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## BURNABY SCHOOLS - A BUSY SUMMER

While more than 7,500 students were hard at work in our schools taking a wide range of educational programs this summer, others took their school related activities outside.

- In July, student volunteers joined school trustees at a booth at the Edmonds Community Fair, to share information and answer questions on Burnaby Schools programs and services.
- In August, students, teachers, staff and school trustees braved the heat to walk with pride in the Vancouver Pride Parade. The District's float this year featured sporting activities, complete with participants wearing coloured pinnies to represent the theme, Together, we win!
- In August the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network hosted their fourth Vancouver Summer Swap at the Pacific Coliseum in an effort to divert unwanted goods from the landfill. More than 300 participants donated articles of clothing, accessories, shoes, books, etc and then had the opportunity to buy "new" stuff for \$8. All remaining items were donated to Big Brothers.

## SOUND WAVE, A "RESOUNDING" SUCCESS AT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

This summer, 12 District students who play in the Handbell Ensemble, Sound Wave, were at the International Handbell Symposium in Vancouver. Under the direction of Janet Nordstrand, they performed to perfection to the attuned ears of more than 650 delegates. At the end of the week, it was their teacher's turn to perform – conducting a mass choir of all delegates at the symposium's final concert.

## READY FOR ANOTHER INSPIRING YEAR?

- Stoney Creek Community School spent their first week back to school with First Nations guest artist, Shyama- Priya learning the different styles of Pow Wow dancing. At the end of the week they hosted a fabulous Welcome Back Assembly complete with a Pow Wow Dance Performance.
- Capitol Hill Elementary School's Parent Advisory Council proudly hosted a Grand Opening Ceremony of their new school playground. It was installed by the District's Facilities team this summer. After a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, they hosted a Party in the Park to welcome families and staff back – and of course - as per what they learned in kindergarten,

