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CELEBRATING YOUTH WEEK IN BURNABY

BC Youth Week was May 1 to 7. In recognition of our City's youth, Burnaby Youth Citizenship Awards were presented by Mayor Corrigan at the City Council meeting on May 4.

Thirty-five Burnaby Schools students received Certificates of Recognition. Five of these students also received bursaries for going above and beyond to make a difference in the community, while maintaining personal, academic and extracurricular involvement. They include grade 12 students **Kayla Wang** (Burnaby North), **Nicolle Salas** (Burnaby Mountain), **Priya Sharma** and **Margaret Anteros** (Byrne Creek Community School), as well as grade 9 student **Jeo Mateo**, also from Byrne Creek Community School.

The Burnaby Youth Week logo contest winner was Burnaby South grade 9 student **Katya Morin**. took place on May 15. On this day, a grade 3 class of 23 students marched into the George Derby Veteran Centre with their favourite storybooks and booming voices. Thirty-five residents enjoyed listening intently to their confident primary student visitors who took great delight in adding some animation and showing them the pictures in their books. A great time was had by all!

PRINCIPAL IS ALL HEART

Principal Post set up camp on the roof of Forest Grove Elementary the Thursday before the long weekend after school, to Friday at 9 am. It was part of the deal he had made with his students for meeting their fundraising goals for the Heart & Stroke Foundation's **Jump Rope for Heart**. Other prizes included an extended recess, school-wide snack, Principal for a Day, and Super Hero Day. The school community was with him all the way, with a 'pretend campfire' on the school grounds below and serenading him with campfire songs.

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BURNABY SCHOOLS STUDENTS FUNDRAISE FOR NEPAL

When the students in many of our schools learned of the devastation of the two earthquakes in Nepal, they wasted no time opening up their hearts and their piggy banks. Student-led fundraisers at more than 10 schools included school-wide runs, food sales of samosas, freezies, grilled cheese sandwiches and chocolate covered marshmallows with bananas, and straight out collections. In total they raised more than \$15,000. Burnaby South students led the cause, having to increase their goal at least three times and in the end this school alone raised more than \$10,000!!!

Special thanks to the elementary students at Forest Grove, Lakeview, Aubrey, Taylor Park, Sperling and Stride Avenue Community School and the secondary students of Alpha, Burnaby North, Burnaby South and Byrne Creek Community School. And as an added bonus, the schools got their funds in on time to be matched by the federal government!

CYCLING FOR DIVERSITY

The Cycling4Diversity Foundation combines the art of cycling and intercultural dialogue. Their journey of *building bridges of dialogue, one city at a time*, started in 2011. Since then they have informed thousands about the importance of embracing cultural diversity through understanding, mutual respect and inclusion and the importance of eliminating racism. As part of Cycling4Diversity Week in BC, the cycling team was recently in Burnaby. They stopped by Burnaby South and Byrne Creek Community School to share their message of inclusion with staff and students. Trustee Narang was at Byrne Creek to meet and greet the team.