

## Lyndhurst Year End Newsletter June 2020

As our school year draws to a close, I look back at the challenges we have faced together this final term. The move to remote learning was truly a community effort as our families stepped up to support their children with school work and our teachers shifted from in-person to online instruction. Our students learned to be flexible and adapt to change while navigating news about COVID-19. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and support!

In May we began the Happiness Challenge on our School Twitter Account. Students were challenged to try Daily Gratitude, Acts of Kindness, and Exercise to improve their mood. Our challenge was featured on the District Website and discussed at the recent School Board Meeting! Thanks for all your participation.

In June, about ¼ of our students returned to in-class instruction. Students did an amazing job at adjusting to our new safety guidelines and were happy to see some of their friends again.

We said congratulations and goodbye to our Grade 7 grads virtually to allow all students to participate. The following awards were presented:

- Citizenship Awards: Angelo Di Spirito and Zoe Catania
- Academic Awards: Jiwon Ryu and Ruth Jiang
- Athletic Awards: Angelo Di Spirito and Parker Antonovs
- Fine Arts Awards: Jiwon Ryu, Kennedy Mercer, and Ruth Jiang
- Leadership Awards: Zoe Catania and Kennedy Mercer

### Year End Goodbyes:

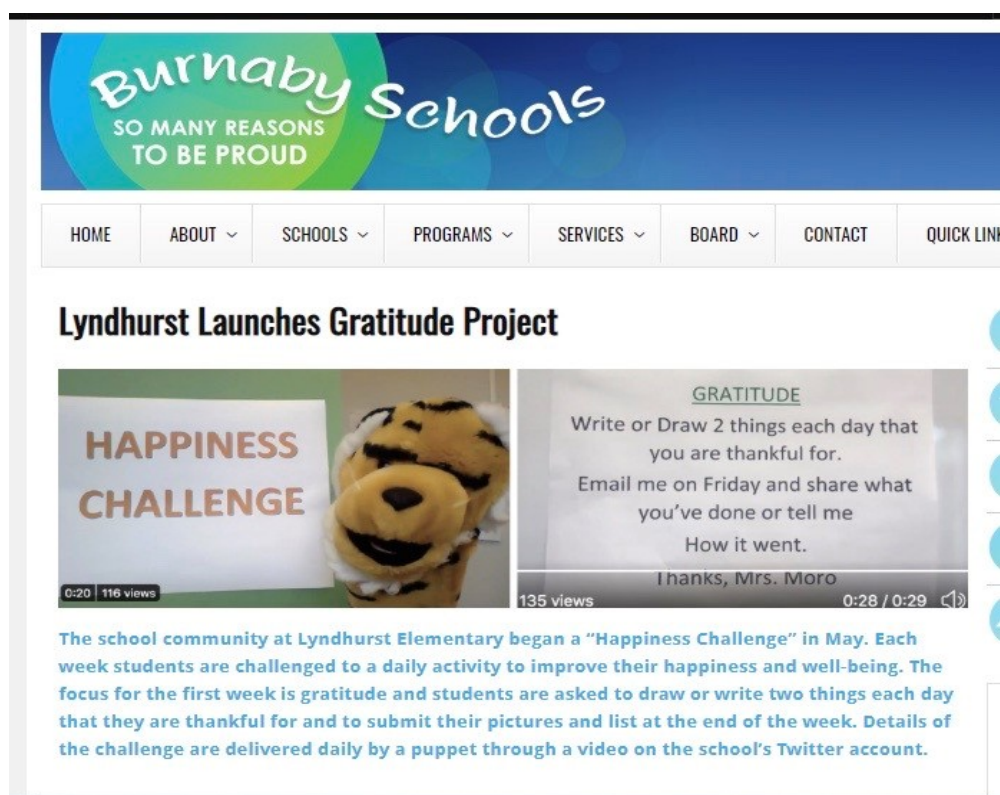
Every year we say goodbye to staff members moving on from our school:

- After 18 years at Lyndhurst, Ms. Judy Schaeffers, our amazing school secretary is retiring. We wish her all the best as she heads off to new adventures!
- Ms. Verrelli (noon-hour supervisor) has accepted a position closer to home.
- We also extend well wishes to staff members whose Lyndhurst contracts finish at the end of June: Mr. Sandhu (Grade 3 teacher), Ms. Kalkat (E.A.), Ms. Ho (Tues. afternoon librarian), and Ms. Pagnucco (Wed. Morning ELL teacher).

Thank you for all your hard work at Lyndhurst and we wish you all the best!

Note: Burnaby Public Library Summer Reading Club is online this year [www.bcsrc.ca](http://www.bcsrc.ca)

Have a Wonderful Summer Lyndhurst Families!



The screenshot shows the Burnaby Schools website with the header "Burnaby Schools SO MANY REASONS TO BE PROUD". The navigation menu includes HOME, ABOUT, SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, BOARD, CONTACT, and QUICK LINKS. The main content area features a video titled "Lyndhurst Launches Gratitude Project". The video thumbnail shows a sign that says "HAPPINESS CHALLENGE" next to a tiger puppet. The video player shows a timestamp of 0:20 and 116 views. The video content includes a sign that says "GRATITUDE" and text that reads: "Write or Draw 2 things each day that you are thankful for. Email me on Friday and share what you've done or tell me How it went. Thanks, Mrs. Moro". The video player shows a timestamp of 0:28 and 0:29, and 135 views.

**Lyndhurst Launches Gratitude Project**

The school community at Lyndhurst Elementary began a "Happiness Challenge" in May. Each week students are challenged to a daily activity to improve their happiness and well-being. The focus for the first week is gratitude and students are asked to draw or write two things each day that they are thankful for and to submit their pictures and list at the end of the week. Details of the challenge are delivered daily by a puppet through a video on the school's Twitter account.