



1. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau surprised Pinetree Secondary School students and staff during his visit on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 where he engaged and conversed with students during a French and Social Studies class.

Students were also given the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Prime Minister. Topics ranged from environmental issues, the Trans Mountain Pipeline to immigration, to current news and events during the “town hall” session of his school visit.

2. Five student delegates from Gleneagle Secondary School were selected to attend the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Education 2030 Project: 9<sup>th</sup> Informal Working Group (IWG) meeting and B.C. Education Conference held on May 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver.



Gleneagle students attended various presentations and participated in a focus group where they shared their personal experiences in BC's Education system to other student delegates.

Around 4000 delegates from almost 40 member countries of the OECD attended this event, including Board Chair Barb Hobson and Superintendent Patricia Gartland.

Lucas, one of the student delegates, shares, “It was an eye-opening experience to hear from and interact with all kinds of dedicated professionals - representatives from foreign education ministries, researchers and neurologists who had studied the effect of social-emotional learning on students' brains, and speakers who advocated for more Indigenous awareness.”

“...I left the meeting feeling empowered, and now feel like it's my responsibility to advocate for equity and agency in education because that's what I've been lucky enough to have in my time as a student at SD43. But what stuck with me the most was a profound sense of hope - that in a time where wars, both real and ideological, threaten to separate us and further partition us into boxes, in a time where we grow increasingly estranged from each other through our screens, people and organizations and countries still care about collaboration, and are willing to spend money and political capital to help advance this conviction. After all, we are all learners, we can all learn from each other, and the first step to doing so is to listen to one another.”

The OECD is an intergovernmental economic organisation with 40 member countries, aimed to stimulate economic progress and world trade.

- Students from Terry Fox Secondary and Dr. Charles Best Secondary represented Canada at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University held May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.



- Four students from École Pitt River Middle School, École Citadel Middle and École Banting Middle school participated and won medals at the Concours d'art oratoire, Canada's largest annual French-language public speaking competition hosted by the Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon on May 4, 2019.

The competition is open to all students, grades 6 through 12, who are learning French through programs such as: French Immersion, Core French and the native Francophone School Board (SD93).

Students delivered three to five minutes speeches in French, on a topic that interests them.



- Port Moody Secondary School students collaborated with the Coquitlam District Parent Advisory Council, Port Moody Police, ICBC, Port Moody Fire Department, BC Coroner's Office and BC Ambulance Service on staging a Mock Crash last May 28, 2019 to create awareness for students on making safe driving choices during graduation season.

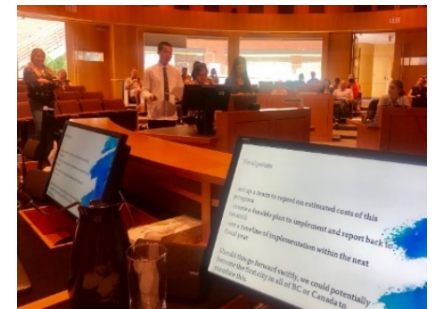




- School District 43 held its first-ever Elementary School Sphero Challenge (usually it is just middle/secondary) held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Winslow Centre organized by the Technology Implementation Team. 26 Elementary schools in the district were represented at the event by over 90 students and teachers.

The Sphero Challenge is an annual event where students are given the opportunity to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills through coding and healthy competition.

- A student delegation from Dr. Charles Best Secondary presented to Coquitlam City Council on requesting a task force to review the cost of installing free menstrual products in all municipal public washrooms.



- Centennial Centaurs won their second consecutive provincial AAA Girl's Soccer title beating Fleetwood Park Secondary School 2-1 on May 31, 2019.

Thank you to Coaches Larry Moro, Kevin Comeau, Hayley Melvin and former Centennial student, Veronika Aguilar for leading this team.



- Eagle Mountain Middle School celebrated the unveiling of their new school post on June 7, 2019 designed and carved by artist Xwalactun.



10. Students from Heritage Woods Secondary, Dr. Charles Best Secondary and Riverside Secondary School presented real social issues to their peers during the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Canada Contest. A donation of \$5000 was also given to their chosen charity.

11. Eight students from the School District were awarded the International Student Ambassador Scholarship this year by the BC Council for International Education (BCCIE).

- Songdi (Cindy) Yu, a grade 12 international students at Gleneagle, has been selected to International Student Ambassador Scholarship for Post Secondary Institute Entry.
- Faraz Khoubisrat, a grade 11 international student at Terry Fox Secondary, has been selected to receive \$1,250 International Student Ambassador Scholarship for PSI Entry.
- \$1,250 International Student Ambassador Scholarship for K-12 Entry at Port Moody Secondary.
  - Tiffany Yu, grade 11
  - Jeongbin Heo, grade 9
  - Aaron Zhang, grade 11
- \$1,250 International Student Ambassador Scholarship for K-12 Entry at Centennial Secondary.
  - Elisa Sanchez Martinez, Grade 11 (Mexico)
  - Jose Santiago Matabuena Waller, Grade 11 (Mexico)
  - Sarah Jarolimova, Grade 10 (Czech Republic)



### Upcoming Events

- June 19, 2019
  - School District 43 celebrates retiring employees that have served the school.
- June 20, 2019
  - Official Opening, Open House, Totem Pole Unveiling at École Banting Middle School
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Riverview Park Elementary
- June 21, 2019
  - Board addresses BC Legislative Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
  - National Indigenous Peoples Day
- LINC Picnic – date TBD
- June 25, 2019 – Board Vice-Chair Chair Pollock attending Korean Consul event honouring Korean War Veterans.



# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of June 11, 2019

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## o Graduation Commencements:

- June 13, 2019
  - Dr. Charles Best Secondary
  - Continuing Education, Customized Learning Centre and Coquitlam Open Learning
- June 14, 2019 – Indigenous Education Honouring Ceremony
- June 15, 2019 – Gleneagle Secondary School
  
- June 18, 2019 – Centennial Secondary School
- June 20, 2019
  - Encompass
  - Inquiry Hub
  - CAFE
- June 22, 2019
  - Heritage Woods Secondary School
  - Port Moody Secondary School
- June 23, 2019 – Riverside Secondary School
- June 24, 2019 – Terry Fox Secondary School
- June 25, 2019 – Sheffield Open House at Smiling Creek Elementary School
- June 26, 2019 – Pinetree Secondary School
- July 4, 2019 – Summer Learning classes begin

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