

## Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2015

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- 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.
- 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.





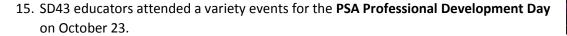
- 9. Many **SD43 students and teachers** attended **We Day** on October 21 at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, an educational event that celebrates the value of giving back through inspirational speakers and performances.
- 10. **Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong** received the prestigious **Outstanding 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, ageappropriate 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.







- 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!