



1. On May 3rd- 7th, [Dr. Charles Best Secondary School and Port Moody Secondary School students collected and displayed 40 red dresses on trees in honour of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada \(MMIWG\)](#). The students have been studying the issue of MMIWG and hopes these actions will help raise awareness and urge politicians to take more action on the inquiries. They were also featured on [Global News here](#).

The Red Dress Project was created in 2010 by Jaime Black, a Métis artist whose public art installation was created in response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIWG) in Canada and the United States.

2. A big Congratulations to Gleneagle student **Rowan Zawadzki** who won the **Schulich Leader Scholarship 2021** in recognition of his outstanding achievements in academics and leadership valued at \$100,000. Rowan will start his studies in the Fall at the University of British Columbia.

Rowan created from scratch **'Milton' The Robot 2019**, a multi-jointed robotic arm capable of facial recognition. He also found time to develop a computer programming course aiming at inspiring younger students to pursue a career in STEM, at his high school.



He has a passion for emerging engineering fields (such as robotics, coding, drones) and has already participated in a project modifying an **RC Car + Drone that can Almost Fly in 2020**. Watch this [video](#) to see the amazing work that Rowan put in.

In ten years, Rowan sees himself founding a startup company that researches and develops technological solutions that make the world a better place.

Please watch this 2-minute video highlighting Rowan's achievements: <https://youtu.be/efBHSK6pX-8>

- On May 5, Superintendent Patricia Gartland presented at Microsoft's "Re-imagining Education" virtual conference discussing the systematic and system-wide approach to the implementation of technology in supporting teaching and learning, especially during the pandemic.



She also outlines in the districts new strategic plan, "Directions 2025", that technology has become a cross-cutting theme interwoven into the district's daily activities. The use of OneNote Class and Microsoft Teams programs has also helped in accelerating collaboration, communication, and personalization within departments, and with students and teachers alike.

- May is Asian Heritage Month, celebrating and recognizing all the achievements and contributions that communities of Asian descent in Canada have made, and continue to make. This year's theme is "Recognition, Resilience, and Resolve". The Communications Department will also be sharing interesting facts and videos on our social media channels.



Let's all continue to work together in building a more inclusive environment at school and in the community!

- The Learning Services Department declares May as Speech and Hearing Awareness Month and has created a contest to help the school community understand concepts relating to speech, language, hearing, voice and communication. Learn more at www.sd43.bc.ca



- On May 1, Mundy Road Elementary School's student-senior program, "Real Acts of Caring (RAC)" was awarded as one of the winners for the "Golden Star Award" organized by the BC Retired Teacher's Association. The award recognizes the school's contribution to Excellence in Public Education through the interactions provided by students to seniors in the community. This is the second Golden Star Award given to the RAC program. Congratulations!





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- École Banting Middle Schools hosts its first cereal fundraiser collecting 2,001 cereal boxes to support the Cereal-sly Charitable Fundraiser for SHARE Food Bank. Students have spent all of April collecting cereal boxes and raised four times the amount of its initial goal of collecting 500 boxes for a total of 2000!

[Grade 6 and 7 teacher organizer, Tiana Chan, shares on TriCity News](#), "I'm doing my master's and thought that since this year has been so tough for so many people, and since the kids haven't really had the opportunity to connect with each other, that I would organize this event to spark some joy back into the kids, as well as a little competition. It wasn't only a great chance to fundraise some food for people in the community, especially during this COVID time, but also to help the kids in the school be part of something, even though they're so isolated from each other this year."



- Grade 10 Inquiry Hub students shared inspirational messages with peers by painting murals in the hallways of the entire school. Watch a video of their new mural on their Instagram page [here](#).
- Congratulations to Cedar Drive Elementary school for raising a total of \$4,707 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and to Avery for being the school's top fundraiser, raising \$1,744.

The Jump Rope for Heart event was held in April, where students jumped during their gym time and fundraised online. Well done students for helping raise money to support lifesaving research!



- École Westwood Elementary School now boasts a new outdoor classroom on the East field of the school, creating new and fun learning spaces for students, especially as the weather warms!





11. Every Tuesday, at École Westwood Elementary School, one class or learning group is invited to the gym to sit and enjoy a pancake breakfast with their classmates. The group is spaced out to three a table and all tables are spread throughout the gym following health protocols.

The school is very grateful for the support of the district and the dedication of the staff which has allowed them to host three rounds of these breakfasts for the entire school, creating a stronger bond between students and more of a community within the school.