

Hold the Date:

The Summer Volunteer Grandparents Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, August 11, 2012** at Confederation Park in Burnaby.

Program Needed Ambassadors

Volunteer Grandparents has initiated an Ambassador Program. You can help us fill a void in a child's life by promoting our programs at fun community events throughout the summer. If you are over the age of 50, believe in the importance of grandparent connections and you want to meet new people, share your skills and have a positive impact in your community, then this important role is a good fit for you. To learn more about this exciting opportunity call Veronica Grossi at Volunteer Grandparents at 604-736-8271 or e-mail vgrossi@volunteergrandparents.ca

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Program Update:

- We would like to welcome our Summer Student, Nandalal Patel to our Organization. His main tasks will be to plan the upcoming summer special event, and promote the organization in the community.
- Our Annual General Meeting was held on May 8, 2012 at the Burnaby City Council Chambers. We had the wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the 15 year commitment of our wonderful School Grandparent Volunteer, Irene Petek. Once again we would like to thank Irene for her tremendous past contributions to our programs and the difference that she has made at Grandview Elementary.



Irene Petek accepting her award at the AGM

- Look for us in your community this summer! If there is a special event that you think that we should attend please forward me the details. Our program ambassadors are keen to promote the organization and recruit new volunteers!

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Mary Florio's 2012 Bursary Recipients

This year there were eight children that were awarded Florio bursaries, amounting to a total of \$1850.75 of funding being awarded! Activities that have been supported are: pony lessons, attendance at Camp Qwanoes, piano lessons, badminton camp, and French sewing classes.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Florio for supporting these special endeavours and enabling these children to pursue some fantastic activities. We thank all the volunteer grandparents who took the time to nominate their grandchild. Congratulations!



Burnaby Citizen of the Year Award Recipient and Volunteer Grandparent, Kehar Aujla, was presented with the Kushirop Cup during a special ceremony on May 4th, 2012 in Burnaby. Congratulations Mr. Aujla!

Introducing Our Summer Student:

Nandalal Patel is Special Event Coordinator for Volunteer Grandparents this summer. Though he grew up in Vancouver, he is currently going into his second year at The University of Western Ontario where he is studying business. He loves the outdoors and has a strong passion for camping, hiking, and travelling – a reason why he chose to go to Ontario. He enjoys volunteering in a variety of areas, specifically where he can have an impact on the lives of children or promote environmental sustainability. Additionally, in his spare time, he enjoys relaxing by reading books and spending time with his friends. He is very excited to work with Volunteer Grandparents this summer, as he understands the impact this organization has in society and looks forward to promote and help this organization grow!

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