

Good News

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CANADA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICIAN

Burnaby North student **Qi Qi**, has won first place in the Canadian Mathematical Society's Canadian Open Math Challenge, ahead of thousands of high school students from across Canada. What's most impressive is she is only in Grade 9, and scored higher than students in grades above her. Two other Burnaby students **Alan Wang** from Moscrop and **Roger Wang** from Burnaby South both made the Canada-wide student honour roll, for grades 11 and 9 respectively.

MOUNTAIN'S IMPROV TEAM SET TO PEAK AGAIN

Burnaby Mountain's Junior Improv Team recently won the Lower Mainland Canadian Improv Games. In fact, during the semi-finals the small but mighty team of three received a standing ovation!! The team consists of **Emilia Michalowska, Aeden Taylor** and **Noa Kozulins**. Their coach is **Daniel Gorodetsky**, a graduate whose team won silver at the National Improv Games in 2011. In the past seven years, Mountain has received a National bronze, silver and gold. With their win this year, the future for more hardware looks bright – and the Juniors team is poised to strike at a National level once again when they become seniors.

LITERACY WEEK IN BURNABY SCHOOLS

Although there is an emphasis on literacy each and every day in Burnaby Schools, the third week of January, designated Literacy Week, is a chance for schools to open their imaginations and their doors to inspire reading.

Unique reading activities that took place at Stoney Creek Community School, included a Flash Reading Mob, where students and parents filled the hallways; Reading Bingo; a "Guess What Teacher Read What?" matching game; "Wear a WORD" day; a "WORD's Treasure Hunt"; and a "Celebrity Guest Readers Day" that included 4 personalities from Global TV.

Not to be outdone by an elementary school, Burnaby South Secondary held a "Word of the Week" activity; a "Battle of the Words" spelling bee; a bookmark contest; and a "Speedy Book Blitz," where staff and students shared favorite books face to face in three minute rotations.

These are just two of the many Burnaby Schools that celebrated literacy with creative, fun ideas to get through the long dark days of January.

Happy reading to everyone, everywhere!