



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of May 15, 2018

Learning for a Lifetime

Serving the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody

1. As **SD43 prepares to open several new schools and continues many other capital projects we've launched a new and improved website** to keep stakeholders informed on more than a dozen capital projects including new schools, upgrades, additions and more. **Visit often for regular updates:** www.sd43.bc.ca/CapitalProjects
2. **Here are the upcoming community open houses and school opening celebrations:**
 - Irvine Community Open House on the design of the new school, May 23 at 6 p.m.
 - Educational Learning Centre Open House, May 30 at 6 p.m. (Winslow Centre)
 - Centennial Secondary Opening Ceremony and Open House, May 31. Open House, 2–7p.m. Opening Ceremony, 4:30–5p.m.
 - For more information, visit www.sd43.bc.ca
3. **Kyme Wegrich, a teacher from Walton Elementary** is the recipient of the [2018 National Inclusive Education Award](#), which recognizes exemplary contributions to providing inclusive learning opportunities for students with special needs.
4. Recent **student cultural exchange and teacher professional development trips to China** provided all participants with amazing cultural experiences, learning opportunities and fond memories. More information on these trips will be posted on the district website.
5. Four SD43 French Immersion [students won top awards at the Provincial French Public Speaking Competition](#), Concours d'art oratoire held on May 5. From Banting Middle: Ellen Piasentin, 3rd place grade 7; Maria Galdian, 2nd place grade 7; Dorsah Nassiri 3rd place grade 8 and from Dr. Charles Best Secondary: Claire-Xi Song, 1st place grade 12.
6. Nearly 50 elementary, middle and secondary students from across the district participated in the [3rd annual Coquitlam Public Library Science Expo](#) on May 10. SD43 students won top honours in nearly all categories. To see the full list of winners visit our SD43 Community News page on www.sd43.bc.ca
7. [\\$33,250 was raised this year as part of the 5th Annual SD43/KidSport Charity Golf Classic](#) held May 6 at Westwood Plateau Golf in Coquitlam. The money raised will allow 90 kids get to play a season of sports! Special thanks to the organizing committee: Chris Wilson, Dean Whitson, Cencherie Brisbin, Jeff Stromgren, Paul McNaughton, Lisa Rinke, Nadine Tambellini, Sharon McKay and Rissa Wilson.
8. **SD43's Student Leadership Council (SLC)** members participated in a retreat to prepare for the next school year ahead at **Loon Lake Retreat**, May 6-7. The retreat was led by Misti Askew and Michelle Ciolfitto and was also joined by Assistant Superintendent Reno Ciolfi.
9. **Registration is open for [SD43 Community Schools Summer Day Camps](#)** for grades K-6. Three locations: Seaview Community School, Minnekadha Middle School, Central Community School. Affordable daily/weekly rates. Register online at school website; click on Community Programs, which leads to the Summer Camp Registration Button.
10. On May 7, **MLA Rick Glumac met with students at Banting Middle School** about their **Real Acts of Caring (RAC)** initiative. Learn more at www.realactsofcaring.org



11. Three students from **Inquiry Hub** placed **second at the regional round of the Technovation Challenge held at SFU** with their homeless resource app. They're moving onto the semi-finals with online judging starting June 1.
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12. **Riverside Secondary's Hockey Academy** is the recipient of the **2018 Tri-City REACH Award** for community service.
 13. Congratulations to the **Port Moody Secondary delegation at the Canada International Model United Nation (CAIMUN) 2018**. Twenty delegates participated and they received a total of 10 awards!
 14. Many SD43 elementary school classes have been releasing salmon that they have raised from eggs into local rivers. Two **Mary Hill Elementary** classes released salmon into the Coquitlam River at Lions Park on May 2.
 15. **Minnehada Middle School** raised over **\$600 for We Walk for Water** thanks to Ms. Nishimura and the leadership club for spearheading this initiative.
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16. **Meadowbrook Elementary students** created a charity pinball game and raised close to **\$300 for the new Tri-Cities SPCA**.
 17. **Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:**
 - Gleneagle Secondary's junior netball team won the Provincial Championships!
 - Heritage Woods Secondary's junior golf team won the Fraser Valley Championships.
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 - The Riverside Rapids senior girls' soccer team won its first ever Fraser Valley North Championship. They along with teams from Heritage Woods, Centennial and Dr. Charles Best competed in the Fraser Valleys and have advanced to the Provincials.
 - The District Track meet took place Friday, May 11. Thank you to all the volunteers and coaches who made the Ken Borkowsky Memorial Meet happen this year!
 - The Fraser Valley Track and Field Championships took place on Monday, May 14. Congratulations to all of the participating athletes and best of luck to those competing in the upcoming Provincial Championships.
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18. Terry Fox Secondary's much anticipated annual **Rock the Fox concert is happening May 15 to 17**. This year students will be presenting 35 bands over three days and will be performing some great original songs and amazing cover tunes. Visit www.rockthefox.ca for tickets and information.
 19. A second **Raising Digitally Responsible Youth** presentation for parents is happening at **Heritage Woods, May 24 at 7 p.m.** This free workshop is presented by Safer Schools Together. Only 285 seats available and registration is done via SchoolCashOnline at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com> (select event listed under "ITEMS").

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