

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2015

Serving the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody

1. **The MyEdBC system**, our new Student Information System has been implemented. All schools are using this system effective September 2015.
2. **KEV Accounting System**, a Board sponsored initiative to update and improve the accounting and cash management systems in Schools, is well underway in all schools with new phase 2 being rolled out over the coming months.
3. **WellAhead Initiative**. In the 2015-16 school year, WellAhead – a philanthropic initiative of the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation – will take six BC school districts, **including SD43**, through a community-led process that will bring multiple stakeholders together to identify ways to integrate wellbeing into school communities. More updates on this will come.
4. **Real Acts of Caring**, started by students who were 8 and 9 years old at Central Community School in the Coquitlam School District nine years ago, is looking for our help in ramping up their promotion. They also want to try and spread the program to other SDs throughout BC.
5. In July, educators from SD43 joined hundreds of others from across BC, for a one week short course entitled **“Lenses of Leadership” at UBC**. This one week short course focused on leadership standards of moral stewardship, relational, instructional and organizational leadership.
6. On September 10, **Coquitlam RCMP issued 'positive tickets' to law-abiding drivers at Leigh Elementary** as a community partnership with SD43 and ICBC. The police rewarded people for driving sensibly and respecting the speed limits. Positive tickets consisted of a coffee gift card for law-abiding drivers.
7. **Breakfast program fuels SD43 learners** - Coquitlam Optimists, and Coquitlam firefighters are among groups raising money and serving up hearty breakfasts in our district's schools.
8. **Tyler Shaw a former Pitt River Middle School student** has signed to Sony Music, has millions of hits on YouTube, garnered a gold-selling single and is now poised to begin a massive Canadian tour with the likes of Kelly Clarkson and Nick Jonas....congratulations to Tyler!
9. Scotiabank Fremont Village Port Coquitlam swung in **\$6,000 to the SD43 charity golf tournament** this month. A total of \$26,000 was netted at the event for KidSport. Several SD43 employees were involved.
10. **Social Justice 12 students at Coquitlam's Dr. Charles Best Secondary** took their passion and concerns to the Vancouver Art Gallery in June with a focus on promoting transgender rights. They elected to petition the provincial government to amend the BC Human Rights Code to include language that guarantees transgendered people access to human rights legislation. They collected about 1,000 signatures for the petition that they hope will be presented in the next legislature session.

