



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2018

Learning for a Lifetime

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

1. **School District No 43. (Coquitlam) welcomes and congratulates our newly elected Board of Education Trustees.** [They were officially sworn in at the inaugural meeting](#) of the SD43 Board of Education on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
2. At the pan-Canadian Ed tech Summit, **SD43 was awarded the K-12 school system innovator of the year award** for leadership in transforming the way students learn in the 21st century.
3. **A team from SD43 led by Superintendent Patricia Gartland were also keynote presenters at the Ed Tech Summit** about innovative school design from the ground up: progressive pedagogy requires bold choices, with both technology and space.
4. On October 15, **SD43 Trustees honoured over 80 employees** who have served the district for the past 25 years. Thank you for your passion and dedication to supporting our students!
5. On October 25, **SD43 and LearningForwardBC were pleased to co-host a professional development event** at Centennial Secondary on First Nations Principles of Learning and Cultural Diversity. Everyone enjoyed telling stories, exchanging ideas, discovering new friends, and learning so much to help students.
6. **200 students plus administrators, teachers, parents, and others from 16 schools ran as far as 14 km** from Seaview Community School in Port Moody and as high up the Mountain as the new Smiling Creek Elementary to the [Terry Fox Foundation head office in Port Coquitlam to deliver a cheque](#) for almost \$38,000 in the 2nd annual "Running Terry's Money Home" fundraising initiative. **Eagle Mountain Middle School community also raised over \$11,000** for the Terry Fox Foundation.
7. Led by Principal, Bill Trask, 520 [students plus employees walked over to their new École Banting Middle](#) school on Monday, November 19, 2018. Updates on an official opening event will be forthcoming. To learn more about this and the many other SD43 capital projects visit www.sd43.bc.ca/capitalprojects
8. **SD43 Real Acts of Caring (RAC) leadership students** from Mundy Road Elementary, Banting Middle, and Port Moody Secondary delivered an important message at the Safe Schools Conference on October 22, 2018. "Promoting caring and kindness in schools make safer learning environments." Learn more at: realactsofcaring.org
9. **SD43 is hosting a Career Fair** on Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Winslow Centre (Gym). This is part of SD43's proactive recruitment approach to generate awareness of present and future career opportunities.
10. **Heritage Mountain Elementary celebrated the past 25 amazing years** at their official 25th anniversary event on Friday, November 2, 2018. Speeches were made, the student choir sang songs, and a time capsule from 25 years ago was opened.



Attend the SD43 Career Fair

Thursday November 29, 2018 from 6 – 8pm
Winslow Centre Gym at 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam



11. **Two SD43 middle schools recently raised money and collected food** for the local Share Society food bank. **Pitt River Middle's Poutine Crew raised 2200 items of food and \$175** in a week-long kindness challenge. **Scott Creek Middle's "We scare hunger" campaign raised \$407** and collected 473lbs of food.
12. Thanks to a recent **donation of two second-growth cedars logs by Fortis BC to Suwa'ikh**, a Coquitlam Indigenous Education school, students will have an opportunity to learn about their history and culture through hands-on classes with a local Coast Salish artist, including traditional wood carving and bark weaving classes.
13. **Gleneagle Secondary's sixth annual "Talk to Me" event** is happening December 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme this year is youth mental health. For details, email gleneagletalktome@gmail.com
14. **[SD43 student athletes and teams have been busy this fall](#)** competing in and winning local, regional and even provincial championships! **Here are some highlights:**

Swimming:

- **Port Moody Secondary won the mixed 200m freestyle relay at the Provincials and Fraser Valley Championships!** At the Fraser Valley swim meet Keita Bodrogi also won the 50m breaststroke and 100 IM and finished 2nd in the 50m fly.
- Riverside Secondary's girls and boys swimming relay teams both won the 200m medley relay at the District Championships.
- Terry Fox Secondary's girls swim relay team won 1st at the Fraser Valleys in both the 200m free and 200 medley relays. At the **BC High School Championships they won bronze in the 200m Freestyle Relay**. As well, Kali McCready won gold in 100m Freestyle and Naiya Hermosillo won silver in the 50m Freestyle.
- **Gleneagle Secondary's boy's relay team won 3rd in the 4x100m free at the BC Championships.**

Cross Country:

- Riverside Secondary's senior girls team finished 3rd at the Fraser Valley Cross Country Championships and their senior girls won the grade 11 team trophy at the District Championships. At the BC High School Championships the Senior Girls team finished 6th overall.
- Scott Creek Middle are defending District Champions three years running, winning team gold & silver for their grade 8 girls.
- Brendan McLaughlin from Heritage Woods Secondary won the Gail Sayers Award as the top senior male at the District Championships.
- Gleneagle Secondary grade 12 boys' cross country team placed 1st at the Districts.

Field Hockey:

- Heritage Woods Secondary girls won the Field Hockey District Championships and went on to finish 7th at the Provincials.

Volleyball:

- **After winning their 4th straight district championship as well as the Fraser Valley regional championships, the [Riverside Secondary's grade 9 girls went on to win BC Championships](#).** Their senior boys and girls were also District Champions with the boys finishing 4th in the Fraser Valleys to qualify for the Provincials.
- Terry Fox Secondary's junior girls and Centennial Secondary's junior boys volleyball teams are the 2018 District Champions!

Soccer:

- **Terry Fox Secondary's Junior Boys Soccer Team won the Fraser Valley Championships.**

Football:

- Centennial Secondary's junior football team are the Pacific Division Champions with a perfect league record: 5-0, earning a birth to the Provincial Championship playoffs.
- The Terry Fox senior football team are currently headed to the BC semi-finals after a big playoff win!



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