

1. SD43 is proud to announce that Daniel Pan, grade 5 Leigh Elementary School student and Grace Moseley, grade 7 Hillcrest Middle School student have been selected as the school district's finalists for the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP) Mission Patch Art and Design Competition. The mission patch serves as a symbol of our SD43 community involvement in the SSEP and may travel 400,000 miles each day aboard the International Space Station.

K-5 student group: Daniel Pan (Grade 5), Leigh Elementary School



6-12 student group: Grace Moseley (Grade 7), Hillcrest Middle School



2. On December 2021, four Porter Street Elementary School students, Nevaeh, Mile, Nevil, and Caryss, volunteered to write a letter to the Honorable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education to request that a proclamation be passed to recognize Real Acts of Caring (RAC) Week February 13-19, 2022 for all of British Columbia. They believed that promoting caring and kindness in our schools and in our province was especially important at this time. The focus of this year's RAC Week is climate change and COVID caring.

In early February, the Ministry of Education contacted Porter Street Elementary School to announce that a proclamation would be passed. A framed proclamation was then sent to Porter Elementary and now hangs proudly on the school hallway wall. We are very proud of our students for taking on a fabulous leadership role and making positive change in our province!

SD43 and its schools are proud to be part of the 16th annual RAC week. Schools, students, employees, and parents throughout the district celebrated this important week by doing something kind for someone else.

Below are some great examples of RAC in action also found on our [website](#):

- The entire Baker Drive Elementary School made and hand-delivered valentine's Day cards to houses in their neighbourhood. Some neighbours have even sent back cards to the school sharing how wonderful it made them feel and how they love the fact that the school is nearby.
- Rochester Elementary School staff shared positive messages in their staff room.
- Maillard Middle School leadership students drew kind messages in chalk at the front of the school.
- Hillcrest Middle School students created "happy mail" for staff members they appreciated.



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3. On February 14th, École Moody Middle School together with the support of Mackenzie Stevens, philanthropy assistant at BC Children's Hospital Foundation and Wigs for Kids BC, kicked off RAC Week to support children who have lost their hair battling cancer and other illnesses.

Knowing that a \$2000 wig will give children a confidence boost, Ms. Kathryn Jung, the Vice Principal, set out a challenge to students and staff at École Moody Middle School of the Arts.

Teacher Dora Turje challenged her class and raised over \$300 while teacher Carole Paquette challenged her students by joining in to donate hair also. Thank you to students, Ava, Isabelle and Adria.

Thank you to the SD43 community for helping raise \$665 for this great cause!

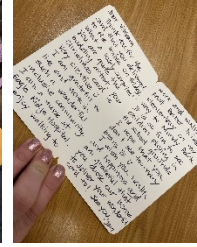
4. On February 16th, teachers Doug Maclean and Joanna Horvath from the SD43 Career and Trades Program hosted a virtual Information Session on TRAIN in Trades and WORK in Trades. The event was attended by SD43 parents and students from grades 9-12. As part of the course selection process for next year, students received program and pre-requisite information about [22+ tuition-free trades training programs](#). They also learned about the benefits of the [WORK in Trades Program](#) in respect to gaining high school credits, earning certification hours in their trade, as well as a \$1000 award.



Here's [a link](#) to their presentation.

5. SD43 is proud to support Pink Shirt Day, February 23, a day where students and staff are reminded to wear a pink shirt to symbolize their stand against bullying. It is also a day to show kindness and empathy to the people that we meet at our schools and those in our community! Let's continue to work together, lift each other up and make our world a better place!





6. For Valentine's Day, Baker Drive Elementary School students made, and hand delivered valentine's day cards to houses in their neighbourhood. Some neighbours even sent back cards to the school sharing how wonderful it made them feel and how lucky they are to have the school nearby.

7. As part of SD43's annual budget consultation process, a Public and Stakeholder Input Session was held on February 15, 2022. The public is welcome to attend the next budget meeting, for the presentation of the 2022-23 Preliminary Budget on April 12. More information available online at www.sd43.bc.ca/budget.

8. On February 25, SD43 staff took the opportunity to learn, explore and share new ideas and resources during the district wide Professional Development Day. The lineup of esteemed presenters shared their knowledge and insights on the theme "Transforming Perspectives". Topics included anti-racism, Indigenous education, and new perspectives on equity.

9. Riverside Secondary School Theatre students are excited to welcome back the public for a live audience show this March after two years since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Drowsy Chaperone, is a parody of an American musical comedy of the 1920's. The story begins with a middle-aged man who puts on his favorite recording of a fictitious 1928 musical and imagines it as it comes to life.



Shows start on March 3-5 and March 8-10, Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show.

For tickets at \$15/\$10, visit <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/the-drowsy-chaperone-tickets-101176>.

View the Tricity News article [here](#).

10. February was Black History Month and schools at SD43 celebrated the many achievements of Black Canadians who continue to shape the cultural, economic, political and social success that make Canada what it is today. Students were also encouraged to engage in conversations about the impacts of racism, and to remind them about the importance of equity, respect, and inclusion for all members in our community.



A display at the Eagle Mountain Middle School Learning Commons displaying information about famous Black Canadians and books by Black authors.

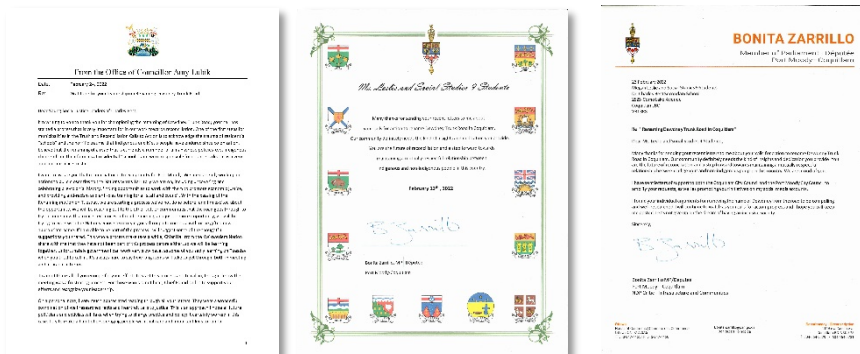
11. CABE Secondary School teacher, Shelley McClenahan and Principal Sandi Lauzon are proud to partner with Wesbild, a local developer, in building a new outdoor classroom and providing new outdoor learning experience for students.

The new outdoor classroom will help students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for nature and become more engaged in learning.

The school is thankful to the district's landscapers who helped prepare the area and deliver gravel to start the project. The students are looking forward to sanding and staining the benches this spring.



12. On February 28, Teacher Megan Leslie and her Social Studies 9 students received letters of support from the Canadian House of Commons, Member of Parliament for Port Moody-Coquitlam Bonita Zarrillo, and from Port Moody City Councillor Amy Lubik recognizing their outstanding efforts for recognizing the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action and suggesting renaming Dewdney Trunk Road in light of the historical context and actions of Edgar Dewdney.



13. The Coquitlam Secondary Schools Athletic Association (CSSAA) has seen a significant growth and renewed excitement in school sports and participation since the return from COVID restrictions. It has brought a rejuvenation of energy to our student athletes and school buildings and all leagues and seasons have run successfully thus far with no disruptions. Kudos to all Coaches, Volunteers, and Athletes in their efforts to bring school sports back to the forefront in SD43.

Upcoming Events

- February 28 – March 4th – District Eco-Challenge Competition Week
- March 3-5 – The Drowsy Chaperone Show at Riverside Secondary School
- March 8-10 – The Drowsy Chaperone Show at Riverside Secondary School
- March 8 – International Women's Day
- March 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination