

INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS



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LEARNING ABOUT HOCKEY, CANADA'S FAVOURITE PASTIME

Students and families at Lochdale Community School were given a unique opportunity connected to the World Junior Hockey Championship. Burnaby is hosting a pretournament exhibition game in just a few days on December 23. At a special school event, students were given a chance to learn some hockey skills under the guidance of student athletes from Burnaby Central's Hockey Academy. The event was co-hosted with BC's Amateur Hockey Association, whose staff brought the 2015 World Junior Hockey Championship trophy. Students were excited to learn it was the same one that was hoisted by N-H-L star Connor McDavid, back when he won the championship three years ago. Only a handful of the school's K to 7 students play hockey, so there was plenty of inspiration at this fun-filled event.

BURNABY SCHOOLS CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Many Burnaby Schools students have been involved in sharing holiday performances with family, friends and the community. Choirs and bands – ranging from “choral” to “handbell” to “marching” – set up their stages around Burnaby and beyond. The Burnaby North Marching Band is an annual delight in Vancouver's Santa Claus Parade. Parkcrest's Intermediate Choir and others performed at local malls, theatres, and gymnasiums. The District Handbell Choir – “Soundwave” – can also be found on YouTube participating in CBC's Music Challenge. And South Slope's Elementary Choir was on CKNW radio.

BRANTFORD STUDENTS GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Brantford Elementary students were in the media spotlight earlier this month. The grade 5/6 class was studying a book about a young Japanese girl, who became ill with cancer after being exposed to the Hiroshima bombing. The story tells about an ancient legend promising a wish fulfilled for anyone who folds 1,000 paper cranes. Later, the classroom teacher spotted a newspaper story about a young woman battling cancer. It included a plea from the woman's mother for 1,000 paper cranes to give her daughter hope. The students wanted to help. CityTV, The Vancouver Sun & Province, and the Burnaby Now, all told stories about the lessons in empathy found in this Burnaby classroom. When the mother came to the classroom to collect the nearly 2,000 cranes the students made, she told of her daughter's improved condition and the holiday magic the students had provided.