



BURNABY NORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

by Ms. Lynn Archer - Principal



As the school year ends, it is time to celebrate our students' achievements. Congratulations to our graduating class, to our athletic teams, to students who have provided service to the school, and to students who have demonstrated academic and artistic excellence throughout the school year.

This final message of the school year is both happy and sad. We are happy to be looking forward to a safe and relaxing summer holiday, but we are also sad to be saying good bye to the staff who are retiring or leaving us at the end of this school year.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement are extended to Mr Phil Aird, Ms Gloria Creighton, Ms Rose Meyer and Ms Cheri Thomas. They have contributed significantly to Burnaby North during the years which they worked at the school and they will be missed deeply.

I would also like to acknowledge all the other departing staff members who have given so much to Burnaby North: Mr Paul Stanley (Art and Yearbook teacher), Ms Lori John (Art teacher), Mr Dale Lintott (Social Studies Department Head), Ms Donna Kraemer (Home Economics teacher), Ms Bhupinder Manhas (English and Learning Support Services teacher), Mr Walter Rosin (Science teacher), Ms Dayna Webb (English teacher), Ms Cindy Wu (Science and Mathematics teacher), Ms Hayley Fehr (English teacher), Mr Allen Tsang (ESL and Physical Education teacher), Mr Keymo Nedd (French teacher), Ms Leanne Pedersen (Spanish teacher), Mr Ken Suttor-Doerksen (Learning Support Services teacher), Ms Sun Lee (Art and Planning teacher), Mr Chester Leung (Mathematics and Science teacher), Ms Amy Dawe (Music teacher), Ms Julie Anderson (Home Economics teacher), Ms Alison Morris (Social Studies teacher), and Ms Leslie Gaudet (Teacher Librarian). Thank you very much for the work you have done, the instruction you have provided, and the support you have given to students.

There are three staff members who will be away next year on maternity leave: Ms Kathleen Douglas, Ms Jodi Drake, and Ms Andrea McKinnon. Best wishes during your time at home with your families.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Garth Errico, one of our Vice Principals, will be leaving us to become the Principal of Burnaby Central Secondary. Mr Errico has made a strong contribution to our school and I am confident that he will do the same for Burnaby Central. Congratulations and best wishes.

I would like to inform everyone that I will also be leaving Burnaby North at the end of this year. Next year, I am excited to be taking on a new position at the School Board Office as a Director of Instruction.

I am very pleased to welcome Mr Kevin Brandt as the incoming Principal. Mr Brandt has been the Principal at Burnaby Mountain Secondary. Mr Cesare Martino is coming as a Vice Principal to work with Mr Mushens and Mr Evans. Mr Martino has been the English Department Head at Burnaby Mountain.

In closing, I would like to thank the students for making Burnaby North such a wonderful school, the staff for supporting and challenging our students to achieve success, and the parents for their ongoing support during my two years at the school. I have enjoyed being the Principal of Burnaby North Secondary and I will miss everyone at the school very much. All the best to everyone in the future.

ENGLISH & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS NEWS

by Mr. Ben Paré – English Department Head

Once Upon A Word ...

The English Department is proud of all the wonderful writing Burnaby North students have done this past year. On June 2nd, seven Burnaby North Secondary students were honored, as part of this year's Words Writing Project, for their excellence in writing prose and/or poetry:

Rachel Yan (gr 8)- Poetry
Priscilla Choi (gr 8)- Prose
Breyden Chong (gr 8)- Prose
Nancy Yang (gr 8)- Prose

Phoebe Joy Lim (gr 9-10 category) Poetry and Prose
Vincent Chung (gr 11-12 category)- Poetry
Eleanor Hoskins (gr 11-12 category)- Poetry

Congratulations to each of you! Their poetry and prose pieces, and the entire anthology, can be found at sd41.bc.ca.

For now, though, keep your pencils sharpened - the Words Writing Project for 2011-12 is just around the corner! To inspire you, here is Rachel's poem, "Olivia".

Olivia- By Rachel Yan (grade 8)

Your thoughts of the plastic-Barbie type
floating around in idle machinery.

A diminishing light bulb in the
corner of the attic.

Mind like a sieve,
the little things slip by, disappearing into
the hole of despair.

A child wading through calm waters at the
seashores,
don't go too deep.

An aging typewriter, a blanket of dust,
cobwebs, and memories.

Like a wilted rose stuck in its wintery state,
waiting for the first signs of spring.

A dog pawing frantically in the murky waters
to save its dear owner.

You are a ruby red cherry left with only a
stem and a stub.

The last Ferrero chocolate that everybody
longs for, taunting your taste buds.

You are the minor triad in a hauntingly
beautiful tune.

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longs for, taunting your taste buds.

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beautiful tune.

The forbidden fruit from the garden of Eden,
making mouths water.

You are the lacy black curtains that dance to
the whistling of the wind.

You are a jumpy flea, oblivious to the
differences.

A shopaholic in bankruptcy gazing at that
preposterously expensive Coach bag.

A mushy romance novel bursting with
innocence.

Sugary-sweet strawberry, ripe and fresh
Dazzling angel of the Christmas tree,
protective ornaments gathered 'round.

The shimmering diamonds on the
chandelier, eyed enviously

Queen bee, sitting in her honeycomb throne.

Juiciest grape on top of the grape vine, all
the other vines striving to be as divine.

Happy 50th Birthday North Building

by Ms. Sara Shahidi – Student Government teacher

On Friday, June 18th, Burnaby North Secondary had its first ever school-wide carnival celebrating the 50th birthday of the North Building. The Carnival was organized by Student Government and the United Federation of Clubs (UFC). Over 15 different clubs and student groups participated by having different games and activities for Burnaby North students. Students from many other leadership classes also helped to run the event.



The Carnival featured a three lane bungee run, sumo suits, high striker hammer, Jacob's ladder as well as many other carnival style games. Classes were dismissed 20 minutes early allowing all staff and students to come down and celebrate together. Many students stayed at the Carnival even up to 5:30pm (despite a Canucks game!) demonstrating the great time that they had.



The Carnival also had a dunk tank that brave staff and students volunteered to sit in to raise money for *Free the Children* and *Pennies for Patients*. Special thanks to Mr. Scaligine, Mr. Bonvino, Mr. Magnuson, Mr. McPhee, Mr. Ferguson, and Jeffrey Wang who sat in the dunk tank.

The Marching band played Happy Birthday at 3:15pm and each staff and student received a cupcake to celebrate this special occasion. This Carnival could not have happened without the support and organization of many different groups of students, staff, administration, and the Parent Advisory Committee. We hope the carnival becomes a yearly tradition!



Burnaby North Athletics: 2010-2011 Athlete of the Year Awards

by Mr. Steve Shorthouse – Athletic Director

Senior Grade 12 Male

Lorenzo Robiso

Senior Grade 12 Female

Tracy To

Senior Grade 11 Male

Anthony Sulentic

Senior Grade 11 Female

Emma Fingler

Junior Male

William Liaw

Junior Female

Layla Balooch

Juvenile Male

Brian Shim

Juvenile Female

Peitra Gant

Bantam Male

Darren Yeo

Bantam Female

Allie Wright

Spring Sports Achievements

Golf: Burnaby/New Westminster League Champions

Bantam Boys Volleyball: Burnaby/New Westminster, Vancouver & District Champions

Junior Badminton: Burnaby/New Westminster League Champions

Senior Boys Rugby: Lower Mainland Division 2 Champions



2011 Spring Sports Awards

Junior Girls Soccer

Most Valuable Player – Christina & Allyson Dickson
Top All-Around Player – Jessica Filippelli
Unsung Hero Award – Milana Hiebert

Senior Girls Soccer

Unsung Hero – Ashley Roberts
Most Inspirational Player – Ashley Gilmore
Midfielder of the Year – Ellie Dellich

Bantam Boys Volleyball

Most Valuable Player – Caleb Tam/Ryan Wong
Most Improved Player – Kyle Madarieta
Coach's Award – Justin Hum

Juvenile Boys Volleyball

Most Valuable Player – Brian Shim
Most Improved Player – Shota Nakashimada/
Ryan Dong
Most Sportsmanlike Player – Jason Hsin/David Guo

Golf

Leadership Award – Alex Abbinante
Clutch Player Award – Tim Lee
Sportsmanship Award – Javed Siddoo
Most Improved Player – Edi Schneider

Tennis

Most Valuable Female Player – Sonya Chan
Most Valuable Male Player – Timothy Chan
Most Improved Player – Blair Wang
Best New Female Player – Ann Sheng
Best New Male Player – Jordan Chang

Junior Netball

Most Improved Player – Jennifer Xu
Most Consistent Player – Michelle Lin
Sharp Shooter Award – Christina Lee

Senior Netball

Best Defensive Player – Cynthia Dawson
Most Versatile Player – Christine Huang
Hardest Working Player – Paula Hsien

Junior Badminton

Most Improved Player – Devon Keanini-Douglas
Coach's Award – Yuchen Bo
Most Dedicated Player – Julien Bo

Senior Badminton

Most Valuable Player – Andersen Yang
Team Spirit Award – Jasmine Yeh
Most Dedicated Player – Gary Xu

Cricket

Most Improved Player – James Nam
Best Batsman – Supun Thalagala
Best Bowler – Sumal Thalagala

Senior Boys Rugby

Most Valuable Player – Cole Turner
Best Back Award – Tyron Stojanov
Best Forward – Lorenzo Robiso
Unsung Hero – Ryan Ramirez

Track and Field

Excellence in Track & Field
Bantam Boys – Alex Brnjac
Juvenile Girls – Thalia Lang
Juvenile Boys – Ara Ghougassian
Junior Girls – Layla Balooch/Jennifer Lam/Nicole Dispirito
Junior Boys – William Liaw/Ante Svorinic
Senior Grade 11 Girls – Justina Mayr
Senior Grade 11 Boys – Jordan Su
Senior Grade 12 Girls – Rachel Lowe
Senior Grade 12 Boys – Daniel Lee

Dedication to the Sport
Rachel Lowe and Brigitte Cheong

Math Matters

by Ms. Jenny Young – Math Department Head

The Math Department has many successes to celebrate this year. Numerous students signed on to write various Math contests throughout the year. The following are their achievements:

Canadian Math Olympiad 2011

Ursula Anne Lim (gr. 10) was invited to write this 3 hour exam because of her outstanding score from writing the Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Math Challenge.

American Mathematics Competition 8

Scott Xiao (gr. 8) received a first place certificate, plus a pin for being the school winner.

American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10/12

Ursula Anne Lim (gr. 10) received a first place certificate, plus a pin for being the school winner on the AMC 12.

Jeanne Lim (gr. 7) received a first place certificate, plus a pin for being the school winner on the AMC 10.

American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME)

Ursula Anne Lim (gr. 10), **Sunny Hon** (gr. 12), **Andersen T. Yang** (gr. 12), and **Christine Huang** (gr.12) were invited to write the AIME after their high scores on the AMC 12.

Jeanne Lim (gr. 7) and **Blair Wang** (gr. 10) were invited to write the AIME after their high scores on the AMC 10.

2nd annual USA Junior Math Olympiad (USAJMO)

Blair Wang was invited to write the USAJMO because of his outstanding score from the AIME. This exam is written over 2 days, each day being 4½ hours long.

Waterloo Contests: (consists of a different contest for each grade level) over 500 students participated

- **GAUSS** (written by any student in grade 8 or under)
 - **Scott Xiao** (gr. 8) and **Frank Cheng** (gr. 8) both scored a perfect score of 150.
- **PASCAL** (written by any student in grade 9 or under)
 - **Cindy Zhang** (gr. 8), **Frank Cheng** (gr. 8) and **Chloe Kwok** (gr. 9) tied with obtaining the highest score.
- **CAYLEY** (written by any student in grade 10 or under)
 - **Jeanne Lim** (gr. 7) and **Jason Zhou** (gr. 10) tied with obtaining the highest score.
 - Burnaby North is recognized as Zone Champions in the 2011 Cayley Contest with these top three scorers: **Tim Branch, Jeanne Lim, and Jason Zhou.**
- **FERMAT** (written by any student in grade 11 or under)
 - **Ursula Anne Lim** (gr. 10) obtained the highest score.
- **EUCLID** (written by any student in grade 12 or under)
 - Burnaby North has ranked in the top 5 B.C. schools for this contest. The following are the names of the top 10 scorers: **ShuYang Gong, Kristian Hansen, Sunny Hon, Christine Huang, Ursula Anne Lim, Jeanne Lim, Everest Shi, Samuel To, Blair Wang, and Ruizi Rey Zeng.**
 - Burnaby North is the 2011 Provincial Champion with these top three scorers: **ShuYang Gong, Ursula Anne Lim, and Blair Wang.**
 - Burnaby North is also recognized as Zone Champions in the 2011 Euclid Contest

We are very proud of everyone who participated and congratulate all the winners and their outstanding achievements in striving for excellence in Mathematics!! Well done Burnaby North!!

Social Studies Stories

by Mr. Dale Lintott – Social Studies Department Head

North makes history



Congratulations to Jeffrey Tso and Carolyn Shen who finished 1st and 3rd respectively on the Begbie Contest this spring. This is Canada's National History Exam, written by over 1200 students from many schools across the country. Jeffrey and Carolyn each received a cheque for \$1000.00 for their efforts and Jeffrey will be flown to Ottawa to receive recognition for his outstanding work from the Governor General. Both these students have taken the AP World History 12 course which helps students hone their writing and thinking skills.

Duke of Edinburgh Club Adventure Journey at Golden Ears



Thirty students from North spent three days challenging themselves in the wilderness at Golden Ears Campground on June 3rd to 5th. Friday the group canoed from the south end of the lake to the mouth of Gold River and back. The lake was in perfect condition - as flat as a mill pond, making our journey easier than most days. Rising early the next morning we set off on our hike up to Alder Flats and beyond, hiking up the ridge toward the alpine shack. The deep snowpack stopped our ascent. We had to carefully hop across a river where a bridge had washed out. Most made it without getting too wet.

Sitting around a campfire that night, we listened to John Shorthouse call Alex Burrows' winning overtime goal on a small transistor radio someone had brought. The Canucks led the series 2 games to nothing - ouch. That hurts. The weekend was an awesome opportunity to get connected with what really matters - friends and our beautiful surroundings.

Geography 12 and Earth Science 11 - Howe Sound Field Study and Chief Hike

Mr. Lintott's Geography 12 and Mr. Walton's Earth Science 11 classes spent one beautiful day in May (I think it was the one sunny day we enjoyed that month) hiking and exploring the sites and features found along the Sea to Sky highway. After checking out the view from the bottom of Shannon falls, our intrepid hikers assaulted the trail to the top of the 2nd peak at the Chief. Students marvelled at the wondrous glacial and fluvial features found along the way. They also were heard to mutter unpleasantries toward their teachers for taking them on such an arduous hike. The spectacular view of Howe Sound, the Squamish River and Mt. Garibaldi were our reward. Geography is always best taught outdoors.



News from the Languages Department

by Ms. Kate McMeiken – Languages Department Head

Helping Those in Japan

The beginning of our third term at school coincided with the horrific earthquake and tsunami that devastated much of the Japanese coastline on March 11th. How can anyone forget the graphic images of destruction that appeared on newscasts, on the Internet and in the print media? These left an indelible impression on one of Burnaby North's teachers who is, herself, from an area of Japan not far from where the post-tsunami damage was the gravest.

Vander Velden Sensei and her Japanese language students rallied together to help out the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. They spent countless hours folding 2,300 origami cranes (a symbol in Japan of longevity and peace), currently on display in the Burnaby North library.

In addition, with the assistance of Mr. Stanley and Mr. Sokugawa, a T-shirt was designed and produced that depicted a large red "rising sun" with a series of white and red cranes in the foreground. Underneath the cranes in red blocked numbers was the date of the Japanese disaster: 03.11.2011.

Vander Velden Sensei and her students sold these T-shirts for \$5 each, with 50% of each sale going towards earthquake and tsunami relief in Japan. Several hundred T-shirts were sold both at Burnaby North and at a Saturday school that Vander Velden Sensei is affiliated with. T-shirt sales will continue in the fall once school recommences.

This is yet one more example of how Burnaby North students, with the help of their teachers, stepped up to the plate to help others.

Hot off the Presses!!

Japanese 12 students completed a year-long nouns dictionary project in 3rd term during which time they designed, wrote and produced a dictionary of key nouns that are part of the provincial Japanese language curriculum. These included definitions, sentence examples in Japanese and English translations. Vander Velden Sensei plans to put the noun dictionaries to practical use -- to employ them as aids to the students enrolled in her future Japanese language classes. She has plans of distributing the dictionaries to Japanese language teachers through the Japanese Teachers' Network. Verb dictionaries are up next in the fall of 2011!

Italian 11- field trip May 19- La Dolce Vita.

On May 19th the students of Italian 11 enjoyed a beautiful sunny day exploring Italian culture. The class participated in engaging activities at the Instituto di Cultura downtown. At the Italian Consulate students with Italian heritage were able to ask questions and gain information on how to become an Italian citizen and get a dual passport. Then we moved on to lunch and Bella Gelateria where we had a taste of what it takes to make authentic Italian gelato. After lunch we visited the Museo at the Italian Cultural Centre where Rudy Bonora shared a glimpse into his experiences as an immigrant to this country. Many of the students were able to relate his stories to those of their grandparents or even parents. The students then participated in a scavenger hunt around the Italian Cultural Centre. Thanks to Ryan and Mrs. Derick who chaperoned the event. We all enjoyed partaking in a little bit of "Dolce Vita." Enjoy the summer. Ms. Di Lauro.

Some departing thoughts from French teacher, Monsieur K. Nedd ...

Having given students in French 8, French 10 and French 11 their fill of French grammar, expressions and vocabulary, it was now time to step back for the last three weeks and listen to students prepare and present their dialogues and scenes using their most polished French. It was a delight to witness how students at all levels used this opportunity to communicate with eloquence. I was excited to see the end of the year unfold this way since my goal during the final stretch has always been to ensure that students leave French class happy and eager to spread the language beyond the classroom.

SEVEC Exchange trip update

by M. Maurice Fouquette – French teacher

Twenty-four students and 3 teachers from Chicoutimi, Quebec descended upon Burnaby North from March 29th to April 4th for the second half of our extremely successful SEVEC language and culture exchange. They settled in very quickly with their host families and began a whirlwind of sightseeing and fun activities, including a day in downtown Vancouver and another in Victoria. To me, the highlight was the family potluck dinner on Sunday. An Ultimate Ninja challenge (thanks to Ms. Claire Davis for that fantastic idea!) some French music and a very impressive array of foods from around the world brought everyone closer together. Apologies to the poor custodian who waited patiently for us to clear out – nobody wanted to leave! Thanks again to: Claire Davis and parent Lynn Wilcott, who accompanied us to Chicoutimi, to Vice Principal Tyler Evans, who took care of a lot of administrative details, to parents Gary Bruyere and Winnie Chow, for their help with Canucks tickets and our Vancouver outing, to parent Leanne Penco, for finding the perfect B&B for our adult guests, and to all the other parents, teachers and students who helped make this adventure possible.

Although this trip created so many wonderful memories, it's when I look to the future that I get excited about the benefits of such an exchange. Two North students, both in Grade 11 Honours French this year, who took part in this amazing opportunity, would like to share their thoughts and summer plans with you all. Manuela Pimienta (Gr. 11) writes:

“The program I am taking this summer is at POINT3 language center in Montreal, Quebec. This program includes conversation, grammar and listening classes. I will be taking it for 1 month, 5 days a week, just like any normal school day. While I am there I will live with family friends in Laval, and I hope that being around the language will help me learn enough so I can carry a good long conversation. Being in Chicoutimi, Quebec with our school trip, showed me how much you can learn when you're surrounded by the language and how easy it is to pick up things. The best thing about being in a French speaking community is that it is much different then in the classroom since you actually get to experience the language and also the culture. I have made it my goal for the next couple of years to become fluent in French. I also look forward to visiting all the "twins" from Chicoutimi since we all miss them so much.”

And this, from Sofiya Kominko (also in Gr. 11):

“Looking back, I can confidently say that the trip to Chicoutimi was a culturally eye-opening experience and a big enrichment to my knowledge. This trip exposed me to a different lifestyle and proved to me the importance of language comprehension in our swiftly changing world. But apart from the educational enhancements that we all participants received, I think each and every one of us have truly made life-long friendships. Participating in the “SEVEC” exchange program with Chicoutimi made me passionate about exploring the east part of Canada in my future endeavors. This summer I will be going back to Quebec through a program called “Explore”. I will be residing on a university campus for five weeks, learning the French language through classes and numerous outdoor activities. “Explore” is a national wide program that allows high-school and university students to explore another part of the country and improve their language skills.

Because of the wonderful experience I've had in Chicoutimi, I am now, less worried about returning to Quebec and even hope to see some of the SEVEC exchange students on my trip!”

Advanced Placement and Scholarships year-end news

by Mr. Vincent Chan – Excel Program Department Head

Advanced Placement Examinations

It was another busy year for Advanced Placement students at Burnaby North. During May, 349 different students wrote a total of 655 AP exams. The AP Studio Art Show, which opened May 4 and displayed the art work from students' completed AP studio art portfolios, was a success. Students who wrote AP exams will receive grade reports from the College Board in July.

Scholarships & Awards

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2011, whose members have been offered over \$960,000 in scholarships so far. This amount includes scholarships from the school, Burnaby school district, external organizations, and all post-secondary institutions (entrance and major entrance awards).

Ministry scholarships, such as Passport to Education, Provincial Exam Scholarship and Dogwood Authority Scholarships, will be announced in the fall. Recipients of these scholarships will be notified by the ministry in the mail.

Special thanks to all individuals, groups, and organizations who have donated annually towards scholarships for our graduates. If you or your group would like to become part of our scholarship program, please contact the school.

Entrepreneurship Club News

by Mr. Vincent Chan – teacher sponsor

It was a very successful first year for The Burnaby North Entrepreneurship Venture Club. Through a partnership with Junior Achievement, club members met every Friday after school to learn about the process involved in the organization, operation, and completion of a fiscal cycle of a business venture.

The Burnaby North club was the recipient of the 2011 Student Company Award for Innovation and Student Company Award for Outstanding Shareholders' Report as selected by a panel of community business leaders. Well done and best of luck next year!



Food Studies 11-12 students produce appetizing parties

by Ms. Marj Vint – Home Economics teacher

This year's Food Studies 11-12 students enjoyed putting on an Appetizer Theme Party! Themes ranged from Mexican to Asian to Tailgate Party to Chocolate! Students enjoyed inviting administrators, counselors, office and support staff to join them in sharing these tasty treats and a fun time was had by all participating!



Still More Winners at North

Science Chemistry Contest Successes

Students entered 3 Chemistry contests this year. Overall, they did very well. Here are some results:

Four students scored in the top 10% of the CCC contest (Canadian Chemistry Contest): Katie Zhu, Christine Huang and Sunny Hon (Grade 12) and Eugene Chang (Grade 11).

Five students placed in the top 95 percentile on the Chem13 News Contest, the University of Waterloo's chemistry contest: Billy Zhao, Alice Gu, Steven Xu and Eugene Chang (Grade 11) and Emilie Song (Grade 12).

They received t-shirts and an opportunity to apply for research assistantships at University of Waterloo.

Alice Gu tied for 1st place on the Thompson Rivers University Chemistry Contest. She won a \$500 scholarship, Chapters gift card, and other prizes.

Junior North scientist wins national award

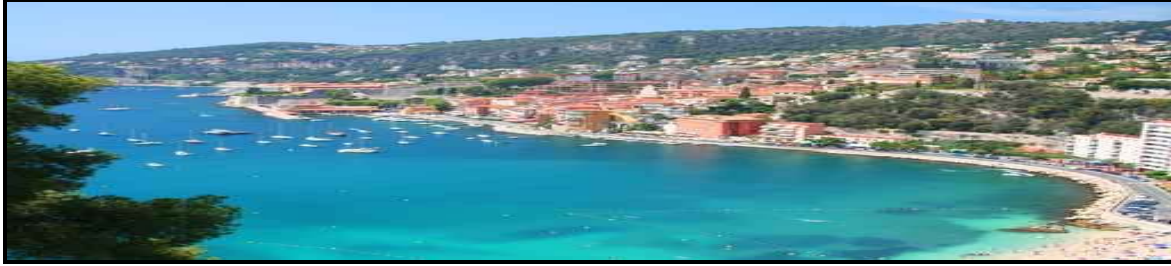
Sean Fong, a grade 8 student at Burnaby North, won a Junior Bronze Medal at the Canadian Youth Science Fair in Toronto recently. His entry was about the Angle of Attack and his airfoil design was used to determine which angle of attack will produce the most lift at three different wind speeds. Sean received the Excellence Award (\$300) - Junior - Bronze Medal from Youth Science Canada and the University of Western Ontario Entrance Scholarship worth \$1000.



Words from the heart



Eleanor Hoskins, from Burnaby North Secondary, has been selected as the first prize winner from grade 11 students in the 2010-2011 National Student Poetry Contest held by Polar Expressions Publishing. Eleanor has received \$140 and has had her award winning poem, *Absence Makes the Heart Go Wander*, published in the book, *Cities of Gold*. *Cities of Gold* includes the works of the top 25-45% of all entrants nationally. In fact there were thousands of entries from more than five hundred schools across Canada.



Europe's Mediterranean Coast: Spring Break 2012

Join experienced tour leader and teacher chaperones, Mrs. Mushens, Ms. Cowley and Mr. Tsang on this 11 day EF Tour that begins in **Milan**, a cosmopolitan city recognized as a world fashion and design capital, with a major global influence in commerce, industry, music, sport, literature, art and media. We travel by coach bus to the charming and breathtaking **Cinque Terre**, an area made up of five villages that cling to cliffs along the gorgeous stretch of Ligurian coast. The Principality of Monaco, one of the most sought-after addresses in the world, is our next stop. By size, it is the second smallest country in the world, in addition to being one of the most densely populated. It possesses a fabulous position on a broad, steep peninsula that bulges into the Mediterranean, its harbor sparkling with luxury yachts and mansions angled towards the nearly perpetual sun. We continue on to **Nice**, France, also known as "Queen of the Riviera." It is one of France's most colourful cities with its bonbon-colour palaces, time-stained Old Town and position on the Cote d'Azur coastline. National Geographic lists our next stop, **Barcelona**, as the number one beach city in the world. Barcelona is a world-center for tourism, economics and culture, and we will visit La Sagrada Familia, the Gaudi designed basilica that is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Another stop on our tour of Barcelona includes the Montjuïc hill, located near the center of the city. It features a large number of attractions including the Spanish Village and the Montjuïc Castle. From Barcelona, we take the AVE (high speed) train to **Madrid**, the capital and largest city in Spain. This city has preserved the look and ambience of many of its historic neighborhoods, while also possessing a modern infrastructure. While in Madrid, we will take a guided tour, visiting the Royal Palace and the Prado art museum, which houses one of the world's finest collections of European art, from the 12th century to the early 19th century.

Students must be prepared for the increasingly complex world they will encounter following graduation. They need to be able to work in a team, demonstrate critical thinking skills, communicate orally and possess decision-making skills. Travel helps build the foundation that will allow our students to succeed in a global society. Watch your child's confidence soar and her love of travel develop as she gains new life-experience and perspective.

Check out www.eftours.ca for further details. Under *student*, click on '**check out your teacher's tour**', #1045466. The cost of the trip is \$3674; there is a no-fee option to make monthly payments. Please e-mail barbara.mushens@sd41.bc.ca if your son/daughter is interested in traveling with us. **There will be a parent meeting early in the new school year; please watch the school website for further details.**





Belize for Spring Break 2012

Parents and students who would like to explore the natural world by hiking, zip lining and boating through the tropical jungle, snorkeling over the amazing Belize coral reef and exploring Mayan ruins and caves will love this tour! Ms. Davies will be taking an enthusiastic group of Burnaby North students, parents and friends to Belize, a stunning tropical country on the Caribbean side of Central America for 8 days over Spring Break.

Ms. Davies specializes in taking students and parents on Educational Tours to exotic and fascinating parts of the world such as Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, Egypt, and Costa Rica. She has seen the extent to which international field trips enrich student's lives by promoting personal development, increasing self confidence, sparking a love for travel, and gaining a new perspective on the world. Furthermore, educational travel experience has proven to be an asset when applying to university and colleges.

Highlights of this trip include visiting the Mayan ruins and caves, of Lamanai and Xunantunich, the Natural History Center and Peccary Hills National Park; taking a jungle hike and zip-line tour, and two riverboat tours through the jungle areas where many animals and plants will be viewed, including mangrove swamps and manatees; and spending the last 3 days on the coral island of Ambergris Caye in the Caribbean Sea where we will snorkel the colourful and biologically diverse Belize Barrier Reef, visit the Hol Chan Marine Reserve to view larger marine animals, and enjoy the exquisite tropical environment of white sand, turquoise waters and palm trees. .

Parents interested in learning more about this fantastic educational opportunity please email me at Theresa.davies@sd41.bc.ca and I will get in touch with you regarding the upcoming informational meeting.



Important reminders.....

Report Cards

Students were to pick up report cards during their scheduled homeroom session on Wednesday, June 29th, from the north cafeteria. If for some reason, students were unable to pick up report cards during that time, the school office will be open for most of the summer, though there are some weeks during which the office is closed. Please call the main office at (604) 664-8550 before coming. We very much encourage parents to pick up report cards so they are informed of their students' progress and status at the end of the year.

Summer School

Summer begins the week of July 4th, with some classes being held at Burnaby North and others held at schools throughout Burnaby. For more information on summer school, please contact Burnaby Continuing Education at (604) 664-8868 or visit their website: www.burnabyce.com

From the Board of Education

You may have been aware of the discussions in the District and our community regarding the draft Policy # 5.45. This is to let you know that on Tuesday evening at its public meeting, the Board of Education unanimously approved **Policy # 5.45, Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity**.

This policy is a revised version of the draft policy, originally entitled "Homophobia/Heterosexism." The policy was developed over a two-year period to help address homophobic harassment and bullying in Burnaby Schools and to support the School District's commitment to provide safe and caring educational environments.

For more information:

Read the Policy. http://www.sd41.bc.ca/budgets_policies/pdf/policies/545.pdf

Read the media release. <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/news/2011/policy545.pdf>

Read the Superintendent's Report on Public

Input: http://www.sd41.bc.ca/budgets_policies/pdf/input/suptReport.pdf

Summer Information

Information packages will be available on the school website (<http://north.sd41.bc.ca>) for students and families in August with information about the start of the 2011-2012 school year, including start times, opening day activities, student fees and other information. We encourage you to check for information periodically.

Plan Ahead

The 2011-2012 Burnaby North school calendar is posted on the school website. The calendar includes all district non-instructional days, including professional development days, school vacations and statutory holidays, major school events and instructional activities such as provincial examinations and Advanced Placement (AP) examinations.

Looking forward

The 2011-2012 school year begins Tuesday, September 6th.

Congratulations to the Burnaby North Grads of 2011!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!