

INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS

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TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPANSIONS COMING TO NORTH BURNABY

Students at **Kitchener** and **Brentwood Park Elementary** schools are getting additions for their growing communities. This follows capital requests by the District. The Minister of Education and Child Care was at **Kitchener** earlier this month; **Rachna Singh** announced that the school will be part of the first wave of prefabricated additions. Knowledge Keeper **Les George** of the **Tsleil-Waututh Nation** started the gathering off with a welcome and song. Students led an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. The Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education, Principal of Kitchener, local Member of the Legislative Assembly, and Co-Chair of the school Parent Advisory Council shared remarks. Grade 3 students sang lyrics about "the good things to come" to the delight of special guests who gathered for the announcement.

STUDENTS DEVELOP ATHLETIC SKILLS AND SCORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Burnaby South Secondary's senior boys soccer team took fifth place in the triple-A provincial championships. Additionally, the Rebels hosted the competition. **Burnaby Central Secondary**'s senior girls team was also in the media. The story highlighted the quad-A team's decisive win in an invitational tournament. The boys basketball teams at **Burnaby South** and **Byrne Creek Community School** were also featured for their games at the invitational tournament. Additionally, **Byrne Creek**'s Bulldogs have been making time in their busy playing schedule to collect donations for the Burnaby chapter of **KidSport BC**. Grade 11 **Moscrop Secondary** student **Fernando Lu** medaled twice in the **Parapan American Games** held in Santiago, Chile. The para swimmer took a silver and bronze for Team Canada at the international multi-sport event that also includes qualifiers for the Paralympic Games. With 120 participants, **Taylor Park Elementary** was recognized for having the third largest elementary team in the **Vancouver Sun Run**. In addition to media accolades, the team received a cheque for 200 dollars. High schools build strong relationships with elementary schools, including through sport. **Kitchener Elementary** was one of several schools with teams at a volleyball tournament hosted by **Burnaby Mountain Secondary**.

STUDENTS WIN IN PRESTIGIOUS CANADIAN MUSIC CONTEST

Two classroom ensembles have received national recognition for their music skills. **Capitol Hill Elementary** earned third place in their category in the competition. **Second Street Community School** received an honourable mention. Hundreds of teachers and thousands of students from coast-to-coast submitted entries in **CBC's Canadian Music Class Challenge** after learning, performing and recording a Canadian song. **Capitol Hill** had an impressive three entries that made it to the "top tens" list in their categories.

LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Students are enjoying learning opportunities beyond the classroom. As part of their work on current events, a Grade 4/5 class at **Brentwood Elementary** went to **Global News**. At the Burnaby studio, they also had the chance to watch a live broadcast. Students at **Cariboo Hill Secondary** have been learning about law. They went to the **Supreme Court of British Columbia** to see the legal system in action. Back at the school, another group of **Cariboo** students learned about wildlife conservation with a visit from **Ocean Wise**. At **Brantford Elementary**, students used technology to widen their world, as they connected via Zoom with a class from Tennessee. Students at **South Slope Elementary** engaged in a virtual author visit with a writer whose own career began in Grade 7, following a creative writing assignment that became his first book. Children's fiction writer **Gordon Korman**, who has sold more than 30 million books worldwide, shared writing tips. Drama students at **Moscrop Secondary** competed at the **Educational Theatre Association of Canada Festival**. Their outstanding work qualified them for the National Festival in the spring.

SUPPORTING ADULT LEARNERS WITH THEIR GOALS

These students celebrated the completion of their Accounting & Payroll Administration Diploma this month. With dozens of options, **Burnaby Community & Continuing Education** is one of the largest adult education programs run by a school district in BC. This writing contest is part of the District's award-winning program: **Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada** or **LINC**. Students created Haiku poetry using a fall theme. The contest is a chance to gain confidence with creative word expression. LINC also provides ways for students to learn how to access community services in Canada. Recently the **Burnaby Fire Department** came to talk to the class about fire safety.

SHARING THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON

Students are enjoying learning opportunities and getting into the spirit of the holiday season. **Twelfth Avenue Elementary** students came together for a five-kilometre run put on by the **Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau**. The students had one of the "Largest Teams of Elves" in the **Big Elf Run**. Leadership students at **Burnaby North Secondary** supported the **Christmas Cheer Carnival**, which helps neighbourhood children through the **Burnaby Christmas Bureau**. **Brantford Elementary** students did a **Jingle Bell Walk** with non-perishable goods for families in need. **Capitol Hill Elementary** students performed at the **Salvation Army's Hope in the City Breakfast**. District ensembles **Piccolini Children's Choir**, **Corovoce Youth Choir**, and **Sound Wave Handbell Choir** played to a packed house for their **Holly Jolly Christmas** show. The Junior Jazz Band at **Moscrop Secondary** put on a lunchtime performance. **Cariboo Hill Secondary's Winter Concert** showcased the talents of students in band and choir. The community at **Alpha Secondary** was treated to a **Winter Cabaret**. Still at **Alpha**, **English Language Learners** enjoyed a trip to the **Christmas Market** and more. Student entrepreneurs at **Brantford Elementary** put on their very own **Mistletoe Market**. **Cascade Heights Elementary** students led a "dare to wear" campaign for the **Burnaby Food Bank**, with dressing in theme as part of the fundraiser. **Kitchener Elementary** students planted evergreens in advance of the holidays. Their school choir sang joyfully at Brentwood mall. And **Confederation Park Elementary's** choir was recognized at a local seniors' centre by the Mayor of Burnaby for spreading holiday cheer.