

**Oct 27, 2009**

### **Seven Hundred Hands Help Beautify Taylor Park**

On October 16, students, staff and parents from Taylor Park Elementary braved the damp weather to participate in a **Trees for Tomorrow** planting day led by staff from the City of Burnaby. The project includes a new butterfly garden at Taylor Park adjacent to the school, complete with bee condo, and educational sign board, along with over 2200 native plants. These park enhancements will provide teachers and students a great outdoor classroom to learn about butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects, lifecycles, native plants, wildlife habitat, decomposition, and the environment. **Trees for Tomorrow** is a Government of BC initiative to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by at least 33 per cent below current levels by 2020.

### **The 2010 Olympics and Paralympics are Coming!**

On Oct 15, CurlBC launched their new Capital One "Rocks & Rings" program at Suncrest Elementary. Taking part in the ceremony was Board Chair Diana Mumford and Daryl Neighbour, Paralympic Gold Medalist. Students learned that curling is both a wonderful lifelong activity and an Olympic sport in which Canada is expected to excel. They were then introduced to the sport with drills, relays and team-building activities using unique indoor floor curling equipment that required no ice. At the end of the day, each student received a Rocks and Rings Graduation Certificate.

### **New Math Teacher at Moscrop Makes His Mark**

At the Northwest Mathematics Conference held last weekend, Burnaby math teacher Danny Young was the recipient of the BCAMT's Outstanding New Teacher of the Year Award. Danny began his teaching career in Burnaby as a teacher on call in 2004. In 2005 he became a full time instructor of mathematics at Moscrop Secondary. Besides supporting his students Danny also supports colleagues as a participant in the new teacher mentorship program.

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### **Award Is Music To Her Ears**

Burnaby is one of the few districts in BC in which all schools have a music specialist. Five music teachers in the district have been awarded with a BCMEA award since its inauguration in 1990. This year's recipient of their Elementary Music Educator Award is Seaforth elementary music teacher Linda Eterman who has taught music in Burnaby for 20 years.

### **Cross Country Season Finishes With a Bang**

On Oct 13, an impressive 771 elementary students from grades 4 to 7 participated in a district-wide cross country meet final. It was held at Burnaby Lake East. Team Aubrey garnered first place, Seaforth took second and third place went to Gilpin. Congratulations to all the participating students and schools – and all of the parent supporters.

### **We're Celebrating International School Library Week**

Oct 26-30 is **International School Library Week**. With 49 school libraries Burnaby School District has much to celebrate, including a newly installed automated tracking system. On Monday, Oct 26 schools participated in the BC Librarians "**Drop Everything And Read**" Challenge. School-wide reads took place in gymnasiums; buddy readers connected in school hallways and corridors, and teachers conducted read-alouds in classrooms. On Wednesday, October 28 the Burnaby community is invited to a **Celebrate our Libraries** event. It will take place at 6 pm in the library at Byrne Creek Secondary.