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LEARNING AT LOCHDALE

Lochdale Community School has enjoyed some unique learning projects this month. Students in grades 2 through They learned how to reuse newsprint and made paper

> bags out of them. Then the entire school participated in a MAGNIFICANT BOX ACTIVITY led by Teacher-Librarian Kristie York. It encouraged plenty of "thinking outside the box" brainstorming and teamwork. Classroom themed projects included a modern day garage, an amusement park and a city. The 4 week project finished with a parent "show and share."

YOGA AT THE PARK

In early February, Parkcrest hosted Michelle the yoga teacher. The school offered community yoga sessions in the morning, student classes during the day and a teacher training practice during lunch. Feedback has been tremendous with parents sharing that they are implementing many of the mindfulness techniques at home. The UBC Social Emotional Learning Lab took an interest in the program too. Then, last week, the school transferred their mindfulness techniques learned on the mat to the tennis courts. What a match!

CELEBRATING DIVERSITYTc -, who was Nelson Mandela's former bodyguard and is a UNIC Champion. More than 300 students enjoyed the presentation.

On January 26, Literacy Day, South Slope/BCSD invited some special guests to read to the primary classes. They included American Sign language storyteller Sergei Shalaev. Students were deeply engaged in the books their guest readers chose – and hope for a return visit soon!

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MOSCROP MATHLETES AT IT AGAIN

Five Moscrop students were invited to the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge held at UBC. Grade 12 students, Eric Wen and Jimmy Qi each received a \$10,000 scholarship, while Edward Jiang and Change Fang Zhou each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Moscrop was ranked 3rd in BC.