

1. [Kindergarten registration](#) is now closed and ended on February 13, 2019. [Cross catchment registration](#) ended on February 9, 2019.
2. Superintendent Patricia Gartland gave an opening address at the Anti-Racism Youth Conference on February 13, 2019 at Pinetree Secondary with students from Maple Ridge, Burnaby and Surrey School Districts. The event focuses on cross-cultural connections between the black and chinese communities in Vancouver during the celebration of Black History month and the month of Chinese New Year in February.
3. Ananya Pampana, Grade 11 Pinetree Secondary student travels to Lima, Peru as a junior trade ambassador to work on developing trade connections and promoting student exchanges between and Canada and the South American country.
4. SD43 staff and students visited Minister of Education, Rob Flemming in Victoria on February 13, 2019 for the proclamation of Real Acts of Caring Week, February 10th to the 16th. This was also featured in the community news on the SD43 website [here](#) and also on Global News [here](#).



5. The SD43 robotics team from Heritage Woods are currently participating at the Vex Robotics Competition. Four out of five SD43 teams advanced to the playoff round. Our top team qualified second out of 55 teams however lost their first play-off match. One SD43 team won the *Best Build* trophy for their robot design. Further competitions will determine entry to the final provincial competition.
6. [Coquitlam Summer Learning course offerings were announced](#) to parents in an e-newsletter this week. Last year Coquitlam Summer Learning offered courses to about 6,700 students.
7. Terry Fox Ravens Basketball Team wins the Junior Girls Basketball Fraser Valley Championship 2018/2019 February 20, 2019.



8. Superintendent Patricia Gartland and Board Chair Barb Hobson presented at the *Celebration of 50 Years of French Immersion in BC* on February 5th at Pitt River Middle School. There are about 50,000 students enrolled in French Immersion in the province today and 3,800 students enrolled in French Immersion in SD43, where it all began. An interview with CBC Radio-Canada was also done with SD43 teacher Anita Bell. Listen [here](#).

9. [The Juno award-nominated band Rumba Calzada will be playing on February 23 gala together with Gleneagle Jazz band during the Coquitlam 11th annual jazz gala.](#) The school vocal jazz choir will also perform a few songs. Last year's gala brought in about \$3,600 for the Gleneagle music program.

10. Riverside Secondary presents musical "Newsies", a story based on the 1899 newspaper carrier's strike in New York City. This show will be running from Feb 21 to 23 and Feb 27 to 28th and March 1st at Riverside Secondary School. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Read more [here](#).

11. Coquitlam Firefighters matched a \$500 donation and helped raise \$1000 for the Breakfast Program at Walton Elementary.

12. Jenna Buglioni, a Gleneagle Secondary student, played for Team BC at the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alberta last week. She is the second-leading scorer in the Female Midget AAA hockey league and upon graduating, she will be heading to Ohio State University on a hockey scholarship. Other athletes from Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam were also mentioned in the Tri-Cities News article [here](#).

13. Devin McCrae, Heritage Woods Secondary student, wins a gold medal in the male 60kg weight class at the BC Secondary Schools Wrestling Association Provincial Championships in Langley. Learn more [here](#).

14. [Bola Balogun nominates Dr. Charles Best Secondary teacher](#) Megan Leslie for being inspirational and supportive in class. Both were interviewed at Global News' Celebrate Teachers initiative. Watch video [here](#).



15. Teachers and CUPE staff all gathered at Pinetree Secondary and Terry Fox Secondary to connect, learn and share experiences during the Professional Development Day on February 22nd.



16. Twenty-one Gleneagle Secondary students, SD43 staff and Port Moody City Councillor Amy Lubik slept out on February 21st and raised \$5,500 for Covenant House in Vancouver.



17. A new protocol has been developed to ensure permission is granted from the Kwikwetlem First Nation (KFN) and that the integrity of tradition is maintained, prior to raising Totem Poles and Welcome Posts on KFN territory. Two new Totem Poles will be erected at Banting Middle School and two new Welcome Posts will be installed at Millside School by the end of the school year.



18. [Kyra Leroux, a Dr. Charles Best Secondary School Student](#) is a finalist in the Grades 10 to 12 category for The First Page Student Writing Challenge. Students across Canada were asked to write the first page of a novel set 150 years in the future. There were nearly 2,400 students that submitted their stories.



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