





# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2015

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

1. This year, **Riverside Secondary School** has seen the biggest international intake of students ever. In September, **150 new international** students arrived and five more are expected next semester. That's up 25 percent from last year.
2. **SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland and Trustee Lisa Park** with Ambassador Kie Cheon Lee of the Consul General of the Republic of Korea and his wife attended an event for the occasion of the **National Day of the Republic of Korea (October 5)**.  

3. **SD43 Administrators gathered** at Winslow Centre to learn and discuss the **B.C. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning** with Dean Goodman on the morning of October 8.
4. A new **\$1000 award** established in memory of **Port Coquitlam teen Amanda Todd** will support three Tri-City students enrolled in the Child and Youth Care program at Douglas College.
5. Many SD43 schools participated in the **Great BC Shake Out drill** at 10:15 a.m. on October 15, an annual opportunity to practice earthquake preparedness.
6. In total, more than 6,000 schools across Canada and **60 from SD43** participated in **National Student Vote Week** (October 13-16). Both locally and nationally, the majority of students voted Liberal.  

7. **Inquiry Hub Secondary School** Grade 9 brothers, Laef and Alin Kucheran, created **VoteVancouver**, a free online platform connecting voters and candidates.
8. Two SD43 schools have been featured as part of **School Connectedness in Action**. **Maple Creek Middle School** with their Real Acts of Caring and **Centennial Secondary School** by improving school connectedness, climate and culture in partnership with the University of BC.  

9. Many **SD43 students and teachers** attended **We Day** on October 21 at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, an educational event that celebrates the value of giving back through inspirational speakers and performances.
10. **Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong** received the prestigious **Outstanding Administrator Award from BC Music Educators' Association** on October 24 at the association conference at the River Rock Resort in Richmond.  

11. **13 SD43 Elementary StrongStart Centres** have partnered with **Tri-Cities Early Years** to offer services and support for families that include play-based learning, age-appropriate toys and activities, healthy snacks and access to parent education.

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12. **Walton Elementary** has been officially recognized as a **Confucius Classroom**.
13. **Eagle Mountain Middle School** in Anmore has been **chosen as one of 17 Innovation Partnership projects** in B.C. to receive support under the K-12 Innovation Partnership program. The school is also pioneering BC's new curriculum using the latest in technology, flexible classroom spaces and teaching strategies.
14. **Darren Macmillian, Principal at Minnekada Middle School**, lead several **Well Ahead** sessions October 21-26 to support student wellbeing. Each session was attended by over 40 educators, parents, students and community members.
15. SD43 educators attended a variety events for the **PSA Professional Development Day** on October 23.
16. SD43 **Superintendent Patricia Gartland** will speak about the new K-9 curriculum at **the District Parent Advisory Council's October 28 meeting** that will take place at 7 p.m. in the Gallery room at Winslow Centre.
17. **The City of Coquitlam has approved rezoning for a new SD43 elementary school in the Smiling Creek neighborhood of Burke Mountain!**

