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A PERFECT SCORE

Daphne Patterson, a 2015 Burnaby Mountain graduate knows micro-economics. Her performance on her AP Micro-Economics exam was so superior that it falls into a select category. Besides receiving a top score of 5, she was one of 54 students in the world to receive the maximum score on each portion. Congratulations are extended to Daphne, her teacher **Ms. Martens**, and to Burnaby Mountain. Daphne is presently at the University of Waterloo studying Engineering.

STORIES ON THE WALL

STAR was the theme of Maywood Community School's Art project which stands for: Safe, Thoughtful, Accepting and Respectful. Artists **Mona Lochan** and **Anna Talbot** engaged 260 school community members, creating positive connections and valuable teaching moments. Working with stories written by primary students they created visual imagery so that the stories can now be shared in any language and preserved for generations. This narrative art then became part of an 8' X 20' mural that is proudly mounted at the entrance of the school – and is well worth a visit.

A TEAM EFFORT TO LITERACY

When the Canucks get some off rink time, they often head to the community to lend their support. As part of Literacy Week, Canuck Defenseman **Ben Hutton** visited Edmonds Community School to read to 60 excited primary students. **Trustee Narang** was there to welcome him to the District. Afterwards he met with parents and their children, participants in a an English Language Learner program (PIE) sponsored by the Canuck Family Education Centre. They worked on a literacy activity together.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND WITH AN ARTS FOUNDATION

Confederation Park hosted a "Careers in the Arts" fair last week with the support of the organization Creative BC. Participating parents and businesses alike captivated the students as they showcased how the arts are integral to their work and career. Exhibitors included actors, photographers, composers, game animators, special effects film makers, fashion designers, app designers, and set and prop designers. Everyone left informed and inspired – the sky is the limit with a background in the arts!

CAREER PROGRAMS OFFER MULTIPLE OPTIONS

Almost 400 students and parents came out to the Career Programs showcase to learn more about these options. Teachers of the programs answered questions, students shared their personal experience, and representatives from BCIT and VCC were on hand. BCIT partners with the District for Metal Fabrication, Computer Networking and the new Health Sciences program. VCC is a partner for Auto Collision, Auto Refinishing and the new baking program. New options that were featured include pipefitting and a new grade 10 program –the Interdisciplinary Skills Trades Exploration Program (iStep). The application process for all career programs is currently underway.