

INSIDE BURNABY SCHOOLS

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ENRICHING LEARNING WITH CONNECTION

Taylor Park Elementary hosted a **Hockey Jamboree** with the **Vancouver Canucks**, which made contributions to the school's intramural program. **Taylor Park** was also among several schools that had visits with the **Burnaby RCMP**, including about bike safety. **Stride Avenue Community School** learned from Coast Salish Powwow dancers. **Lochdale Community School** completed their **Deluge Mural Project** with **Squamish Nation** Elder and artist **Latash Nahanee**. Children at **Nelson Elementary** heard about Indigenous plants with a **Squamish Nation** Knowledge Keeper. At **Confederation Park**, students wove cedar mats as a symbol of strength and revitalization. Youth in high school from every **Black Affinity Student Group** gathered for a private screening of the movie *Michael*. For their role in the city's **Hats Off Day** parade, **Burnaby North Secondary's** marching band made the local paper. For the first time, **Burnaby Community & Continuing Education** and **Burnaby Online** had a table at the community street festival. Students at **Brantford Elementary** had an informative tour of the water main construction near their school. Children at **Windsor Elementary** also learned about water sustainability. They got to be part of the city's permanent groundworks when they signed a giant new water pipe. A Grade 8 student at **Burnaby North** and a support worker in the **Learning Pathways Bridge Program** collaborated to make a children's book. The student created beautiful visuals that highlight the powerful impact of supportive relationships. **Maywood Community School** hosted the District's annual **Freedom to Celebrate Family Pride Picnic**. **Burnaby Central Secondary** held their first **Pride in Sports Day**, bringing visibility to queer athletes, with panel discussions and activities. The **Vancouver Whitecaps FC** hosted a free soccer camp for elementary students in Burnaby Schools. Both **Gilmore** and **Kitchener Elementary** were among those who invited the community in for their students' business fairs. With the help of an adult volunteer, children in the **Garden Crew** at **Brentwood Park Elementary** completed their outdoor library. Thanks to support from the **Parent Advisory Council**, **Montecito Elementary** got to learn about animals through up-close observations.

COMING TOGETHER TO CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY

Montecito recently achieved their donation challenge for the **Terry Fox Foundation**. Staff rewarded students by getting messy. Most schools hold their annual **Terry Fox Run**, walk, or roll in the fall. The Foundation recently shared that schools in the District collectively raised more than \$77,000 this year for cancer research. **Chaffey-Burke** and **Marlborough Elementary** schools reached "Top Fundraising" status in BC after collecting more than \$6,000 each. **Burnaby North** students were part of **Run Up for Down Syndrome**, which raised more than \$176,000. Leadership students at **Burnaby North** led **Teacher Timeout** as a fundraiser and helped "bail out" their principal for **Cops for Cancer**. Students, and even some adults, paid to fling pies, water, and slime at teachers, staff, and school administration.

FROM PARTICIPATION TO PODIUMS: STUDENT ATHLETES SHOW SPIRIT

School sports have been winding down, with the end of the spring season, including elementary track. At the high school level, **Burnaby North** had its first all-girls hockey team. **Burnaby Mountain Secondary**'s Unified Basketball Team competed in the **Special Olympics BC Provincial Jamboree**. **Burnaby Mountain**'s team also hosted the finals for the District's Unified Basketball league. Several athletes across the District won banners and earned a spot to compete at Provincials. The Senior Ultimate Team at **Burnaby North** took silver at the AAA Provincials. In Netball, **Burnaby North**'s Senior team won bronze, while their Junior Team earned silver. **Moscrop**'s Junior Girls Netball Team brought home the Provincial Championship title. **Moscrop** was also host to the Provincials for Badminton. Their own Boys Team finished 7th, while their Girls Team took 8th place in all of BC. There was much success in hockey, with **Burnaby Mountain**'s team taking the BC Hockey Tier 3 cup, and **Burnaby North** capturing the Tier 1 championship title. In ball hockey, **Burnaby Central Secondary** was featured in the news after winning the provincial championship. Many Burnaby Schools' students gave it their all against the best Track and Field athletes in BC, with the Junior Boys 4 x 400 metre Relay Team at **Burnaby Mountain** winning bronze at Provincials. The Junior Girls Relay Team at **Burnaby North** won bronze in the 4 x 100 metre, and silver in the 4 x 400 metre race. **Burnaby Central**'s Grade 8 Boys 4 x 100 metre Relay Team earned silver. **Cariboo Hill** also took home a silver in track in the Senior Boys 400 metre race. An athlete at **Byrne Creek Community School** took silver in the Junior Boys Shotput. In racewalking, **Cariboo Hill** captured silver in the Senior Girls 1500 metre. **Moscrop**'s athletes took the male and female gold. Both went on to compete at Nationals and brought home gold medals.

STUDENTS EXCEL, TAKING TOP HONOURS

Many students earned **Youth Awards** from the **City of Burnaby**. Children from **Second Street** and **Capitol Hill Elementary** schools each took third place in their categories in a national music contest. An innovation for the visually impaired and blind that was created by a student from **Byrne Creek** led to a national **Ingenious Award**. Two students in **Programs of Choice** won medals at the **Skills Canada National Competition** in Toronto. At a national theatre competition, youth at **Alpha Secondary** scored "advanced". Also at **Alpha**, a student placed first in the world on a prestigious chemistry exam.

MARKING THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH JOY AND TRADITIONS

Many events were held to share thanks, including for volunteers. Elementary Sports Days are a longstanding playful tradition. Grade 7s' final days of elementary school before their leaving ceremonies were recognized with fun activities. Schools have been welcoming next year's youngest students for a visit. Following local protocol, Honouring Our Youth ceremonies are additional events that were held for Indigenous students in Grades 7 and 12. Grade 12s across the District have been treated to milestone activities throughout the year – all culminating with each high school holding a ceremony for graduates in the spectacular outdoor setting at Simon Fraser University. As is tradition, school valedictorians shared their reflections. Here's an excerpt by the **BC Provincial School for the Deaf**'s valedictorian. [VIDEO] With a celebratory toss of their caps, graduates marked both the end of the year and the end of their public-school journeys.