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*Congratulations to Constable Murray  
for your participation in  
The Ride for Cancer*

## Niigata Meikun

*by M.Lagera*

This October, Burnaby South was lucky enough to host 80 students from the Japanese school Niigata Meikun for a cultural exchange. Each student was given a Canadian host family to stay with, and was encouraged to completely



immerse themselves in Canadian culture and to develop their English. For ten days, they attended ESL classes at Burnaby South, visited many great tourist attractions including Stanley Park and the Capilano Suspension Bridge, learned Canadian sports, and so much more. On their last night here in Canada, all the students of Niigata Meikun and their host families came together to see what the students have taken away from their experience in Canada. The night consisted of speeches made by our very own Mr. Li, one of the Japanese Senseis, and a student detailing their own unique experience with their host family, a demonstration of the traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony, a calligraphy demonstration of a Japanese poem, and the students singing songs in English, which

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# Principal's Message

Mr. Gordon Li, Principal



We had another incredible start to our school year at Burnaby South. The staff and students returned with renewed vigour and optimism for what surely will be another

successful year. It seemed like I was just getting to know our new students, staff members, and families to our school, sharing wonderful stories of the summer and aspirations for this upcoming year; when Christmas decorations began to appear in our halls. How time flies when you are having fun!

As we move towards the holiday season, I am continually reminded of how fortunate we are to be a part of this community. Students are experiencing amazing success. Our bands, choirs, and orchestras performed to very appreciative audiences at their Winter Concerts. Their songs in our Remembrance Day assemblies had led to a number of heart-warming notes and comments from our community members who attended. Our fall sports teams played with enthusiasm and pride, resulting in four district banners in volleyball, rugby, and soccer. Academically, our students are progressing very well. Ministry and school data from last year indicates that we are indeed meeting the needs of our learners. Our Honours and Advance Placement program has grown rapidly and yielded results we are extremely proud of. This included 28 AP Scholar Award winners, with 6 achieving the National AP Scholar Awards and one AP Scholar with Distinction Award. Nolan Shelley is now enrolled in second year Sciences at U.B.C. as a result of the university credits he achieved in the AP program at Burnaby South.

What a great place to be! The energy is evident throughout the building. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, friends in the community, staff and students; for all that you do to make Burnaby South such a great place to be. I hope you have a safe and restful holiday. May your new year be full of joy and prosperity.

## Para Su Consideración – Aaron Acosta

Con las vacaciones de Navidad acercándose rápidamente, a veces es bueno reflexionar en lo que ha pasado en este año escolar y dar una sonrisa. En esta edición de “The Oracle”, como todas las ediciones, encontrarás una gran cantidad de imágenes y artículos sobre la escuela secundaria de Burnaby South y su maravillosa comunidad.

Esperamos que te sigas sonriendo.

## WE DAY 2010

by D. Ali

We Day 2010 was a once in a lifetime experience that brought together 1600 students and teachers, hundreds of volunteers, and inspirational speakers who were committed to making a difference.



The non-profit organization, “Free the Children”, hosts We Day every year in three cities

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## Report Cards

On December 17, report cards will be issued regarding your child's progress in Term One. Reporting is just one part of the ongoing process of assessment and evaluation of student learning. Report cards are based on a variety of methods of evaluating a student's skills and knowledge, and are in relation to the provincial prescribed learning outcomes. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please feel free to contact the school for further information and consultation.



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### ***Burnaby South Welcomes Niigata Meikun***

included O Canada. As a final act of goodbye, all the Japanese students came together and performed a famous Japanese song for everyone present. Many of the students had a good time in Canada, the majority of them wanting to stay longer and come back to visit in the future. We, as students and as a school, have made a friend in Niigata Meikun, and hope that our paths will cross again in the future.

### **Cultural Exchange between Japanese and Canadian Students**

By J. Tan

As a multicultural school full of students from different cultural backgrounds, Burnaby South recently welcomed a group of exchange students from Japan. They were at our school from Oct.11 to Oct.22 to learn more about Canadian schools and cultures. The Japanese students were divided into groups of five and were led by students from South to tour around the school. They also followed the students into their classes and personally experienced how students learn here at South.



On the last day of their stay, the Japanese students displayed their culture and customs in the cafeteria, where many students attended and enjoyed. They set up many booths, each showcasing something different from their unique culture. One of the most popular booths was the origami booth. Origami is a traditional Japanese craft that started back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The folding of origami is done completely by hand, without the use of glue or scissors. The colourful origami cranes, flowers, and animals prepared by the Japanese students attracted many students from South who were eager to learn how to make beautiful crafts of origami. The Japanese

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## **We Day...** *Cont. from P.2*

across Canada. "Free the Children" was founded by 12-year-old Craig Kielburger in 1995 when he and 11 of his classmates came together to fight child labour. Today, their little circle of friends has evolved to over 1 million youth who are passionate, motivated, and believe in the same message as Craig Kielburger and his friends – that we can create and change and it's never too early or too late to start.

I'm proud to say that I'm one of those youth and that this year many stood beside me. There were the Kielburgers, Rick Hansen, Hedley, Colbie Caillet, the

Bareneaked Ladies, former vice president Al Gore, who said, "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together", and Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said that "[We] are not our future, [we] are our right now." Thanks to We Day this year, I plan to take initiative. I have faith in what I can do and more importantly, I know why I should do it – because it does make a difference. No matter how big or small my actions might be, it could easily catch on and grow to affect other students and schools all across the country and the world. What's really important to me now is bringing back the things I learned to South. As Craig Kielburger said, "It's not a hand out, it's a hand up", and myself and other Burnaby South students are ready to lend a hand, which is exactly why we've formed a We Council that meets every Wednesday in Ms. Ghani's room (A104). Please come join us!



## **Grade 8 Retreat**

by: Matsvei Yafimau

The retreat was a very fun event for grade eights. First, we had a very funny presentation from Ian Tyson in the MJF Theatre about getting into high school and how most grade eights react to the bigger students. After the presentation we got yellow Rebels t-shirts, and a hand stamp for the next activity in the gym. In the gym, there were various activities such as tug-a-war, Stella Stella olla, Simon Says, and many others. As we left the gym, we got two bam-bams, and a bag of goodies.



Next, the police officers educated the students about the Cops for Cancer program. The Cops for Cancer is a country-wide program in which a lot of officers dedicate two weeks to ride on a bike and raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. The Cops for Cancer started in 1994 in Edmonton, Canada, when a police officer met a boy with cancer who was being bullied about his hair loss. The police officer wanted to support the child. Over time, other cops joined in and the Cops for Cancer program was launched. So far, the generosity of all these officers have fundraised about 22.8 million dollars towards finding a cure for cancer.

As I walked into the school, I knew this year was going to be difficult. I wandered my way into the gym not knowing anything about anything. I was one of the first people there. I looked around saw so many different faces and I didn't know who was a "soon-to-be-friend." There were only three people there that I knew; their homerooms are different from mine so we stood at different sides of the gym. I stood there; feeling like a loner then, our homeroom teacher came. He was very nice and took us to our classroom. I had no idea where I was going, I just thought it looked like a gigantic maze. The more we walked, everything looked more and more similar. When we finally got there I took a seat. Then I looked at everyone and it seemed that they all knew someone in the room so of course they were talking but I knew no one, suddenly, I heard a friendly hello. I said hi back and a conversation grew. I didn't know if we were going to be friends. The teacher kept on talking, saying how Burnaby South is a good school and of course, I listened. When it ended, I started texting one of my friends asking where she was. I had no idea where I was so I just walked around in circles. I had no idea where she was but magically I found her. We walked around, trying to find more people and finally we did.



The next day, the teacher gave us our agendas, luckily with a map, and what our classes were. I was studying the map and the classes the whole time and I felt so, old now. After class, I went around in a circle and found all of them this time. We walked around with our maps, and went around to every class to see where they were. This is my experience of being a GR. 8.

## Grade 8 Spelling Bee

By M. Daluro

Burnaby South held their 4th annual Grade 8 Spelling Bee on Monday, November 15 at the Michael J. Fox theatre. After successfully becoming their respective English class spelling champion, there were eight finalists: Calvin Amolar, Jillian Chua, Joshua Comia, Brandyn Hamburg, Amber Huang, Aidan LeBlanc, Vincent Oropel and Bonnie Tang. The Spelling Bee was a fun

and exciting event keeping the audience thoroughly entertained. After some intense back and forth, Bonnie Tang became the first female Grade 8 Spelling Bee Champion by successfully spelling the word 'zoology.' We will continue to cheer on Bonnie Tang and runner up, Jillian Chua, in their next Spelling Bee adventure.



## Remembrance Day Assemblies

By M. Lagera

It was a day of mourning, it was a day of acknowledgement, and it was a day of remembrance. On



November 10, Burnaby South showed their appreciation for all the lives that were lost during history's warfare. From World War I to the war that still rages on today, the community came together to honour the lives of the fallen men and women who served our country. The Senior Concert band and Senior Choir were accompanied by dancer Tamara Thorsen, violinist Brian Mai, the platform party, returning Burnaby South alumni Quentin Flack and Iain Vickars, and special guest Dr. Alex Robertson to read the roll call of the Burnaby South students that were killed during the first two World Wars. With moving performances by the Senior Concert Band, Senior Choir, Tamara, and Brian, the millions of lives that were lost because of war were beautifully remembered for the sacrifices they made for their country.

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students provided them with paper and gave them detailed instructions on how to make origami.

They even patiently went through each of the steps to teach the enthusiastic learners. Students from South were very excited and kept the ones they made as a memento of this cultural exchange.

Another very popular booth was the green tea making booth. Japan is famous for its green tea; its light and pleasant taste makes many people fall in love with it, including many of the students in our school. The Japanese students brought their tea sets and ingredients to teach the students from South about their tea ceremony and to teach them how to make their own green tea with tea bowls and tea whisks. Many students made their own green tea by mixing the powdered tea and hot water with their tea whisks. Although it took quite a bit of time to make the green tea, the students still enjoyed the delicious green tea made by themselves.

There were also many other booths that displayed interesting things from



the Japanese students' culture, like Japanese traditional clothing (kimono), traditional toys (kendama, calligraphy), traditional games (goldfish scooping), and Japanese language. Students from both Japan and South not only had lots of fun learning from each other's cultures, but they also showed that Burnaby South is truly a multicultural school where all cultures are appreciated and accepted.

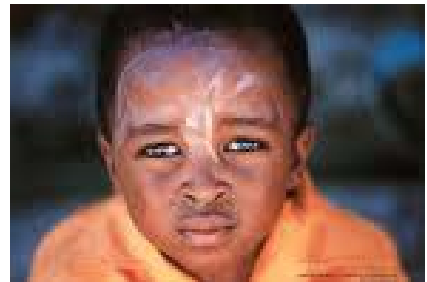
## Student Government Message

by Nancy Liu

Burnaby South's Student Government is an elected body of students that work hard with the sponsor teachers to represent the student body. Student Government also organizes and participates in many events around the school. Recently, elections were held by student Government to elect a Grade Representative from each grade and a student body President. The election promotes active citizenship and gets the students to exercise democracy. The elected representatives are: Aileen Sung for Grade 12 Rep, Hoonkee Lee for Grade 11 Rep, Peter Nam for Grade 10 Rep, Anna Ye for Grade 9 Rep, and Miguelle Lagera for Grade 8 Rep. The newly elected President is Olivia Wong. Congratulations to all the elected members and thank you to all who ran.

## PROJECT KENYA - By K. Azodi

Project Kenya Sister School is a non-profit charitable organization that has



given the opportunity to many Kenyan children to attend school. Since we partnered with Project Kenya in 2006, Burnaby South's sister school, Endana Secondary has been able to improve their school with the addition of six classrooms, school supplies, textbooks and tanks for a roof catchment system to be able to provide safe drinking water. None of these things would have been possible without the generosity of many people. Every year, Burnaby South Secondary hosts different fundraisers to raise funds to help expand the school. This year we look forward to being involved by contributing items for the auction, making a monetary donation, or attending our silent auction/dinner to help raise funds for Endana Secondary School. Tickets for our Kenya Charity Gala will be on sale for \$10.00 beginning in January. Please check our school website for details.

# Rebels Getting Down

Burnaby South's sport teams have had a very impressive fall season. The grade eight boys rugby team, coached by Mr. Einhorn, started off the season with only six players but ended with eighteen players and the BNWSSAA banner after beating Burnaby Central in the finals. The boys went on to the Vancouver and District Playoffs where they lost in a very close match against Carson Graham.

The Burnaby South cross country team, coached by Mr. Stewart had a very good turnout this year with thirteen dedicated runners. There were many top ten placements in the various races and three runners: Nicolette Love, Alice Fu and Travis Fraser qualified for the provincials in Victoria.

The senior boys' volleyball team coached by Ms. Chow had an excellent season finishing the season with seven wins and one loss. They proceeded on to the league finals and played a hard game against Burnaby North for the banner. Though the boys did not win the banner they continued on to the Lower Mainland Zone finals. Their season came to a close with another very close game against Burnaby North where they ended up five points short of making it to the Provincials. The boys have a second chance to enter Provincials however after one school dropped out.

The junior girls' volleyball team, coached by Mr. Ryan, came second in the district after winning all but one game throughout the season. They qualified for the playoffs where they lost to Burnaby North after two very close sets. The girls proceeded to the Vancouver and District Playoffs where unfortunately they lost to Elphinstone, the number one team from the North Shore. Well done to Maja Kovac and Pavneet Brar who were named All Stars for the playoffs.

The juvenile girls' volleyball team, coached by Mr. Chow also had a very successful season. The girls won the banner last year and as a result had high expectations for this year. They won against all the teams except New

West before the playoffs but during the semi finals of the playoffs they beat New West. Unfortunately however the girls lost to Burnaby North for the banner but they also continued on to Vancouver and District Playoffs. However their quest for first place in the Lower Mainland was put to an end after a loss to Richmond Christian.

The bantam girls' volleyball team, coached by Carolina Chang played hard and ended the season with three wins and one loss. They went on to the playoffs where they lost to Burnaby North in the second round in the fight for the banner.

The junior boys' volleyball team, coached by Ms. Chow, worked hard this season and ended up fourth in the league. The senior girls' volleyball team also fought hard throughout the season and unfortunately ended the season sixth in the league.

The senior boys' soccer team, coached by Mr. Giallonardo, came sixth in the league. They fought hard throughout the playoffs to beat Alpha and Central and won the BNWSSAA

banner. The boys went on to zone playoffs where, unfortunately, they lost to Central, ending their season. Congratulations to Oscar Ramirez, Faisal Arif and Tyler Leonard who were awarded All Star Medals.

The junior boys' soccer team, coached by Mr. Balnave, played extremely well this season, beating Byrne Creek 5-3 for the BNWSSAA banner. The boys moved on to the Regional Playoffs where they played Sentinel. After a hard game the two teams were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation and unfortunately lost after the penalty kicks. Congratulations to Matthew Shannik who was the team's top scorer and scored 14 goals throughout the season.

Burnaby South's swim team, coached by Hector Zuniga and Viktor Holicek, had twenty committed swimmers this year, twelve of whom made it to the Provincials which were held in Victoria, BC. The team fought hard during their swim meets and Provincials.

Congratulations to all of the students on the Burnaby South sports teams.

Written by S. Kamakari



## Terry Fox 2010

Everyone was very excited for this year's Terry Fox Run, as an outstanding number of 1,800 Burnaby South Rebels participated, 1,700 of which were students and 100 of which



were staff members. Another great achievement compared to last year was the amount of money we raised. Last year, we raised about \$300, but this year, Burnaby South collected \$3,000!



This year's Terry Fox Run has been a real success. Everyone showed great attitude and effort throughout the whole event. Well done, Rebels!

Written by Tea Maria Mihaila

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## Sports Teams Fall-Winter 2010

### Senior Boys Volleyball



### Junior Girls Volleyball



### Swim Team



### Senior Boys Soccer



## ***MR. GREER AT YOUR SERVICE***

Written by Emily Wang

This year, Burnaby South is delighted to have a new member, Mr. B. Greer, joining our staff team! As a Youth Service Worker at Burnaby SD41, Mr. Greer has been to almost every school in the district. He is looking forward to spending this year with South students/staff and work together in establishing Burnaby South as a “safe and caring school”.

During a typical school day, Mr. Greer is always around monitoring the school, mediating issues, talking to students about their issues or concerns and directing them to resources in the community. Having been working with the students in the past few months, Mr. Greer found that South students are friendly, open, and positive in a way that they are willing to cooperate and seek help. “It seems to me that the students want to establish a safe and caring school, and they are very eager to contribute by stepping forward and speaking of their concerns,” said Mr. Greer. Mr. Greer hopes to gain a strong connection with South students this year. “As a new staff in the school,” Mr. Greer said, “it is

usually difficult to start by getting to know the students and having a strong connection with them. I hope that I’ll be able to talk and connect with most of the students here, and I hope to gain their trusts.”

Mr. Greer enjoys the interactions with youth and likes to solve problems and help students to overcome their stress. His favourite part of the job is seeing students overcome their problems. Mr. Greer said: “I believe as teenagers we do many wonderful things, but there are always times that we encounter problems or get stuck in a situation that we are unsure of what to do. So that’s why I’m here to help. I want to solve these problems ... and guide them through to move on with their lives.”

Mr. Greer would usually be in his office in Student Services or around in the hallways at lunch time. Feel free to drop by to say hi or talk to him about any problems and concerns.



## ***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AP SCHOLARS!***

28 students at Burnaby South Secondary School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level 2010 Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

Six students, Shamil Asgarli, Jeremy Cleveland, Nolan Shelley, Dennis Wang, Jonathan Zhang and Michelle Zhang, qualified for the National AP Scholar (Canada) Award and AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Wendy Zhang qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award as she received an average grade of at least 3.5 on all her AP exams. Cathy Chen, Diane Currie, Kevin Lim, Lucy Lin and Jacklyn Tan all received the title AP Scholar with Honours, as their average was at least 3.25 on all their AP exams.

16 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Katherine Babcock, Priscilla Chen, Jack Huang, Gora Kong, Margaret Lei, Cindy Li, Kelsie Liang, Daniel Lu, Curtis Meerkerk, Peter Mu, Linda Qian, Colby Song, Sarah Wang, Albert Wu, Amy Wu and Ashley Xu.

# HISTORIC HALLOWEEN

This Halloween, people from history came to Burnaby South.

As a new student to Burnaby South Secondary, one could tell right away that everyone had a great spirit for holidays. On Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Burnaby South held a Historic Halloween costume contest; there were many participants with interesting and original costumes. They include Santa, King Louie the sixth, Cleopatra- the great Egyptian queen, Princess Zelda from video games, Black beard the pirate, Cowboy Woody from the Toy Story movie series, the first Egyptian that was ever mummified and the Greek Goddess Artemis.



Each contestant had to state who they were, what they did and why their actions or existence was significant in history. Some of the participants could easily state all the facts, while others found it more challenging. In the end, the winners were chosen: a three way tie between young queen Cleopatra, Black beard the pirate and Goddess Artemis.

Of course, the spirit of Burnaby South extends beyond the students, and so students weren't the only ones all dressed up for the Halloween fun!

Teachers were all in for it too. They had some creative costumes such as: a military soldier, a knight from the 6<sup>th</sup> century, Jackie Kennedy, older Cleopatra, Mother Teresa and Daisy Duck. The whole contest was a huge hit and everyone had lots of laughs.

## Little Shops of Horrors

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a giant man eating plant! That's right, Audrey II has made its way to Burnaby South Secondary School for a one week musical spectacular! "Little Shop of Horrors", the musical that is being produced this year by Burnaby South tells the story of Seymour Krelborn, a young man trying to escape the pitiful life he lives on Skid Row while trying to woo the love of his life: Audrey. He gets his chance when he stumbles upon the mysterious flytrap Audrey II. With business booming in the flower shop, Audrey is finally paying him some attention, and his life is finally looking up. What would Seymour be willing to do to maintain his good streak? This sensational cast includes a sadistic dentist, a clumsy shop keeper, and realistic characters one would find on today's modern Skid Row. The story of these poor, unfortunate people trying to break free of their struggles, addictions, and challenges are told by three singing street urchins and a six-man band. This is one story that you just can't miss. First performance is on March 8, 2011.

Written by M. Lagera

秋天到了，新的学年又开始了，每一个人都带着新气象和新面貌来到学校。在短短三个月的时间内，我们学校已举办了许多有意义的活动。

其中一项十分有意义的活动叫做 Cops for Cancer。“Cop”是警察的意思，“Cancer”则是指癌症。这项活动是每年由加拿大癌症协会举办，由当地的警察帮助学校组织筹款的。每年都有许多学生自愿加入，学生们有些自己烤小饼干和点心来销售，有些则贡献午休时间来帮忙卖爆米花。一项十分特殊有意义的参与方法是在学校里剃发，这样有助于让所有人认识到此活动的重要性。因为每当看到一个没有头发的人，我们就会联想到那些因化疗而脱发的癌症患者。从这些活动中，我们现在已筹了大约 300 块钱，但是筹款活动仍然在进行中，我们真心希望有更多的师生能参与这个活动。

另外，在 10 月份的时候，一群日本高中生来我们学校体验加拿大的学习生活。他们和我们一起上课，还和老师一起去社区内探索加拿大的文化习俗。虽然只有短短的两个星期，但是我们大家都很高兴能够有这样的机会去和世界另一边的同龄人交流。

还有一项值得一提的活动是 2010 年 11 月 11 日，加拿大的国殇日。在这一天，所有的同学都轮流到学校里的 Michael J. Fox 剧院去悼念那些为了我们今天的自由而牺牲的勇敢战士们。那些烈士曾是我们 Burnaby South 的学生，也曾经走过这学校里我们每一天都经过的走廊。他们的名字会被永远的牢记。

除此之外，还有一些正在筹划中的活动期待着大家的参与。每年的才艺表演 (Rebel Nations) 的初选马上就要开始了。欢迎大家踊跃报名！合唱团、爵士乐团和交响乐团的圣诞音乐会将会于 12 月 7 日和 8 日在 Michael J. Fox 剧院分别举办。届时欢迎大家都来一起同享节日的快乐！

最后，预祝我们每一个人都有一个丰富多彩的 2010/2011 学年！

By J. Shen

## GRAD TIME, BABY!

Hi, fellow grads of 2011! Can you believe it's our very last year here already? It sure is kind of strange walking through the halls and seeing everyone in a younger grade. We are the oldest now. We set the examples, so let's strive to set good ones. Our final year is about enjoying ourselves, but it is also a time of great frenzy. There is the usual schoolwork but also there are extra things we have

to pay attention to. That includes being chased after for Graduation Requirements and planning ahead for the next step. We also have to watch out for more exciting tasks...like getting money! Unfortunately, that too, requires work. Pay attention to scholarship opportunities and deadlines, attend meetings, and put some effort into getting what you want. In the words

of Booker T. Washington, "Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work." To rephrase, nothing worth having comes easy. But enough serious talk, let's move on to an experience that only we grads had this year - Artona pictures.

The Artona pictures were simply the experience of a life time. From arriving with friends, waiting for hours, to shrieking at the

pictures, the grads of 2011 found time for endless fun. The professional photographers took yearbook pictures, portraits, and group shots as well. These are sure to be memories of a lifetime so grads, don't forget to order your photos!

Written by N. Lu

## Advanced Placement @ Burnaby South!

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program of college level courses and exam for high school students. Students who have successfully completed examinations with a score of 4 or more on a 5 point scale (some institutions only require a score of 3) may, upon admission to university/college, be granted credit and/or placement at most post-secondary institutions around the world. A score of 4 on the AP Exam is equivalent to 86% at UBC/SFU while a 5 is a 96% average.

This year, South is also offering a new course titled Calculus BC. Students who do well on the Calculus BC exam will gain credit for a full year of university math studies.

Currently Burnaby South offers 15 AP courses. They include Art 2D Design, Art 3D Design, Art Drawing, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language and Culture, Computer Science (online), English Literature, French Language, Microeconomics, Physics, Psychology, and Statistics.

Last year's Burnaby South AP students did very well on the AP exams. Over 69% of the exams written by Burnaby South students earned a score of 4 or higher on a 5 point scale, while over 85% of the exams written at South garnered a score of 3 or higher. Universities will grant credit for a course if a student scores a 4 or higher on the AP exam. Some universities will give credit for an exam score of 3 as well. Due to their successes on many AP exams, a few students were able to complete all their first year requirements during their time at Burnaby South and are now taking 2<sup>nd</sup> year courses in university.

For general information about Advanced Placement in Canada visit [www.ap.ca](http://www.ap.ca). For more information about AP at Burnaby South, please check out the school website.

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## Lakeview Volunteering

On Wednesday, October 27 several students from Burnaby South went to Lakeview Elementary School for a special children's Halloween event.

The event had many activities that were divided into primary and intermediate games. The more special events were a firefighter demonstration and the Lottery for prizes.

The students from Burnaby South volunteered from 4:30pm to 8:30pm and were in charge of giving instructions and encouraging the dressed-up children to participate in the many activities. The participants, with their amazing Halloween spirit, made this event a success.

Written by S. Pan

## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 17, 2010**

**Term 1 Reports Issued**

**Dec. 20, 2010 to Jan. 3, 2011**  
**Winter Break**

**Jan. 4, 2011**

**School reopens**

**Jan. 20, 2011**

**VPA Fine Arts Night**

**Jan. 25, 2011**

**Iron Chef Competition @  
4:00 pm in Home Ec. Dept**

**Jan. 26, 2011**

**Grade 7 Parents' Evening,  
MJF Theatre @ 7:00 pm**

**Jan. 31, 2011**

**Non-Instructional Day**

**Feb. 1 to 4, 2011**

**Science Fair in the MPR**

**Feb. 9, 2011**

**Gr. 8-11 Parents Meeting for  
Course Selection 2011-2012**

**Feb. 15, 2011**

**Career Conference - AM**

**Feb. 24, 2011**

**Rebel Nations MJF Theatre  
@ 7:00 pm**

**Feb. 25, 2011**

**Non-Instructional Day**

**Mar. 8 to 11, 2011**

**Little Shop of Horrors**

**Mar. 11, 2011**

**End of Term 2**

**Mar. 15, 2011**

**Music showcase in the MJF**