

1. School District 43 has received a donation of masks (disposable and reusable), sanitizer product, gloves, and hand wipes from Circle K, valued at about \$200,000. These products will be provided to schools over the coming two weeks to help further protect our community. Thank you Circle K for your generous donation!



2. Coquitlam School District is featured in the newsletter of Energy Wire, a journalism website for energy transition, for its commitment to reduce GHG emissions and through the many programs and initiatives that are positively impacting the environment.



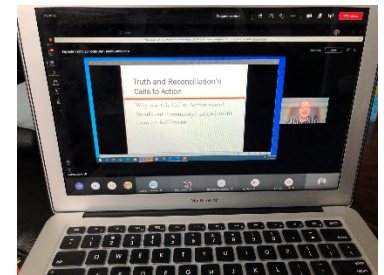
Mobile emissions from the District's fleet ranks as one of the main contributors to our carbon footprint and with some help from CleanBC, the district managed to replace an existing Security van with a Kia Soul EV, the district's first fully electric vehicle. The old security van was the most used vehicle in the district's fleet, traditionally traveling 200km per day, consuming approximately 7700 liters of gasoline annually and emitting approximately 18,318 kgs of GHG into the atmosphere. The new EV has a range of 260km on a fully charged battery and can be fully charged in 7 hours.

This positive step demonstrates SD43 as a leader in sustainability, reinforcing our commitment to meet our GHG reduction goals.

Jack Choules, SD43's Supervisor of Security and Stores loves the electric concept. He writes, "We have high hopes that as more electric vehicle options become available, we will see more electric in our fleet and on our streets. It just feels right. We are driving around all day and not harming the environment one bit".

3. Since conducting an equity scan in the district last year, SD43 has embarked on the concept of Equity in earnest.

On the April 23 Professional Development Day, the District hosted the Indigenous Education Focus Day exploring "Equity: Every Child, Every Day" where administrators listened to Kevin Lamoureux who sparked profound conversation on truth and reconciliation.



The goal of the event was to reawaken the educator's spirit of 'why' they chose the education field, rediscover their passion and to have in-depth discussions on how schools can support marginalized learners through the equity lens.

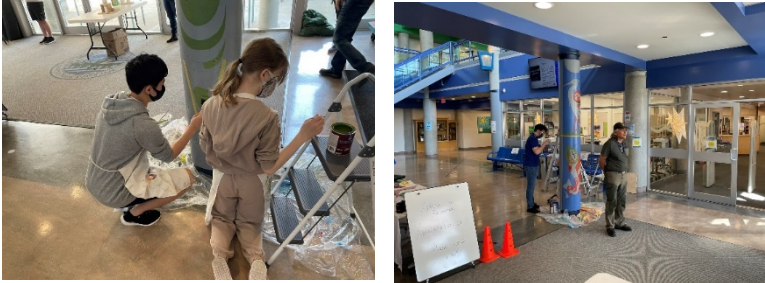
4. SD43 celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd with this year's theme being "Restore Our Earth".

Students in the district participated in various activities to help make a difference in restoring Mother Earth:

- Hillcrest Middle School students planted various flowers, herbs and vegetables at school.



- Encompass students learned the basics of gardening and planted leafy vegetables too!
 - Moody Elementary School students coloured Thrifty Foods's Suterbrook store paper bags and shared some Earth Day tips with shoppers.
 - Eagle Mountain Middle School students walked 4 kilometres to experience what third world countries go through to get access to clean water
 - Students also learned the importance of conserving water, started conversations about sustainability, promoting greener initiatives within schools and understanding climate change.
5. On April 25, Gleneagle Secondary School students organized the "Talk to Me 7.0 Conference", which features speakers sharing their experiences and expertise on the topic of anxiety, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, perseverance and self-empowerment. The organizing group aims to destigmatize and normalize conversations surrounding mental health and invites the community to attend the upcoming workshops scheduled on April 30th and May 1st. Read more on their Instagram page [here](#).



6. Riverside Secondary School students painted the school lobby posts with Indigenous art inspired and guided by local artist Xwalacktun.
7. Schools in the district are invited to participate in the *2021 Canadian Minecraft Challenge – Future Frontiers* hosted by Logic Academy, where students across Canada are challenged to build a community of space exploration and colonization using Minecraft Education Technology.

Through the Leadership in Technology (LIT) Educator team, teachers and students will be provided exclusive access to video tutorials, Minecraft tips and video call support to help schools launch their projects.

Teachers have also been invited to attend the 15-minute information session last April 22nd.

Learn more by visiting the [Mission43 website here](#).



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8. On April 22, the SD43 Leadership in Technology (LIT) team debuts Season 2 of "Just Press Play", a 5-minute video where 500 to 600 elementary and middle school students across the district watch lessons about STEM.

"Just Press Play" videos have also become an avenue for the school community to learn more about the new technology initiatives in the district such as Mission43, Micro:bit, as well as Sphero challenges.

