

1. On April 6, the SD43 Student Leadership Council hosted their first in-person middle and secondary school meeting in over two years. The students gathered to discuss the importance of sustainability and brainstormed ways on how to incorporate sustainability into their daily lives.

The council is also excited to be hosting their virtual Leadership Conference which will be held on April 22nd. To learn more, follow their Instagram account [@slcsd43](https://www.instagram.com/slcsd43).

2. On April 12, three SD43 students received awards at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair Awards Ceremony. This event is the largest STEAM-based competition in the province for students in grades 7 to 12.

Congratulations to Joseph Chiao and Joseph Goyder of Centennial Secondary School who won silver medals and \$2000 scholarships each to UBC for their project on a system that captures thermal energy directly from the atmosphere for conversion into electricity. Congratulations also to Rachel Schmid, a Riverside Secondary student, who won a bronze medal for her work on CRISPR technology (gene editing for utilization in potential Ebola vaccines).



3. Beginning last year, a small project was started for the Grade 5 class leaving Baker Drive Elementary for middle school called the *Grade 5 Legacy Tree Project*. A tree was chosen and planted to recognize the students leaving the school for the next stage of their schooling. The tree is symbolic of their learning and their contributions made to the Baker Drive Elementary School community. The students themselves dug the hole and are proud of the work they put into the planting process.

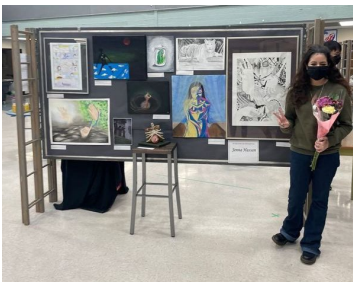


There is a small family fundraising project to off-set the cost and the school is grateful for the wonderful support of our grounds and caretaking staff who assisted with preparing the ground and maintaining the tree during the summer months.

"It is the hope that students will return over the years to visit their tree and also say "hi" to staff. This year's tree is a pink Cornus florida – this particular one will have pink flowers. Last year, the Grade 5 class planted a Cornus kousa X nutt "Venus" Dogwood that will have creamy white flowers when it flowers this season." – Jill Reid, Principal

4. Smiling Creek Elementary School has been seeking donations from many builders on Burke Mountain to fundraise for a new playground and has recently secured a \$20,000 donation from Wesbild, a local developer.

The school is grateful for all community donors and especially for Wesbild and their generous donation to support their dream of building a new playground that will be fully accessible to all children.



5. March 8th to April 1st, the Port Moody Secondary School Grade 12 International Baccalaureate art students displayed a selection of original artwork as part of a requirement for their final exam in the lobby of the school. The students have designed the exhibit using work they personally imagined and created.

In addition to being assessed by their teacher Ms. Gardner, the students were also assessed through the International Baccalaureate process where they earn a university credit after completing the course.



6. March 3rd to 7th, the Centennial Musical theatre students showcased their production of *High School: The Play (With Music)*, an original play, written and directed by Leah Hanas and Yvette Dunham, and produced by Nicole Hipditch. The thirteen Broadway numbers were choreographed by Leila Jung, Sofia Mazzuca and Amber Hipditch, with additional tap choreography by Dante Bruno. What started as a club in April 2021, quickly grew into a theatre family, a supernova of talent, and a full-scale musical production.

The 33 cast and 18 crew members of 'Secondary High' is grateful to the community for their support and to the Port Coquitlam Foundation who provided them with a grant to help fund the production.

7. On April 3rd, ten students from the green clubs in SD43 helped remove over 14 cubic meters of Himalayan blackberry and English ivy at Rochester Park in Coquitlam together with the rest of the members of the Lower Mainland Green Team.





8. Ramadan is a sacred time of the year for Muslims. On April 1st, students from the Pinetree Global Group learned the significance of Ramadan and some of the Muslim students shared their personal experiences. The students also worked on making paper lantern decorations, which were displayed in the school's foyer to observe Ramadan.

9. Porter Street Elementary School students were surprised with a visit from Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart, who personally delivered his letter of appreciation to the students of division 4 for raising money for a local animal shelter.

10. Congratulations to Emily, a Heritage Woods Secondary School student, for winning silver in the baking competition at the Skills BC 2022 Competition held on April 9th at Vancouver Community College.

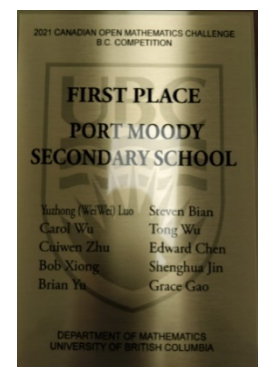
11. On April 6, Eagle Mountain Middle School invited Duane Gibson (D.O. Gibson), a Guinness World Record-setting Canadian rapper to talk to the students about Black Canadian history and inspired students to stand up against racism.

12. Congratulations to the following Port Moody Secondary School students who competed and won first place at the 2021 Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge B.C. Competition, Canada's premier national mathematics competition.

Port Moody Secondary School had 43 students participate in the contest and the plaque was created by UBC, who recognized the top five high schools and the top scoring students from those schools.

13. Madeline Moore, a Heritage Woods Secondary School graduate, has been selected and awarded the College of Science Student Excellence Award by the Department of Biology at Utah Valley University. Selection of the student excellence award was based on a combination of academic success and her outstanding contributions to the Department of Biology.

During her time at Heritage Woods, she received incredible support from her science teachers who often sent her to lectures to listen to researchers from the BC Children's Hospital and outstanding support from the athletic department, who also helped her with the training she needed to get a soccer scholarship at the university. She has been commended by Utah Valley University for her outstanding work as a student and was honoured at a dinner in April - Congratulations Madeline!





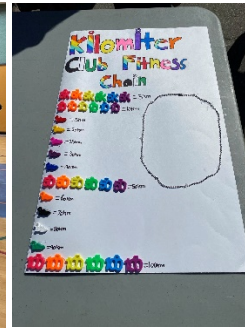
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14. March 11th to 18th, a dozen students from Grades 11 and 12 participated in the Coquitlam Fire/Rescue Junior Firefighter Program. Students were given hands-on experience operating fire extinguishers and water hoses, climbing ladders and learning first aid. This 8-day program left students with a true understanding of both the physical and educational components of Coquitlam Fire/Rescue's basic training for new recruits.



15. On April 4, Porter Street Elementary School participated in their first Km Club in over two years. Principal Ashif Jiwa was pleased to see over 60 students, staff, and parents participate in their "Porter Street Relays" (a.k.a Como Lake Relays).

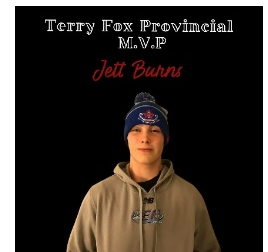
16. The SD43 Career and Trades Program has produced another newsletter for April featuring Cameron Ballard, an SD43 Trades Alumnus and Level 1 Electrician.

The newsletter also features upcoming events for women in trades, highlights from the junior firefighter program, and the 2022 Work in Trades award winners.

Read the full newsletter on our website [here](#).



17. Congratulations to the Centennial Field Lacrosse Team for winning first place at the B.C. High School Lacrosse Provincial Championships held on March 3rd. And congratulations to student Jett Burns on being named as the Terry Fox Ravens' Most Valuable Player.



Upcoming Events:

- April 22nd – Student Leadership Council Virtual Conference featuring keynote speaker Mark Black on Becoming Your Best Self
- April 19th – RC MacDonald Playground Opening
- May 4th – 50th Year Anniversary of Coquitlam Continuing Education, Montgomery Centre 5pm-7pm