

**April 8, 2014**

## **PROJECT OPERA**

A pilot project aimed at introducing students to opera is a unique collaboration between the District and Vancouver Opera. Twice a week, for 5 weeks, Project Opera teacher artists worked with a grade 4/5 and 6/7 class at Douglas Road Elementary. Each class chose a piece of literature that they were studying in class as a starting point for their work. From there they got to create, produce and perform their own short opera - experiencing first-hand how powerful a story can be when expressed through the arts. Each 30 minute opera was presented to the entire school on Friday, March 14 to great acclaim.

## **MEET THE CHIEFS**

As part of BC Law Week, on March 13, a group of students from Ms. Walton's Law 12 class at Burnaby Mountain Secondary met with BC's three top chief judges. They included Chief Justice Robert Bauman of the Court of Appeal, Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson of the Supreme Court, and Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree. They were one of only four classes of BC high school students to get the opportunity to meet with them, to ask questions, and have their opinions heard. The event was hosted by Ian Hanomansing and taped in CBC's Studio 700. The "Meet the Chiefs" session is available for viewing at the BC Law Week website.

## **MEET THE CHIEF CHEFS ☺**

Chef Wade ensures that students in the ACE-IT Culinary Arts Apprenticeship Program have the opportunity to build enhanced skills and extend their creativity through experiences offered outside the classroom. On March 12, his students took the skills and recipes that they learned from the "Chefs of the Kei Lani" in Hawaii and competed in the BC Chefs Association's Healthy Chef Competition. The sole high school group, their contenders included post-secondary teams from Vancouver Community College, International Culinary Schools, Art Institute and Rational Ovens Cooking Team and Red Seal Chef teams from the Delta and Hyatt Regency hotels and top restaurants such as Beach Grove Golf Club and Petty Estates Resort. The Burnaby School District Team of student chefs won the People's Choice Award for their culinary creations.