



1. On February 2, Baker Drive Elementary School participated in Global School Play Day, a day created by educators supporting unstructured playtime for students.

While play is already incorporated into the lesson plans in the BC curriculum, students were given an additional 1.5 hours of unstructured play at school. On this day, students were asked to bring a game or toy that did not require batteries or electricity. Other items included any recyclables such as toilet paper rolls or cereal boxes for projects.

2. Inquiry Hub leadership and art club students organized fundraising activities and helped raise \$560 for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. Last year, the students sold small painted pots and this year, they sold prints of their artwork. Well done students!

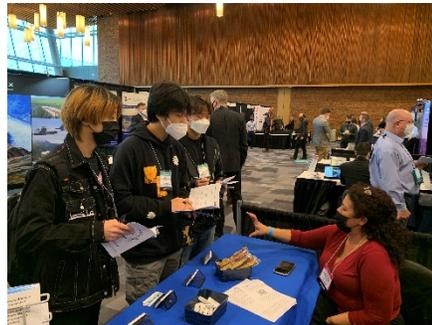


3. SD43 is proud of Max Yuyang, a grade 5 international student from China currently studying at Pinetree Way Elementary School. Max has been snowboarding since he was 4 years old and in 2018, started competing in National Championships at the age of 6. Max trains all over the world including Canada, USA, Japan and Australia.

In 2019, Max competed in the USASA (USA Snowboard and Free Ski Association) National Championships in North Tahoe, Colorado, placing second in his age group. In 2020, Max placed first (in his age group) in the USASA National Championships. Max was also invited to the Canada Snowboard Air Nation Freestyle Tour 2022 in Calgary, Alberta— where the best athletes from around the world compete in slopestyle, big air, and half pipe competitions.

Max loves his school, Pinetree Way Elementary. Mr. Leonard, the school principal, and his teachers, Ms. Biscaro and Ms. Doyle, make him feel "just like at home". When Max found out that Coquitlam was situated close to the mountains, he told his family that he wanted to move there to study in SD43. His message to potential students – "Come and stay in Coquitlam and feel the power of mother nature and be inspired".





4. The Heritage Woods Science Co-op 11 class is a cohort of students who all have a passion for science exploration. The class covers Chemistry 11, Life Science 11, Work Experience 12, and outdoor PE 11 in heavy detail. The class constantly looks for new and exciting opportunities that promote different science careers and pathways.

AME Roundup is an event for professionals in the minerals and mining industries. Typically, students across the province are invited to AME Roundup Career Exploration Day via MineralsEd – an educational group that focuses on helping educators and students explore this career and education field. However, due to the size and nature of the class, students were invited to join during the regular convention days.

On January 31, the science co-op students attended the AME Roundup event and were challenged to network and meet some of the different companies that had a booth at the conference. This included specialists in drone technology, minerals extraction, exploration companies, universities, and more. The students were given a variety of tasks, which included finding out information about products, career pathways, educational pathways, and more. The group also met with Yukon Dan, a gold panning specialist, who shared with students where to find gold, how to gold pan, and different facts about gold.

5. Gleneagle Secondary School's STEAM TEAM, students from ConX Leadership, hosted a virtual workshop for staff during the Focus Day on January 31st. The team demonstrated activities with the objective of promoting STEAM education to local middle school educators, in hopes they'd then share with their students. The team shared their personal experiences, as well as advocated their plans for their STEAM convention this coming May at Moody Middle School.



6. Ms. Leslie's Social Studies 9 class from École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School caught the attention of Drex from JACK FM. On-air, Ms. Leslie explains how 15 of her Socials 9 students have written letters to the municipalities of Port Moody and Coquitlam requesting that they consider changing the name of Dewdney Trunk Road.

This student activism was prompted by in-class discussion of the Indian Act and the role Edgar Dewdney played in the institution of Residential Schools in Canada and displacement of Indigenous and Metis people to make way for the CPR.

Listen to the full radio interview on the district [Instagram page here](#).





7. Rochester Elementary School has been working towards Truth and Reconciliation with a fence project the school started back in September.

Every two months, a class learns about indigenous history, language, and culture adding more details to the fence and growing the project all year by adding to the story.

8. SD43 is grateful to Dr. Roberto Canil and his staff at Strive Health and Performance in the Austin Heights Business District for helping to collect food donations at his clinic and for donating \$1000 cash to help SD43 families.

The food donation has been distributed to families, while the money was used towards breakfast program food purchases, and some grocery cards to help families address some specific needs for their household.



Upcoming Events:

- February 13 – 19 – Real Acts of Caring Week
- February 21 – Family Day
- February 23 – Pink Shirt Day
- February 25 – Professional Development Day