

1. **Smiling Creek Elementary** students, school and district employees, parents, dignitaries, and community members gathered on **Tuesday, October 2 to celebrate the opening of the new school**, multi-purpose activity centre and City of Coquitlam's joint-use sports field. The collaborative partnership with the City of Coquitlam to offer several shared amenities together at one location will benefit students, families and community members. This is the first of several schools planned for Burke Mountain. Visit [www.sd43.ca](http://www.sd43.ca) to read the full announcement with pictures and a link to a video collage of the event.



To learn about more schools planned for Burke Mountain and many other SD43 capital projects visit [www.sd43.bc.ca/capitalprojects](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/capitalprojects)

2. Congratulations to SD43 teachers **Sean Robinson (Riverside Secondary)** and **Ryan Cho (Terry Fox Secondary)** - winners of the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education in the categories of Technology & Innovation and Social Equity. Winners also receive \$3,000 towards professional development and \$2,000 towards their school. For more information about the awards visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation).
3. In alignment with our vision statement, *Increasing Success in Life for All*, SD43's **Education and Community Awareness Campaign Week for Students with Barriers** (October 1 - 5, 2018) was a huge success. The campaign supported SD43's Work Experience Program for upwards of 30 grades 10-12 students with diverse abilities (intellectual, developmental disabilities) from several schools who undertook a variety of jobs at businesses within Coquitlam Centre Mall.
4. **Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast** stopped by and received support from several SD43 schools including **Scott Creek Middle School**, which raised an incredible \$16,200!
5. **Terry Fox continues to inspire SD43 schools to run and raise money for cancer research.** Thanks to all our students, staff and parents for honouring him and helping continue his legacy with many more runs and events planned in the coming weeks. *Here are a few highlights:*
  - Students in **CABE's Goal Oriented Alternative Learning (GOAL) Program** baked and sold nearly 140 cookies to raise \$102 towards the Terry Fox Foundation.
  - **Smiling Creek Elementary** had a fantastic first ever Terry Fox run and raised nearly \$800.
  - So far, **Walton Elementary** has raised \$2,900 and **Moody Middle** has raised \$3,000. Both schools are continuing to fundraise further towards their goals.



6. Congratulations to recent [graduating Pacific Assistance Dogs, Iris \(Scott Creek Middle\) and Lennon \(Kwayquitlam Middle\)](#) who join the many other PADS dogs working at SD43 schools in our district providing physical, social and emotional support to students.
7. On September 25, [Castle Park Elementary opened its garden](#) to the cheers and excitement of students, parents and employees. The garden has been a longstanding dream of a dedicated group of teachers and parents, and is phase one of a multi-phased project that supports outdoor education where students can learn about the environment, plants, animals, growing food, sustainability and more.
8. Thank you to the 100 Coast Capital Savings employees who helped clean up and create a **brand-new outdoor classroom at Suwa'lkh School**, an indigenous educational program open to students in grades six to twelve.
9. The City of Port Moody officially unveiled the [new vinyl wrap created by Moody Middle students on the City's waste collection vehicle](#), September 24. Mr. Walker worked with students and staff last year to create 1,000 images that represented a green future. This beautiful legacy will remain in the community for years to come.
10. On October 17, 2018, Cannabis (marijuana) legalization takes place in Canada through the Cannabis Act. School District 43 has prepared for this and on October 17 will be communicating information to stakeholders. In short, **SD43 prohibits, and will continue to prohibit, the possession, consumption, production, supply, sale, purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis by anyone in or on school property.**
11. This year's **Great British Columbia Shakeout will take place at 10:18 am on October 18, 2018.** Information on this annual earthquake preparedness exercise, including educational resources and how to register, can be found at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca)
12. **The Board of Education wishes Trustees Judy Shirra and Diane Sowden happy retirement** as they have chosen not to run again in the upcoming election. Judy Shirra has served as a Trustee for 19 years and Diane Sowden for 14 years and during that time made many positive contributions, bringing a long-term vision and perspective to the board and success to this district's schools and students. Their dedication to students and employees, and efforts in making this district exceptional, are well known and appreciated. The School District wishes them well in their retirement.
13. Following the election, an **inaugural board meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6** at Winslow Centre in the Gallery Room – 1110 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam. Elected Trustees will be welcomed, will take the Oath of Office and will elect the chair and vice-chair for the Board of Education for the next one-year term. Public are welcomed to attend.



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