



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 2020

Learning for a Lifetime

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

1. Programs of Choice Registrations are now open until January 22nd for Kindergarten Programs of Choice and on January 23rd for Late Programs of Choice.

Applications for Kindergarten and Cross Catchment Registration for school year 2020-2021 will occur on February 3rd until February 5th and February 6 until February 12th respectively.



For additional information, please view our 2020-2021 Program Insert Guide found on our website [here](#).

2. [School District 43 partnered with MindShare Learning in hosting the 10th Canadian EdTech Innovation Summit — “The Future of Education and Skills 2030”](#) held at Centennial Secondary School on December 5-6th, 2019. Featured keynote speaker Kim Kimberly Schonert-Reichl discussed the importance of developing programs in schools that focus on social and emotional competencies. Topics also discussed the future of education and the skills necessary for students to advance in a highly technological world.



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3. Wesbild presented a \$5,000,000 cheque to support the partnership between the City of Coquitlam, School District 43 and Wesbild in building an artificial turf field and park at the future school site on Burke Mountain. SD43 has submitted plans to the Ministry of Education, which if approved would lead to opening a joint middle/secondary school.



Image Credit: Wesbild

4. Many schools, students, parents and employees around the district enjoyed the fun and exciting activities during the Christmas season.

We are also proud of how our many schools, students, parents and employees have shared their time, sang carols, baked, collected food and toys, and helped those in need in our community.

Here are a few highlights:

- Members of the Coquitlam Principals, Vice-Principals Association volunteered their time in answering phones for the CKNW Orphan's Fund annual pledge drive.
- [Riverside Secondary students helped spread Christmas cheer by creating and mailing cards to deployed Canadian Armed Forces.](#)

- [Pitt River Middle School students handed out 150 cups of coffee, cookies and Christmas cheer to people in the downtown Port Coquitlam.](#)



- On December 20, 2019, James Park Elementary School hosted a family pancake breakfast and received a \$5000 cheque from the Port Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Society to support the school's breakfast programs.



- Shares Society collects over 4000 pounds of food from several students, staff, families and friends of the district.
- Moody Middle student Boya won a \$50 cheque, a mascot stuffie, a new home smoke detector and pencil cases for her whole class for drawing the best fire escape plan in a contest organized by the BC Burn Fund.



Image Credit: Port Moody Fire Fighters

5. [Terry Fox Secondary's God of Carnage, a one-act play, will be representing the district](#) at the B.C. National Theatre School Festival, held at Douglas College in New Westminster in April 2020. Terry Fox Secondary has represented the district in this school festival before – break a leg!

6. Terry Fox Secondary's Rock the Fox concert featured a total of 24 acts of both original tunes and cover hits on January 15 and 16, 2020. The proceeds from this event will help students maintain and purchase new instruments as well as equipment for their Rock School.

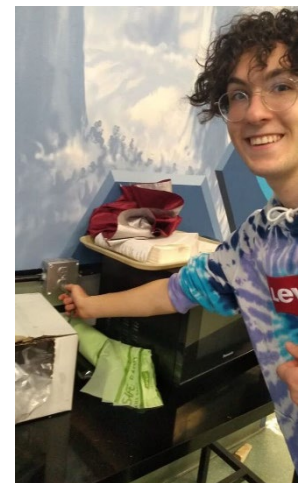


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7. On the last week before winter break, SD43's Energy Department launched its first district wide contest, called the Winter Shutdown, which helped educate and encourage students to take actions in reducing energy consumption by unplugging devices not in use at schools during the holiday break and by demonstrating leadership in sustainability efforts.

A total of 22 schools participated with six winners that were awarded \$250 each namely:

- Terry Fox Secondary
- Birchland Elementary
- Leigh Elementary
- Forming a winning team –Port Moody Secondary and Moody Middle and Moody Elementary



8. Nominations are now open for the **Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education**. Learn more here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/teach/excellence-in-education>



9. [Centennial Secondary Senior Boys AAAA Basketball team ranks number one in the province after winning against Burnaby South Secondary at the Jonathan Taylor Legal Beagle Invitational](#) held at Terry Fox Secondary on January 9 and 10, 2020.

10. Terry Fox Secondary Senior Basketball Girls team wins against York House School at the Tournament for Emily in support of Children's hospital held on December 18 to December 20, 2019 at Riverside Secondary.



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11. Molly, a student working with our Learning Services team, volunteered at Coquitlam Centre with Share Family Services, to help wrap presents for customers where she was able to practice her customer service skills. These employment skills are essential for students to learn as they look for opportunities with the district's Work Experience Program.



12. Port Moody Secondary Drama students successfully performed their interactive mystery play, the *Curious Case of Hammerlock Academy*, on January 13, 2020 written by five Drama 11 students.

Curious Case Of Hammerlock Academy

Writers:
Leanna Carson
Kyla Guthrie
Nico Hussain
Debi Herrera-Lya
Sade Merchant

An **Interactive** Murder



Mystery Play



Monday, January 13th, 2020
Drama Room (301)
6:00pm Performance
(Doors open at 5:30pm)

Tickets are 5\$



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Upcoming Events

- January 16 – 22 – Programs of Choice Registration
- January 20 – 24 – Provincial Numeracy and Literacy Assessments
- January 22 – Provincial English 12 E-Exam
- January 23 – TEDx Gleneagle Secondary
- January 30 – Freaky Friday: A New Musical by Pinetree Secondary
- February 3 – 5 – Kindergarten Registration
- February 6 – 14 – The Little Mermaid by Centennial Secondary
- February 6 – 12 – Cross-Catchment Registration
- February 9 – 15 – Real Acts of Caring Week
- February 28 – Student Leadership Conference at Scott Creek Middle School

Future Plays

- April – Port Moody Secondary's *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *The Addams Family* by Dr. Charles Best.
- May – Heritage Woods and Coquitlam's Gleneagle Secondaries, *Bring It On* and *Legally Blonde*