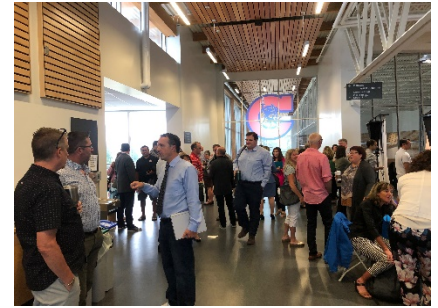


1. September School Start-up:

Parents were sent a [letter from Minister of Education Rob Fleming](#) and a [welcome letter to students and families from Superintendent Patricia Gartland](#). Topics in the letter highlighted several building maintenance and upgrade projects over the summer break.



Administrators gathered once again at a Learning Without Boundaries meeting to kick off the school year on August 21st & August 22nd at Centennial Secondary School. Keynote topics included technology, math instruction, a new hiring process, district budgets as well as Ministry of Education and MyEdBC updates.



- BC Premier John Horgan and Port Coquitlam MLA Mike Farnworth visited Terry Fox Secondary School to show continued commitment to the legacy of Terry Fox on September 6, 2019. Students and guests also heard Fred Fox, Terry's brother, speak on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation and had an opportunity to highlight the fundraising efforts of Terry Fox Secondary that continue all year.



- École Banting Middle School celebrated its Official Opening, Open House and Totem Pole Unveiling Ceremony on June 20, 2019.



- [Riverview Park Elementary celebrated its 25th school anniversary on June 20, 2019.](#) As part of the 25th anniversary, the school commissioned a mural artist, Lauren Albrice, to complete a school community project where students, staff members and visiting parents painted a tree and/or a flower on the mural base that she created.





- School District 43 celebrated their annual retirement event held on June 19, 2019 at the Westwood Plateau Golf Course. A vocal jazz ensemble from Dr. Charles Best Secondary delighted the crowd before the retirees were honoured. Thank you to all the teachers, staff and administrators for their years of dedication to students and the district.
- [For the first time, the Kwikwetlem First Nation and School District No. 43 have entered into a significant agreement with the signing of The Local Education Agreement on June 28, 2019.](#)

The Local Education Agreement (LEA) provides a opportunity for the Kwikwetlem First Nation and the Board of Education to focus attention on improving educational outcomes for First Nations Students by developing the relationship necessary to accomplish that mutual goal.



- Principal of Facilities Initiatives Devon Ross together with CHP Architects presented the conceptual designs at the Sheffield-Partington area elementary open house held at Smiling Creek Elementary School on June 25, 2019.



- Aspenwood Elementary students spent weeks learning about the importance of clean water and successfully raised over \$15,550 to support the We Charity Foundation.

Teacher Ann Kirkhope shares, "Our fundraising efforts totaling \$15,550 can create sustainability and empowerment to a We Village. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Aspenwood community. The Aspenwood students are proud of their work and honoured to create such a profound impact."



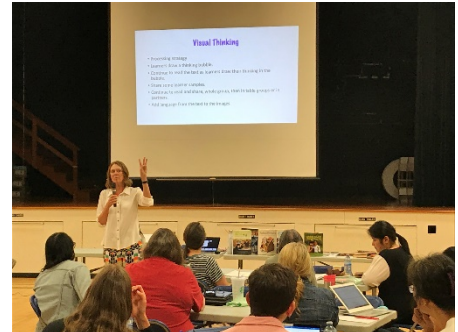
9. [Summer Learning students, families and staff collected a total of 2288 lbs of food and over \\$1,400 cash for SHARE Society](#) as well as donations for KidSport as part of their charitable initiative during the Summer Learning Program.



10. [Dr. Charles Best Secondary Social Justice 12 students celebrates the approval of City of Coquitlam pilot program](#) to install menstrual dispensers in washrooms at some civic facilities. Photo Credit: Tri-City News



11. Over 135 participants attended the Mentoring Network Bootcamp on August 30th organized by Tamara Sengotta, district instructional coordinators, mentoring support teachers and district mentors.



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