



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of January 30, 2018

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1. The family of Alfred Wong has created a scholarship in Alfred's name. To date, 108 people have donated a total of \$8,800. **The Alfred YF Wong Memorial Scholarship will be given to a deserving Pinetree Secondary School graduate** who is pursuing a post-secondary education with a focus on Engineering and who embodies what we most admired in Alfred: his curiosity, determination, academic excellence and achievement in all areas of life. In lieu of flowers or gifts, families and individuals may choose to make a donation in Alfred's name to the scholarship fund. **To learn more about this or to donate, visit the school website: www.sd43.bc.ca/School/pinetree/**
2. On January 30, **BC Minister of Education Rob Fleming announced \$24.3 million in funding** to seismically replace **École Irvine Elementary School** in Port Coquitlam. The announcement took place in the library at the current school and was emceed by Port Coquitlam MLA Mike Farnworth. Among those in attendance at the announcement were SD43 trustees Kerri Palmer Isaak (Board Chair), Michael Thomas (Board Vice-Chair), Barb Hobson, Carol Cahoon, Chuck Denison, Lisa Park, Diane Sowden, Keith Watkins, SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland, students, staff, parents, Irvine Principal Laurie Birnie, Irvine students, as well as members of SD43's district leadership team and other guests.
3. Also at the Irvine announcement event, **Minister Fleming met with students who showed him their coding micro:bit projects** and explained how they work.
4. **Superintendent Patricia Gartland, along with Stephen Whiffin, Director of Instruction for Learning and Information Technology and Dave Sands, Principal of Technology Implementation,** presented at the prominent education technology conference, **BETT (January 24-27)**. SD43's contingent presented on how SD43 is at the forefront of technology implementation in learning, utilizing a coding continuum strategy using micro:bits to develop 21st Century learning competencies.
5. During the month of January, **Programs of Choice** information sessions were held and widely attended throughout the district. This was the first year that an online streamlined registration took place for all kindergarten Programs of Choice programs for the 2018/19 school year.
6. **Kindergarten registration** for the 2018-2019 school year will be held from February 5 to 7 in all elementary schools for children who are 5 years on or before December 31, 2018. To learn more visit www.sd43bc.ca
7. **Cross Catchment application process** for the 2018-2019 school year will take place online from **February 8 at 9 a.m. to February 15 at 4:30 p.m.** at www.sd43.bc.ca
8. SD43 and its schools are proud to be part of the **12th annual Real Acts of Caring (RAC) week (February 11 to 17, 2018)**. Help celebrate this important week by doing something kind for someone! To learn more visit <http://www.realactsofcaring.org>





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9. **Naomi Kazemi** from **Riverside Secondary School** has won a place in [EF's 2018 Canadian Youth Ambassador Program](#). This year, Naomi along with 30 youth from across Canada, will be **travelling to Ecuador in March** to learn about the Amazon's biodiversity, its indigenous communities and the impact of globalization. They will reconvene in Ottawa in May to meet with MPs and Senators to present their action plans.
10. **Emily Lam** from **Dr. Charles Best Secondary** and **Jacob Baba** from **Port Moody Secondary** have each won scholarships worth \$5,000 from **the Horatio Alger Association of Canada** for overcoming adversity and financial need.
11. Every year [the SD43 Enchantment Project](#) helps many graduating students in financial need attend their grad dinner/dance and even provides dresses, tuxedos, shoes, hair, makeup, etc. In order to help raise funds for this worthwhile cause, the Project is asking for donations of wine to be dropped off at Port Moody Flowers. As well, a pub night will be held on February 21 at the Burrard Public House in Port Moody. Tickets are \$25. For more information, email oneill.clan@shaw.ca or cbrisbin@sd43.bc.ca
12. **Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:**
 - After a stellar season, [Heritage Woods Secondary's Kyler Arnold](#) will be hitting the mat at the **2018 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships** next month in Ottawa.
 - **Riverside Secondary** senior girls' curling and jr. girls' basketball teams will both be **advancing to Provincial Championships**.



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