



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2018

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1. [Sheffield Elementary on Burke Mountain is moving to the next stage, preparing a Project Definition Report](#). SD43 has already advanced funding for design work to fast-track the project. The new school will hold 400 students and will be a sister school to Smiling Creek Elementary, which is nearing completion. For more information on capital projects visit www.sd43.bc.ca.
2. **Summer Learning registration** begins April 27 for elementary courses, May 1 for middle and secondary. For more information or to register visit www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca
3. On April 18, **SD43 Trustees and leadership members** joined community partners to celebrate the creation of the **Tri-Cities Children's Charter of Rights**.
4. **Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, Melanie Mark, MLA Selina Robinson, and Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart** visited students at Centennial Secondary on April 13 to have lunch, talk politics and tour the new school.
5. Over 300 [students from ten school districts presented projects at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair](#), April 12-14 at UBC. **From Heritage Woods Secondary: Ishana Lodhina** received a Bronze Metal and the 2018 UBC Science Entrance Award; **Christopher Hamlin** received a Bronze Metal; **Ah Jin (Angela) Yoo** received an Honourable Mention and People's Choice Award; and **Mike Roslikov from Inquiry Hub** received an Honourable Mention.
6. On April 12, many SD43 students, employees and schools across the **district showed support for the Humbolt Broncos by wearing jerseys in memory**.
7. Congratulations to **Rochester Elementary's Odyssey of the Mind** team, which placed 2nd in the Provincial Finals held on April 7. Port Moody Secondary also had four teams qualify for the upcoming World Finals.
8. [Singer Ty Venegas, a grade 7 student at Eagle Mountain Middle had an opportunity to showcase his talent](#) on the April 15 episode of NBC's Little Big Shots.
9. On April 16, [students from Pitt River Middle volunteered with the Soup Sisters](#) making soup for a local women's shelter. Another group of students will make more soup on April 30.
10. Over 2,000 grade 4/5 students from across the district participated in the [40th annual Como Lake Relays](#), April 18-19. Thanks to all of the students, teachers, parents and organizers for continuing on this amazing tradition.





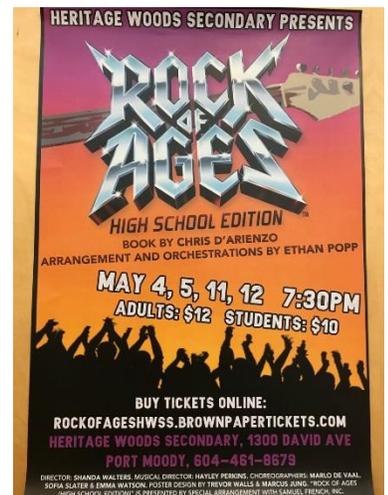
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11. **Juliana Nunez from Dr. Charles Best Secondary** competed at the **2018 Poetry in Voice National Finals** in Toronto, April 18-19.
12. More than **120 students attended SD43's annual Elementary Honour Choir Day** on April 20 at Ranch Park Elementary. The event was organized by the Coquitlam Music Teacher's Association
13. **Retired SD43 Principal Mary O'Neill** is 1 of 25 recipients selected to receive the 2018 **BC Community Achievement Award** for her work in helping to empower and support women. The award will presented April 25 in Victoria.
14. **Education Week (April 23-27)**, celebrates teachers, students and support staff and the incredible learning that take place everyday in our schools. Nominate an exception education professional for the **Premier's Award for Excellence in Education** (deadline is June 18) by visiting www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation.
15. **Gleneagle Secondary's 5th annual Talk to Me** event about mental illness is happening Wednesday, April 25 from 7-9 p.m. For tickets and information, please contact the school.
16. On April 23, **SD43 basketball players participated in the district's first ever all-star basketball game** held at Dr. Charles Best Secondary. The game was an opportunity for players who didn't get a chance to showcase their talent at the provincials in March.
17. **46 students from 21 schools in SD43 participated in the 2018 BC Winter Games** in Kamloops (February 22-25). Of those athletes who competed, **28 of them received medals!**
18. **Upcoming school spring musicals and plays:**
 - Terry Fox Secondary presents **9-5 the Musical**, April 12-14 and 19-21.
 - Dr. Charles Best presents **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, May 2-5 and 9-12
 - Gleneagle Secondary presents **Sister Act**, May 2-4 and 9-11.
 - Heritage Woods Secondary presents **Rock of Ages**, May 4-5 and 11-12
 - For tickets and information, please contact the schools.
19. **Coquitlam RCMP Junior Mounties Police Academy are accepting applications** for their Junior Mountie Police Academy August 13-17. **Applications are being accepted until May 18**, for the 8th annual Coquitlam RCMP Junior Mountie Police Academy (JMPA). Pick up applications at the Coquitlam RCMP detachment or any community Police Station.
20. **A new visual art exhibit opening in Port Coquitlam will feature the work of Terry Fox and Riverside Secondary students.** The exhibit runs April 30 to June 25 at Leigh Square Community Arts Village. The exhibit is free and the reception includes complimentary refreshments and light snacks.



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