

INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS



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NEW OUTDOOR MURALS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In partnership with the [Suncrest](#) PAC and the City of Burnaby, the school has transformed their emergency kiosk into a work of art. Students, families and the community were invited to Suncrest to participate for a stunning result. Meanwhile at [Confederation Park](#), students created 10 painted panels with their artist-in-residence, resulting in an eye-catching mural.

BURNABY SCHOOLS STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

The [City of Burnaby](#) honoured our students and staff with two [Environmental Awards](#). [University Highlands](#) was one of the recipients. Staff there formed a "[Green Team](#)" with students two years ago and promoted "litter-less" lunches. Students are leading the way with presentations to peers in every classroom on the latest initiative: recycling markers, plastic bags and batteries.

[The Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network](#), or BYSN, won the second award from the City. BYSN is a student-led group. All year, the network of high school students hosted monthly workshops exploring environmental issues. They researched the impact of palm oil, and its prevalence in products and food production. They also planned and organized the bi-annual "Do It Green" Conference. More than 200 Burnaby high school students attended.

In addition to those honoured with awards, many others have been active champions of the environment. With permission from the City, [high school students gathered at City Hall](#) with a megaphone, signage, and a petition calling for urgent action to combat climate change.

A creative group of Grade 5 and 6 students at [Aubrey](#) put on capes and masks to help educate their peers about recycling. The school was awarded a \$2,500 cash prize from Return-It for their waste-battling efforts. After producing an informative video, the 28-member [Green Team](#) was able to collect and divert nearly 1,700 containers from the landfill. Check out their short video...

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS

After impressive showings at the Provincials, students in Grades 3 to 7 from [Parkcrest](#) and [Montecito](#) represented BC at the [Odyssey of the Mind World Finals](#) held at Michigan State. Odyssey of the Mind is an extracurricular program for students which develops creative thinking, team work and problem-solving skills. Parents and teachers play a vital role volunteering their time as coaches and chaperones, as well as cheerleaders at the Finals. The coaches said the students grew socially, emotionally and intellectually during the World Finals experience. Pin-trading was also a highlight.

All students worked for months on a long-term problem that they showcased at the Provincials and World Finals. The teams from both schools placed — in various categories — between 12th and 34th in the world.

STUDENTS USE ART TO COMBAT STEREOTYPES

Students in the [Learning Pathways program](#) helped launch the “[Compassion Campaign](#)” this month. The campaign is being led by the Burnaby Overdose Awareness Community Action Team – it’s a coalition including the Burnaby School District, Fraser Health and several community non-profits that support people with addictions and their families. The Compassion Campaign aims to promote hope and shatter stigma through engaging the community in art. Students met at the [Royal Oak](#) site and – after hearing from several people who have been impacted by the overdose crisis – youth were encouraged by a local graffiti artist to make their own creations. The action team is accepting art throughout the summer from individual youth. School-based projects will begin in the fall.

CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY SHINES AT SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION

[Ian Ertzinger](#), a student in the [Cisco Networking Academy at Burnaby South](#) — seen on the right in this photo — earned a silver medal on the national stage. He took second place in the high school category at the [Skills Canada Competition](#) held in Halifax last month. The student pictured in the centre, who took gold in the post-secondary category, is an alumnus of the program.

BC LIONS MENTOR LOCAL YOUTH

[BC Lions players](#) donated their time to mentor at-risk youth in our schools. The Lions used flag football as an opportunity to inspire youth to be active, while highlighting the importance of making positive choices. All participating students were given game tickets for the upcoming Lions season.

FOOD BANK “HUNGER GAMES”

[Parkcrest](#) students and head teacher, [Holly Lloyd](#), came up with a great way to welcome the Food Bank to its new location in Burnaby. And, with food banks receiving their lowest number of donations over the summer months, the end of school was perfect timing for the first-ever “[Hunger Games](#).” Four elementary schools – [Parkcrest](#), [Lochdale](#), [Capitol Hill](#), and [Montecito](#) – competed to see which school could collect the most donations. [Lochdale](#) was presented with the hand-made Hunger Games trophy, but the food bank was the winner. More than 2000 food items were collected, along with almost 9-hundred-dollars (\$900) in cash.

INDIGENOUS LEGACY PROJECTS

After months of hard work, [Indigenous art legacy projects](#) have been unveiled at three elementary schools in recent days. Indigenous artists have worked with students – at [Sperling](#), [Edmonds](#), and [Stoney Creek](#) – to create beautiful large-scale carvings in the spirit of reconciliation. All of the projects will serve as lasting inspiration to our school communities and a visual way to honour and celebrate Indigenous cultures.