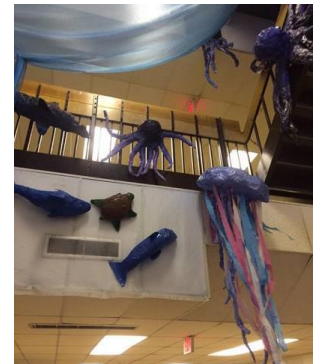


# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2016

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

1. **Inquiry Hub Secondary students Alin Kucheran, Brandon Mayhew and Laef Kucheran** are developing an app called **FindALostPet** to link people with missing pets. They have been featured in the media and have successfully crowd-funded initial startup costs.
2. **Riverside Secondary grade 9 student Kyra Soo** performed in Goh Ballet's December production of the Nutcracker at The Centre in Vancouver.
3. **Kwayhquitlum Middle School** is incorporating First Nations teachings as part of the revised B.C. curriculum by adopting classroom charters that promote positive feelings and starting the day with a talking circle.
4. **Maple Creek Middle School students** got a surprise at their December Christmas concert when Michael Bublé, who was in attendance to see his niece perform, helped sing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.
5. Mossom Creek Hatchery, which started as a Centennial high school club, **won a \$10,000 BC Hydro Community Champions Award** thanks to a video created by **Grade 12 Heritage Woods Secondary students**. **Eagle Mountain Middle** also won a \$1000 award.
6. **École Moody Middle School of the Arts** has been selected to **receive a \$10,000 Artists in the Classroom grant** from ArtStarts to develop an art installation or presentation of learning with each class-room in cooperation with a professional artist.
7. **Students in Riverside Secondary's** skill development program for special needs students have been learning about bike components, tools and safety, and how to repair bikes. They plan to use proceeds from the sale of the refurbished bikes towards sports registration fees for disadvantaged kids.
8. **Heritage Woods Secondary industrial design students** won \$1000 for their waste management proposal as part of SFU Public Square's Rethink Food initiative.
9. **Riverside Secondary students Bernice Mau and Zachary Lee** ranked 40<sup>th</sup> in the junior category at the world ballroom championships that took place in December in Riga, Latvia.
10. **Riverside Secondary grade 11 students Sonya Reiners and Cassidy Ewart** competed in the 2015 Merja Markkanen Ringette Tournament in Helsinki, Finland over the Christmas break.
11. **Pinetree Secondary teacher Jon Hamlin** has been chosen by the Tri City News as "One of our Heroes of 2015" in part for his work in writing the information technology component of B.C.'s revised curriculum.
12. **Aspenwood Elementary grade 5 student Tyson Venegas** recently **won the American Protégé International Music Talent and Vocal competition**, and then performed at Carnegie Hall along with other protégés from around the world.
13. **Information sessions and registration for SD43 programs** such as Kindergarten, Cross-catchment, French Immersion, Montessori will be taking place throughout January and in early February.



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**14.** In December many SD43 schools, students and staff came together with the Christmas spirit of giving to help those in our community. Some highlights include:

- SD43 schools in Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, Port Moody and Anmore, including the Coquitlam Board Office, donated over **30 thousand pounds of food to SHARE Society.**
- Moody Middle School students helped **removed 10 pounds of garbage and two cubic metres of invasive plants** from Orchard Park with the Lower Mainland Green team.
- Irvine Elementary School student Kyra Gregory-Cole **distributed gloves, hats, scarves, socks, toiletries** and other goodies to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.
- Aspenwood Elementary's Cares Club **helped make over 900 Christmas crackers** for local seniors' homes, shelters and food banks, as well as families from a local apartment complex who lost their homes to a fire a few months ago.
- Citadel Middle School helped raise **\$600 to assist the seven families** at Banting Middle School who recently lost their homes in the North Road fire.
- Terry Fox Secondary's Leadership team **served warm food and clothing to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.**
- Kilmer Elementary students decorated and filled almost **1000 Christmas candy bags for local seniors' centers.**
- Hillcrest Middle School **raised over \$800 at two bakes sales and their first Christmas Market.** They also made 52 packages of essential items for the **Tri-Cities Bridge Shelter program serving the local homeless in the community.**
- Glenarve Elementary School **raised close to \$1200 for the Woman's Transition House** at their Annual Craft Fair.
- Heritage Woods Secondary held its **11th annual holiday tea for local seniors** with over 200 attendees.
- Moody Middle School **raised money for the Wildlife Rescue Association** with their Moody Market open.
- Many more schools **donated funds, hampers, toy drives and food** to local charities and families in need.



**15.** An open house was held **January 11 at Blakeburn Elementary** to provide information and receive feedback about an addition for the school.

**16.** **Terry Fox Secondary** will host 38 bands to play **Rock the Fox**, an end-of-semester rock celebration, January 12-14.

**17.** **Dr. Charles Best Secondary** students will showcase music, theatre, visual and media arts for **An Evening of Arts** on January 19. The event is free.

**18.** **Riverside Secondary Theatre students** will represent SD43 next spring at **the Sears BC Drama Festival**. December's MetFest resulted in The CT Project being picked as the outstanding production.

**19.** **Gleneagle Secondary's annual jazz gala** is scheduled **February 27, 2016**. Tickets are available via the school's website.

**20.** **Inquiry Hub Secondary grade 12 student Emma Gheseger** is off to England to represent Canada in the world's largest dog show in March.

**21.** **Riverside Secondary's boys curling team** won the Fraser Valley Zone Championship and will be competing in the provincials in March.