



News

FROM THE NEST



December 2023

Looking back, December was a very busy month at Capitol Hill. Winter as a quiet time at a hornet nest is an urban myth.

The Scholastic Book Fair wrapped up. Story Workshop continued in the library and in some classes as part of the Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE) project to improve literacy outcomes.

The Pancake and PJs Breakfast returned for the first time in four years! The Capitol Hill families did an awesome job of feeding and entertaining nearly four hundred people! The grade 6 and 7 leadership group's time and energy were appreciated for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs.

The PAC continued in their fantastic fundraising efforts with Popcorn Fridays. The Tuesday Treats grade 7 fundraising also continued. We are so grateful for this support. Our little hornet abdomens are grateful too.

Volleyball intramurals happened a couple times a week throughout the month. Thank you to Ms. Fong and Mr. Mulholland. There was a trophy awarded at the end that looked something like this, but was bronze not silver:

The district basketball season started. There were not enough girls to create a team. This is not uncommon across the district for the second time in many years. We have enough boys for a boys' team but not the large numbers of past years. Thank you to Jeff and Jesse for their willingness to coach the boys' team once again this year.

The grade 6 and 7 leadership group set their sights on organizing a food drive to help the greater community. Capitol Hill families were very generous in their support. Ms. Chetty delivered many boxes of dry goods to Burnaby Neighbourhood House. Financial donations were forwarded to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

Ms. Lui, along with the choir and the Resonance handbell choir had a series of holiday performances throughout the month. They also performed along with Divisions 10 through 17 as well as the Dance Club at the Winter Concert on December 20th.

In other music news, three of the entries Ms. Lui submitted to the CBC Music Class Challenge made it to the top ten in their categories.

Divisions 8 and 11 held their annual Winter Market again this year. This was an exciting event for many reasons. The goodwill of the season was clear as people took time and care to purchase that 'just right' gift for someone special in their lives.

All the best for a wonderful new year! We are excited for all that lies ahead and are looking forward to sharing it with you.