



# Community News

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Dear Neighbors:

## **Grenfell's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Thursday, May 4, Grenfell elementary school celebrated its 50th anniversary. Staff, students and parents all participated to make the celebration of this landmark date a terrific success. Students worked diligently to decorate the school into decade themes to portray Grenfell through the years. In the evening well over 100 alumni joined parents and staff to attend an outstanding performance by the students, which was introduced by the principal, Mrs. Donna Procter.

Grenfell elementary over the years has been recognized for teaching excellence, for student involvement and for parent participation. Besides all the preparations that went into the 50th anniversary, every day exciting events happen that reflect Grenfell's community involvement — like peer educators, like a track and field program with over 120 students participating, like an outdoor education program — and student involvement in every aspect of school life, from school patrol to the Grenfell support team initiated by older students.

Grenfell also has a wonderful parent advisory committee and parent volunteers who support many of the activities initiated by teachers and students at the school. I want to congratulate Grenfell on its 50th anniversary.

## **Windermere's Reach for the Top Team**

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Windermere Reach for the Top Team and their coach, Maggie Przyborowska on winning the BC Championship Finals Reach for the Top competition. The team consists of George Hsi, Ricky Yap, Natasha D'Souza, Mo Chen, Philip Jang, Andy Lei and Michelle Ta. The team competed with 24 teams from across BC and beat out St. George's School, the 6<sup>th</sup> time leading champion. I want to congratulate this extraordinary team and wish them all the best in Edmonton at the National Finals.

## **Firehall No. 15**

On Thursday, May 18, 2006, members of the Renfrew-Collingwood Community urged Vancouver City Council to reject a recommendation to demolish and replace Firehall Number 15 located at 3003 East 22<sup>nd</sup> (and Nootka Street). Firehall Number 15 is an important landmark in East Vancouver. Built in 1913, it is the last firehall of the Edwardian era operating in Vancouver. Firehall Number 15 is on Heritage Vancouver's 2005 top ten endangered list, noting the structure "features extensive interior woodwork, ornate pressed-metal ceilings, and the original brass pole." Renfrew-Collingwood residents have consistently placed preserving this important historic structure on the top of its neighborhood priority list in community consultations with the city.

There were seven delegations that voiced their concerns around the recommendations in the administrative report. Community members spoke of the importance the Firehall has to the City's history and culture, as well as the lack of public input in developing a plan that meets the needs of the community.

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