

Much ado about books

THE SOUTH PARK Elementary Book Demons won the All-Delta Reading Link Challenge at George Mackie Library recently.

Their challengers were Heath Elementary's Majestic Bookworms and Delta Manor's Purple-spotted Ducks.

This year's selection of books included Looking for Bapu by Anjali Banerjee, Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville, Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret, Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan, Nim's Island by Wendy Orr, and Run by Eric Walters.

Delta Coun. Anne Peterson and Delta Trustee Laura Dixon were on hand along with parents, siblings and educators to cheer the teams on.



An exhibitor greets visitors at the Surrey School District Science fair at Guildford Town Centre.

Young minds at work

MORE THAN 400 budding young scientists converged on Guildford Town Centre recently for the Surrey School District Science Fair for Grades 4 to 8.

Shoppers in the mall walked away with knowledge on a wide range of topics – from facts on the solar system, ants and the human brain, to how to make paper, or even which paper towel is the most absorbent according to science, or which natural household cleaner is best.

And, at least for Morgan Elementary's Ethan Rya, his project topic of the solar system was something he's "researched all his life".

Bursary a high note

DA YOUNG AN, a pianist and resident of Surrey, was awarded a third-prize 2009 bursary by The Vancouver Women's Musical Society.

An was presented with her bursary on April 15, during a concert at the Unitarian Church in Vancouver.

The Vancouver Women's Musical Society provides both scholarships and bursaries to young music students.

A competition is held annually in March and the winners are featured in concerts throughout the following year.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submissions for People can be faxed, or e-mailed. The Leader's mailing address is #200-5450 152 St., Surrey, B.C., V3S 5J9. Fax: 604-575-2079.

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Surrey's Pacificaires color guard troupe placed 14th in the Winter Guard International Color Guard World Championships last weekend in Dayton, Ohio.

Showing B.C.'s colours

The Pacificaires, B.C.'s only competitive color guard troupe, placed 14th out of 64 teams at the Winter Guard International World Championships last weekend in Ohio.

It has been a third strong year for the team, which placed 11th and 12th in the competition in the last two years.

"Our staff and families are so proud," said Pacificaires instructor Florence Dyck.

"They took second place in the California regional, first

place in the Northwest regional and were undefeated in the Northwest circuit."

The sport of color guard, which involves a combination of dancing, gymnastics and the use of props, is an evolution of traditional drum marching bands. The props include flags, swords and rifles.

"They are all so young and talented and the next season can only be better and stronger," said Dyck.

For more information, visit www.pacificaires.com



Aiden Krushel, 4.

Running for life

CLOSE TO 300 people came out last Sunday to run or walk the 5-kilometre Run for Life at the Sungod Recreation Centre.

The great weather brought out 100 people to register just on event day. Organizers promise to have more than 400 timing chips and numbers at next year's event – April 4, 2010.

This year's Run for Life raised \$46,800 for the Canadian Cancer Society.



Hundreds of runners launch from the start line.

A notable participant this year was four-year-old Aiden Krushel, who ran

the kids' 1K event and collected \$550 from family and friends' donations.