



# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2016

Learning for a Lifetime

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

1. As part of SD43's annual budget consultation process, the following consultation events occurred in April: **Preliminary Budget Presentation and Open House** on April 12, an online Twitter chat on April 14 and Public Stakeholder Presentations on April 19. The final budget presentation will occur at tonight's Board Meeting on April 26. **More information is available online at [www.sd43.bc.ca/budget](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/budget)**
2. **Wesbild Holdings has made a substantial donation for an enhanced re-build of the kitchen facilities** at SD43's Vanier Centre. This will allow for expanded programs to serve vulnerable learners, newcomers to Canada and other community uses.
3. **Registration for Coquitlam Summer Learning, which offers free courses for grades 1 to 12, opened today (April 26).** For more information and to register online visit [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)
4. **SD43 is seeking stakeholder feedback on the Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) development for Minnekadha Middle.** A survey was done and results will be presented and more feedback requested at an Open House at the school on April 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.
5. **SD43's Aboriginal Education Canoe was installed in the new Port Moody sky train station** earlier this month. The canoe, originally built by Centennial Secondary students many years ago, was recently restored by Suwa'Ilkh School students.
6. **Terry Fox Secondary student, Aaron Gi** recently made headlines with his inspiring story about how chess has helped him to persevere after a major surgery resulting from a near death cardiac arrest where school staff are credited with saving his life.
7. **19 Gleneagle Secondary students** spent a night sleeping outside on April 4 and raised over \$5500 for Covenant House.
8. **Terry Fox Secondary's Brian Park** has been selected to attend the National Student Leadership Conference at the University of California.
9. **Heritage Woods Secondary students** raised approximately \$430 for local animal shelters by hosting a dog show.
10. **Moody Middle's "The Me to We Club"** collected a total of 182 pairs of shoes to help Dominican Republic children get to school and adults with their chores and work.
11. **Six Terry Fox Secondary students** had an eye opening trip to Kenya over spring break where they worked with the charity Free the Children, helping to carry water and build a school library.
12. Earlier this month, SD43's **Ms. Tonya Pankratz received the City of Poco's Youth Programs Volunteer Award.**
13. **Scott Creek Middle** has received the award for the top fundraising school of 2015 for Cops for Cancer by raising \$16,000.
14. On April 20, students, teachers, administrators, Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Board Chair Judy Shira and other Trustees gathered to celebrate **Kwayhquitlam Middle's 21st anniversary** with music, stories, speeches and of course cake.



HAPPY 21ST KWAYHQUTLAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

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15. **Terry Fox Secondary music teacher Mr. Steve Sainas** will be part of the Port Coquitlam Heritage and Cultural Society's "PoCo's Stories" exhibit. He did perform opening night, April 23.
16. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary drama students present Tom Jones**, which runs April 27-30 and May 4-7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the school or at the door.
17. **During Emergency Preparedness Week (May 2-6), SD43 schools will practice an emergency controlled student release** to ensure students, staff and parents are prepared in case of an emergency such as an earthquake.
18. **Port Moody Art Centre's "Heroes with heART"** free exhibit opens May 5 and will showcase portraits of local heroes who were nominated by SD43 students.
19. **Gleneagle Secondary is holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Talk to Me" event** on May 6 at 6 p.m. in support of the B.C. Mood Disorders Association. Tickets can be purchased at the school or by emailing [mahwayes@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mahwayes@sd43.bc.ca)
20. **On May 12, the Coquitlam Public Library in partnership with SD43**, the City of Coquitlam, and Douglas College, is **hosting a Science Expo** that is open to Coquitlam students from grades 3-12. More information is available at <http://www.coqlibrary.ca/sci-expo>
21. Ten SD43 students from six schools participated in the **Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair**, April 7-9 at UBC. **Three students**, Janice Pang (Pinetree Secondary), Vladislav Pomogaev (Riverside Secondary) and Kelvin Zhang (Gleneagle Secondary) were awarded gold medals and **selected to Team BC to compete at the Canada-wide Science Fair in Montreal, May 15-20, 2016.**
22. **Terry Fox Secondary's Kaila Butler** recently placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Nike Eason Invitational in Snohomish for Hammer Throw. She currently holds the 2nd farthest throw in Canada for High School Girls. **SD43's district Track & Field Meet** will take place May 24-27.
23. **SD43 with the City of Coquitlam, will co-host the BC School Sports Mountain Bike Provincial Championships**, May 28 on Burke Mountain. Learn more: <http://bchsmtnbikingchampionships.weebly.com>

