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### **SPRING BREAK IN JAPAN FOR BURNABY SOUTH'S AP CAPSTONE STUDENTS**

Burnaby South's Grade 11 AP Capstone students will be travelling to Japan this spring. They received a 10-thousand-dollar "Student Exchange and Mobility Award," which is given annually by the Ministry of Education. Students are using it to travel to Tokyo and present their Capstone research projects to their counterparts in the "Super Science Program" at Tokyo Gakugei (gah-koo-gay) University International Secondary School.

The ten-day trip is a chance to further strengthen an existing educational and cultural relationship between the two schools. For a number of years, students and staff from the Tokyo high school have visited Burnaby South. We also want to note that this was made possible by teacher Andrea Burbidge (bur-bidge), who applied for the award for her AP Capstone students.

### **ALPHA INDIGENOUS STUDENTS APPLY THEIR OWN IDEAS TO A GIANT STORY BOARD**



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### **BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS**

Basketball season is here at both elementary and secondary schools. This is but one great example of our many partnerships with parents and families. At the elementary level, volunteer drivers are critical to getting the students to games; and often, family members help coach. At the secondary level, our schools have a reputation for having some of the most skilled athletes in the province. None of this could happen without the dedication and support of our teachers, coaches, and families – all of whom give their time outside of school hours to foster the well-being and growth of our young athletes.

### **NEW PLAYGROUND FOR SUNCREST ELEMENTARY**

Students, families, staff, trustees, and special guests gathered last week for the official opening of a brand new playground at Suncrest Elementary. This valuable addition to the school is the result of a provincial grant, as well as contributions from the Suncrest community, and support from the District.

We all know how important play is in the lives of children. While they're enjoying themselves and getting exercise, they're also developing social and problem-solving skills. O