



1. SD43 Community Schools held various spring camps to keep students engaged and learning over the spring break.

Below are a few highlights from the schools:

- On March 22, Seaview Community School students learned archery and gained important skills such as focus, patience, precision, communication, and teamwork.
- On March 24, 22 James Park Community School students hosted an art gallery and showcased some art pieces they have been working on during spring art camp.

At art camp, students learned traditional and contemporary indigenous art and games from teacher Christine Mackenzie, how to use pastels and watercolour, how to use their imagination with clay, and how to express themselves through drawing.

- On March 16, Central Community Schools students learned soccer and had a wonderful time playing it. Students learned skills like pull back, step over, scissors, dribbling, and passing.

2. During the month of April, there will be multiple opportunities for public engagement during the 2023-2024 Budget Meetings. The public is welcome to attend the next budget meeting for public comment on the proposed budget on April 18. More information is available online at [www.sd43.bc.ca/budget](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/budget).



**2023 - 2024 BUDGET MEETINGS**

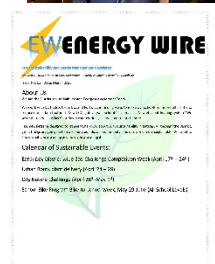
Public and Stakeholder Input Session	6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 21
Presentation of 2023 - 2024 Preliminary Budget	7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 11
Public Comment on Proposed Budget	6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 18
Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval	7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 25

All meetings will be held in person at 1080 Winslow Ave. Coquitlam, BC V3J 0M6.  
Learn more: [sd43.bc.ca/budget](http://sd43.bc.ca/budget)

3. Congratulations to grade 12 Heritage Woods Secondary School student, Tyson Venegas, who now is participating in "Hollywood Week" at American Idol. Tune in every Sunday night on ABC to watch his performances.



4. SD43's Facilities Department - Energy Management and Sustainability Department shares their latest edition of Energy Wire. Read more on our website [here](#).



**ENERGY WIRE**

April 11, 2023

Dear SD43 Community,

It's time for our quarterly Energy Wire newsletter. This issue features information on the Earth Day District Eco-Challenge Competition, the 2023-2024 Budget Meetings, and the latest on energy conservation in our schools.

Check out the full newsletter at [www.sd43.bc.ca/energywire](#)

The Department is also hosting the Earth Day District Eco-Challenge Competition April 17 to 24 encouraging students to participate in sustainability activities throughout the week.



- On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 19 Gleneagle Secondary Con-X students celebrated their tenth annual outdoor sleepover and spent the night outside the school to learn more about youth homelessness and to fundraise for Covenant House BC, an organization that provides mental health support and living skills programs to homeless and vulnerable youth in the community.

Support these dedicated students by learning more and donating today! <http://ow.ly/gxE550Nwspz>

- On March 31st to April 2nd, 19 Pinetree Secondary School students participated in the Canadian High Schools Model United Nations (CAHSMUN) Conference, a three-day conference welcoming over 850 high school students from around the world and held annually in Vancouver.



The conference provides students an opportunity to engage in political, social, and economic issues while developing their public speaking, diplomatic abilities, and critical thinking skills.


Congratulations to the following Pinetree Secondary School students who also won prestigious awards during this conference:

- Harjas, a grade 11 student and a newcomer who has attended the Model UN in India who received the Outstanding Delegate Award
- Horace, a grade 10 student and first-time attendee who received the Best Delegation Award



- SD43 will be hosting its first Parent Education Learning Series about Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyberbullying in collaboration with Safer Schools Together online on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The session is free for SD43 parents/ caregivers and provides support and guidance on digital parenting strategies. Register [here](#).

**SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CYBERBULLYING**  
FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF COQUITLAM



DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2023  
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**DO NOT MISS THIS FREE EVENT!!!**

- Free of charge for all parents and caregivers
- Free of charge for all students
- Free of charge for all staff
- Free of charge for all community members
- Free of charge for all school board members
- Free of charge for all school board trustees
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TO REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)

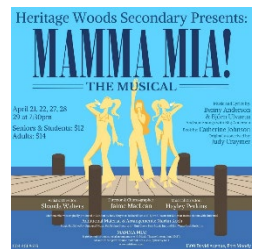




8. Congratulations to the 12 SD43 students that participated in the Junior Firefighter Academy March 10 to March 17.

Over spring break, students engaged in a hands-on experience where they gained a greater understanding of what it takes to become a professional firefighter. Thank you to Coquitlam Fire/Rescue for this wonderful collaboration and opportunity for our students!

9. Heritage Woods Secondary School Theatre presents Mamma Mia! The Musical on April 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 7:30pm. Purchase your tickets [here!](#)



10. Terry Fox Secondary School students Hannah Rao and Brayden Morgan, as well as principal David Starr, were among a few paid extras featured in a Disney Movie Prom Pact. Read more about their feature at TriCityNews [here](#).



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11. Congratulations to Gleneagle Secondary School student Laon Kim, who was awarded Athlete of the Year by Sport BC on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at the Vancouver Convention Centre East.

Laon has broken many Canadian records including the 1979 record by Olympic gold medalist Alex Baumann and continues to set new Canadian records for his age group.

He recently broke the national record in his age group in the men's 200m freestyle category at the 2023 Eastern Canadian Championships in Windsor, Ontario.

The Gleneagle Athletic Department and the whole community is so proud of you!



12. Kwayhqitlum Middle School student Patrick engaged in a career exploration visit with Chief Meteorologist Mark Madryga and Anchor Paul Haysom at Global News.





13. Congratulations to the Riverside Rapids who are the 2023 B.C. AAAA Girls' Basketball Champions. The team defeated Walnut Grove 70-52 on Saturday, March 4th at the Langley Events Centre.

Riverside Secondary School Girls Basketball team reached the championships in 2008, 2009, and 2022 but this year is their first provincials win! Congratulations to the ladies, Athletic Director Jeremy Neufeld and Head Coach Paul Langford for a fantastic victory.

14. Port Moody Secondary School students attended University of British Columbia's 45th Physics Olympics with over 700 students competing from all over BC.

Out of the six events, Port Moody Secondary School students placed 3rd in Fermi, 5th in one of the pre-builds, and went on to place 6th overall out of 63 teams competing. Congratulations students!



15. Terry Fox Secondary School Theatre invites the community to watch Zombie Prom on April 12, 13, 14 and April 19, 20, 21 at 7:30pm. Purchase your tickets at [www.ravenstheatre.com](http://www.ravenstheatre.com)



### Upcoming Events

April 12 – SD43 Unified 3 on 3 Basketball District Championships

April 12, 13, 14 & April 19, 20, 21 – Terry Fox Secondary School Presents Zombie Prom

April 12–14 – SD43 Indigenous Trade Sampler at Port Moody Secondary School

April 17 – 24 – SD43 Earth Day District Eco-Challenge Competition

April 19 – SD43 Como Lake Relays

April 21 – Student Leadership Conference and Pro-D Day

April 21, 22, 27- 29 – Heritage Woods Secondary School Theatre presents Mamma Mia!

April 28 – Gleneagle Secondary School 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

April 29 – June 2 – Mother Goose at Birchland Elementary School for children ages 0-6