

April 28, 2015

MOUNTAIN'S MATH-LETES

Burnaby Mountain's Math Challengers Team competed in the Provincial Finals of the Math Challengers Competition at SFU on April 11th. Their grade 8 team had their best showing ever with a second place finish. Congratulations to Carolyn Chen who placed in the top ten for individual scores. Way to go!

FILM FESTIVAL SUPERSTARS

Sopithan, Mansor, Olly and Jan, who are students in Byrne Creek's Media Arts 10 class, recently won first place in the BC Student Film Festival for the category of Public Service Announcement. Under the direction of teacher Trina Moulin, this class created films based on the theme of mental health/mental illness. All first place winning films, including their winning PSA on *Teens & Sleep*, were shown and feted at the Rio Theatre on April 25th. It will also be screened alongside the other films created for this class project during Mental Health Awareness week, the first week of May, at Byrne Creek Community School.

BURNABY SCHOOLS STUDENTS EXCEL AT SKILLS CANADA BC

On April 15th at Tradex in Abbotsford, Skills Canada BC showcased the top secondary & post-secondary students provincially in a variety of vocations & trades. Over 7000 people attended the show. Congratulations to Burnaby Schools Skills Canada BC winners:

- Jack Casey (Moscrop) and Emilio Flores (Burnaby South) grade 12 students in the District's Computer Networking Program. They earned silver and bronze medals respectively, and will be transitioning to the BCIT CISA Program through the articulated agreement.
- Jason Sherle won gold in Auto Collision Repair. He has also just been awarded the Automotive Collision Refinishing Faculty Award at VCC. The end of May he's off to the Canadian National Skills competition in Saskatoon.
- Kayla Wenzek grade 11 student from Burnaby North BC competed in the Baking & Pastry Arts event and earned a bronze medal!

GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY'S MINDFUL TEAMWORK

Glenwood has much to celebrate! Their Odyssey of the Mind team, made up of students in grades 4 & 5, recently won the Provincial Championship for their division. The team was formed for the first time last February. Together with the support of some very dedicated parents and their sponsor teacher Ms. Oger, they have done outstanding work. Congratulations!

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BURNABY NORTH BANDS RAISE THE BAR AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Burnaby North had four ensembles attend the Vancouver Kiwanis Band & Orchestra Festival in Richmond April 21-24. Under the direction of Peter Wenzek, the Junior and Senior Concert Bands received silver and gold respectively; and the String Orchestra received gold. Based on this outstanding performance, they have been invited to attend MusicFest Canada, a national music festival. Additionally, the Intermediate Concert Band co-directed by Ingrid Balchen-Stitt & Peter Wenzek received silver. All students enjoyed themselves and benefited greatly from the workshops that followed each performance.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARTISTS IN OUR MIDST

In collaboration with Burnaby School District and inspired by the 2015 Capture Photography Festival, the Burnaby Art Gallery **Arts Alive 2015** exhibition highlights works by elementary students from 16 schools who explored the theme of "capturing a moment." Trustee Larry Hayes represented the Board at the opening reception on April 16, where students provided background jazz music, and food was prepared by the ACE-IT Professional Cooks program. The exhibit is on until May 17. Special thanks and appreciation to the City of Burnaby for hosting this event annually since 1982.

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CANADA CELEBRATION PLANS REVEALED

On April 23, the Honourable Shelly Glover Minister of Canadian Heritage & Official Languages unveiled plans and themes for 2017, the 150th anniversary of Canada. Fittingly it took place at the Burnaby Village Museum. Students from South Slope elementary sang a beautiful rendition of O' Canada under the direction of music teacher Teresa Jukich-Fiero to kick off the festivities. Trustee Baljinder Narang was on hand to represent the Board.