

# INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS



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## **THREE NEW PLAYGROUNDS ANNOUNCED FOR BURNABY SCHOOLS**

A recent announcement has the students at three of our schools looking forward to new playgrounds. They will be designed and built over the coming months at Maywood Community School, Second Street Community School, and Sperling Elementary. Maywood received additional provincial funding for accessible features. The official announcement was made by the Government of BC last month to some very happy faces at Maywood.

## **SPRING BREAK FIELD EXPERIENCES**

Over the March break many of our students enjoyed experiential learning. Twenty-seven students from Alpha and Cariboo Hill went on a music appreciation tour through Austria and Italy. They visited both Beethoven's and Mozart's birthplaces, and attended several classical music concerts – all while exploring the concept that individual and collective expression are rooted in history, culture and community. Another group of Alpha students travelled to Iceland over Spring Break to see the environmental impacts of climate change for themselves. The 40 students also learned Iceland is full of volcanoes, waterfalls, glaciers, and earthquakes.

Closer to home, at-risk youth were invited to a free camp known as “Mind Over Metal.” Sixteen enthusiastic students were able to attend at no cost. The camp is put on by the District in partnership with BCIT and the Canadian Welding Association Foundation.

## **SECONDARY STUDENTS EARN ACCOLADES FOR SHORT FILM**

Secondary students made a film exploring the roles people their age would have taken on during World War One. They partnered with the Port Moody Station Museum, which held the film premiere earlier this month. Students were involved on all levels and recruited from other classes, such as: Acting, Film & Makeup, Media, and Social Studies. A Moscrop student wrote and directed the film. The project was part of Burnaby North's Rethink program. The Program of Choice engages students in learning opportunities with community partners to create projects that examine issues beyond the walls of the school. The film garnered significant media attention. The Burnaby Now and Tri-City Now ran stories about the premiere, and CBC News interviewed students in the trenches to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice on Remembrance Day.

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## BURNABY STUDENTS EXCEL AT MATH, PHYSICS AND SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Burnaby South math whiz **Boya Yang** took first place in the country in the Canadian National Mathematics League contest put on every year by the University of Windsor's Mathematics Department. Boya earned a "perfect score" and is reportedly the first student in BC to do so. Additionally, "Overall school scores" earned Moscrop second place in all of Canada.

Moscrop students were also fierce competitors at the UBC Physics Olympics, where they placed fourth overall. More than 700 high school students from more than 70 schools throughout BC showcased their physics knowledge and inventions. There were also impressive showings by students at Alpha, Burnaby South, and Burnaby North Secondary, who ranked for individual projects.

Young people throughout the province showcase their mastery of trade and technology skills at Olympic-style competitions hosted by Skills Canada BC. Several Burnaby Schools teams placed in the Regional Juniors and went on to the provincial competition last week. Our Grade 8 team from Alpha won the provincial gold medal in the Bridge Building category with their 55 gram spaghetti creation. Congratulations to **Susan Zhang, Vijay Tupper, Ari Cholakian, and Lochlan Dopson.**

Students from the CISCO Networking Academy at Burnaby South took the top two prizes in the provincial IT-Networks portion of the competition. **Ian Ertzinger** won gold and **Tibo Cheung** took silver.

## PARTNERSHIP CREATES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS

Throughout history, France has inspired endless writers, musicians, and artists. Now it will inspire our French Immersion students, thanks to an agreement with our new sister District. An official agreement was signed last week at École Aubrey Elementary with **Académies d'Aix-Marseille et de Nice** – located in the south of France. As the popularity of the French Immersion program continues to grow, this agreement means additional opportunities for students to further develop their French language skills, and to be inspired by French culture. To begin, students at three schools in France and five elementary schools in Burnaby will connect. As the partnership progresses, there will be chances for the students to communicate with a virtual exchange, as well as expansion to include secondary schools. The Burnaby School District will share best practices with its new partner to support their students and staff with English Immersion.