

# INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS



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## **MURAL PAINTING AT LOCHDALE**

**Lochdale Community School** used the creation of a new mural to bring together students, staff, families and members of the community. Students used an inquiry model to explore ideas. They were asked to consider what it means to be both a Lochdale student and a community member.

## **STUDENTS SUPPORT ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Every year, **teachers, staff and students** wear orange shirts to both acknowledge the day and reinforce that "every child matters." Art projects promote awareness and reflection. The discussions help build students' understanding of the history of residential schools in Canada.

## **FIRST-EVER INDIGENOUS WEEK OF LEARNING**

**Five-hundred Grade 4 and 5 students** participated in the week, which was put on in partnership with the City of Burnaby. The program at the Burnaby Village Museum was a chance for students to learn directly from Coast Salish elders and knowledge-keepers, who guided students in gaining a deeper appreciation and understanding of local First Nations history.

## **BURNABY SOUTH CROSSWALK UNVEILING**

Students at **Burnaby South Secondary** organized an official opening of their new rainbow crosswalk. The school's Gay Straight Alliance invited Trustees and families to thank them for supporting the project. This is the sixth completed rainbow crosswalk in the District. They serve as powerful symbols of our commitment to celebrating diversity.

## **BURNABY SCHOOLS SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

**Students throughout the District** participate in an annual Terry Fox Run. Many schools have projects and assemblies where they discuss how Terry has inspired them to contribute to community, be courageous and hopeful. Students also raise funds. For example, **Chaffey-Burke Elementary** alone raised \$7049.50 for cancer research.

At the end of the last school year students from **Parkcrest, Lochdale, Capitol Hill** and **Montecito** competed in the first-ever "Hunger Games" to collect for the food bank. Now that the Greater Vancouver Foodbank has completed its move to Burnaby, the elementary students dropped by to welcome them and share more of their efforts.

## **UPCOMING FEDERAL ELECTION AND STUDENT LEARNING**

Many of our Burnaby Schools are using the election as a chance to discuss Canada's democratic system, issues in the community, and how to effectively participate as active and informed citizens. **Second Street Community School** held a student-led all-candidates debate where parents and community members were also invited.

## **BURNABY SCHOOLS WINS ONE-FIFTH OF PROVINCIAL AWARDS**

Our educators were two of the ten winners from across all of BC at the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education. **Scott Stefanek** and **Wendel Williams** came out on top in their categories. Of the thirty finalists gathered in Victoria four were from Burnaby Schools. We're proud of all of our finalists, including **Bryan Gidinski** and **Sabha Ghani**.

**Wendel Williams** is a Safe School Specialist at Alpha Secondary and won the "Outstanding Support – School Community Award." A teacher at École Brantford Elementary last year, and currently at Montecito Elementary, **Scott Stefanek** won the "Extracurricular Leadership Award." Winners receive a \$3,000 personal bursary for professional learning, a \$2,000 contribution to their school community, and a commemorative work of art.