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SECOND STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Staff, students and their families have been preparing for the big celebration for months – and you could tell. Last week, the **100 year celebration** ran over two days and included rooms and hallways filled with elaborate displays, and in the gym, one for each decade. The students did their research, gathering memorabilia and creating timelines for each era beginning in the 1910's, when **Second Street Elementary School** was built. It started as a one-room schoolhouse and underwent reconstruction in 1967. In 1983, Second Street became a community school. Many generations of former students were there to enjoy the celebration – including Trustee Pandher and Trustee Hayes who themselves are former “Second Streeters.”

TWELFTH AVENUE APPRECIATES THEIR LOCAL HERO

It takes a village to raise a child – and **Melanie Walkus** is an integral part of Twelfth Avenue Elementary Schools' village. For her efforts, the City of Burnaby will be recognizing Melanie as a “**Local Hero**” on November 4. For seven years, Melanie has been a volunteer extraordinaire at the school. She organized the home reading club, the school's Christmas hamper program and initiated numerous fundraisers for the parent advisory committee. She is also “up and at 'em” each morning, preparing breakfast for hungry students at the school. In addition, Melanie was part of the committee that worked on developing the District's **Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement**. Thank you Melanie for all the work you do supporting Burnaby Schools.

ARMSTRONG SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

From 1911 to 1926 Armstrong was only a two room school with one teacher and had two teachers for the following 29 years. The school was rebuilt in 1959 and additional classrooms were added as the neighbourhood developed. Staff, students and their families came out on October 3 and 4th for a Centennial celebration. The school's centennial celebration that was held October 3rd & 4th was well attended by Armstrong staff, parents, students and community members. Students sang songs from the era, enjoyed a pizza dinner, participated in a bake sale and viewed Armstrong memorabilia.

ARMSTRONG STUDENTS BAGS CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The *Clever Cupcakes*, a Destination Imagination team from Armstrong Elementary were quick to raise their hands to work on a unique fundraising project this summer. They kept 125 t-shirts out of the landfill and created bags out of them. For their efforts they were given \$500 that will go towards getting them to this year's worldwide competition. Their bags were given out to conference attendees from school districts across Canada this past weekend. Included in the bags were their story and the “bag instructions” to encourage other student groups nationwide to borrow this idea to raise funds for a cause.