

INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS



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SUMMER SCHOOL EVOLUTION

Our [Summer Session](#) was more popular than ever and earned a lot of attention this year. News cameras were onsite highlighting the enormous breadth of course offerings. Students shared their excitement at being able to pursue an interest or acquire a new skill.

SECONDARY STUDENTS WIN AT NASA COMPETITION

Four [Byrne Creek](#) students represented Burnaby Schools at a prestigious competition held at [NASA's Kennedy Space Center](#) this summer. Three of those students were on the winning team judged by engineers from NASA. The competition emulates the experience of working as a member of an aerospace industry team. Students [Umamah](#) [pronounced: ew-ma-ma], [Justin](#), [Wayne](#), and [Wilson](#) were tasked with designing a space settlement. The experience provided amazing exposure for the students, as each team was provided with one of the attending aerospace managers from Australia, India, and the United States.

SHOWCASING PRIDE IN BURNABY SCHOOLS

Families, teachers, staff, and trustees gathered together at two Pride events this summer: the [Vancouver Pride Parade](#) and [Burnaby Pride Street Party](#). A record number of people joined us in Vancouver for the parade this year.

Another [rainbow crosswalk](#) was completed last week – this one at [Byrne Creek Secondary](#). Brand new rainbow crosswalks also greeted returning students at [Cariboo Hill](#) and [Burnaby Central](#) earlier this month. This brings the total number to five.

Cariboo Hill Secondary's new crosswalk was also the setting for an [announcement made by Minister Rob Fleming](#) involving [increased funding support for SOGI work in BC schools](#). There were several speakers, including our Board Chair and two students. One delivered a powerful spoken word poem, and another shared his personal observations about the positive impact of SOGI in Burnaby Schools. Cariboo Hill's choir sang a moving rendition of "I Choose Love."

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Students continue to enjoy **outdoor learning** throughout September. Examples this year include **Lochdale Elementary**'s annual three-day trip to the Sunshine Coast. While there, Grade 7's also discussed what leadership means. **ConnEx students** went on an all-day canoeing trip at Deer Lake. ConnEx is a Program of Choice held at **Burnaby Mountain Secondary** where Grade 9 and 10 students explore ideas, curriculum, and local surroundings – all with an emphasis on experiential activities.

HUNDREDS RUN IN FIRST CROSS COUNTRY MEET OF THE SEASON

Cross Country Meets are held rain or shine, but as the first runners took their place at the starting line, the clouds parted and sunshine flooded the 1.2 kilometre course near Burnaby Lake. These meets are another great example of our many partnerships with parents and families. Volunteer drivers are critical to getting students to the meets. Staff and educators also volunteer their time.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS EARNS FAIR TRADE ACCOLADES

University Highlands Elementary has been designated a "**Fair Trade School**" – the first and only in BC. There are 25 Fair Trade schools across Canada. A "Fair Trade" designation requires that a school community learn about Fairtrade products, which secure well-being for workers and farmers and help to ensure sustainable communities for all. Students were presented with a framed certificate at SFU's StreetFest held earlier this month on Burnaby Mountain.