



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2019

Learning for a Lifetime

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

1. [Cross catchment](#), [Programs of Choice](#) and [Kindergarten registration](#) for the 2019-2020 school year starting in September 2019 occurs soon. For a helpful summary of details about information meetings, registration periods and deadlines, please see our [2019-2020 Program Insert Guide](#). For additional information about these and other programs, please visit www.sd43.bc.ca
2. In December, **SD43's Community Relations Department** [launched a successful public awareness campaign to improve traffic safety in school zones](#). The campaign included a letter to parents, new web page with info, resources & tips, advertising and social media. To learn more visit www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Pages/trafficsafety.
3. Reminder that for official school district information and updates during emergencies, bad weather, power outages, etc. the **SD43 website is the official info source**. Learn more: www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation
4. To help in natural gas conservation measures due to the Enbridge pipeline rupture, **SD43 implemented reduced temperatures at all schools and locations** during November and December.
5. Students, parents, employees, alumni and friends of **Pinetree Way Elementary** [celebrated the past 25 amazing years at their official 25th anniversary event](#) on Thursday, November 22, 2018.
6. Two SD43 educators have recently been recognized for their outstanding work and contributions to their profession.
 - **Tina D'Amelio, a counsellor at Banting Middle School**, was recently given an award as an Exceptional Educator from the [Tri-Cities Women's Collaborative Hub](#). Tina has spent 32 years in education with a focus on helping those who are struggling in the community find success and happiness in their lives.
 - **Sean Robinson, a teacher at Riverside Secondary**, [has been nominated as a finalist](#) for the Varkey Foundation's prestigious [Global Teacher of the year award](#) in recognition of his teaching strategy called Connections Based Learning that encourages students to collaborate with peers and experts in other cities and countries.
7. **Terry Fox Secondary's production of "Rabbit Hole"** has taken the top spot at Metfest 2018 (Nov 29-Dec 1) and will once again represent the Tri-Cities at the B.C. Provincial Drama Festival May 2-5, 2019 at Douglas College in New Westminster.
8. **Gleneagle Secondary student, Hira Lalani** [has been selected among 80,000 applicants](#) to perform as part of the 2019 High School Honors Performance Series at world famous Carnegie Hall in February!
9. On November 22, 2018 **SD43 students from around the district** were among the 20,000 in attendance at Rogers Arena in Vancouver for [WE Day](#). Its a day to celebrate and inspire youth making a difference in their schools, communities and the world.



10. Students, employees and parents around the district have been enjoying the festivities and excitement of the season with fun holiday activities including: crafts, baking, winter carnivals and Christmas concerts.

We are extremely proud of how our many schools, students, parents and employees exhibited true holiday spirit by collecting food and toys, making hampers, sponsoring families, and volunteering their time to help those in need. Here are a few highlights:

- **Pinetree Secondary Career/Life students volunteered with kids and seniors at Glen Pine Community Centre, helping to spread the Christmas spirit.**
- **Pinetree Secondary staff and students also came together to donate to Project Angel and Share Society raising over \$5,600 and 350 items of food. Many more schools throughout the district also collected food and toys for SHARE Society.**
- **Members of the Coquitlam Principals, Vice-Principals Association (CPVPA) volunteered to answer phones for CKNW Orphans' Fund annual pledge drive.**
- **For the fifth year in a row, [Grade 4/5 Aspenwood students donated candy and made Christmas crackers](#) for local seniors' homes.**
- **Hampton Park Elementary collected more than 2,200 items for the food bank.**
- **Dr. Charles Best Secondary students made a difference by writing Christmas cards for people living on the DTES and collected food bank donations.**
- **Irvine Elementary's annual Breakfast with Santa raised money to support families in need in their community.**
- **Heritage Woods Secondary hosted their annual Senior Tea for hundreds of seniors in the community.**
- **Miller Park Community School raised over \$300 from a coin drive for BC Children's Hospital.**
- **Grade 9 students from Terry Fox Secondary planted trees around Blakeburn Lagoon.**
- **Rochester Elementary raised \$700 for their sister school in Guatemala.**
- **Riverside Secondary School's girls' basketball club hosted it 15th its annual Tournament for Emily in support of Children's Hospital, which has raised over \$86,000 in the past 14 years.**
- **Students at Walton Elementary collected toys for Canuck Place.**
- **[Kwayhquitlam Middle's Kyra Gregory-Cole raises money and collects items in need](#) for people living on the DTES.**



For many more examples of acts of kindness and giving in our schools check out their websites and social media channels.

11. Nominations are now open for the second annual **Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education**. Learn more: news.gov.bc.ca/18771.
12. **[Port Moody and Terry Fox Secondary schools are both organizing rock concerts in January](#)**. PMSS will rock out at their charity concert called **Phoenix Rock** on January 18 at 7 p.m. with proceeds supporting MusiCounts. Terry Fox presents its bi-annual **Rock the Fox** with 30 bands playing original tunes and covers, January 15-17. For more information and tickets please contact the schools.

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