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To The Executive Committee,

I am writing to inform you that we have had four teams from Burnaby win the gold medal at the Provincial level in the creative problem solving competition, Odyssey of the Mind. Our teams come from two schools: Buckingham Elementary had three gold medal teams this year and Montecito Elementary had one gold medal team. This win enables these students to compete at the World Finals in Ames, Iowa May 25 – 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Montecito Elementary division two team won their gold medal for the structural problem, Stack Attack. They designed and built a structure out of balsa to hold as much weight as possible. Their structure held 195 lbs, a feat as they had many challenges during the competition. One division one team at Buckingham Elementary also won the gold medal in the structural problem. Their structure held just over 400 lbs! The other division one team at Buckingham won the gold medal for the technical problem, Something Fishy. They had to design a way to retrieve items from across the room without walking out to get them. The other gold medal team at Buckingham was a division two team in the classics problem, Aesop's Fable Gone Viral.

We have appreciated your generosity in the past and are hopeful that you will once again support these fine young minds as they proceed to the world stage with over 200 other teams from around the world. If you would like further information, we are happy to share our success further and can be reached at [holly.lloyd@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:holly.lloyd@sd41.bc.ca) or [kurt.gurney@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:kurt.gurney@sd41.bc.ca)

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