

**1. School District 43 community raises over \$3.2 million to date for the Terry Fox Foundation.**

School District 43 is proud of all students, staff and families who continue to support and raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation through their participation in the annual Terry Fox Run held this year on September 15, 2019.

School District 43 donated a total of \$166,753.84 in 2018 and has collected a total amount of \$3,275,793.53 to date for the Terry Fox Foundation!



**2. École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School teacher, Ms. Maria Bruneau, is nominated as a finalist under the Indigenous Education Category for a Premier's Award for Excellence in Education. The awards ceremony will be held on October 4, 2019.**

**3. Board of Education members to attend the Union of BC Municipalities Convention**

Board of Education members have been invited to the UBCM on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> by the municipalities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam to discuss the proposed Burke Mountain Middle/Secondary and Green School initiatives. The Board is excited to have the opportunity to further discuss a new school for Burke Mountain and to further their goal of making it the "Greenest School in Canada".

For more information on the Board's advocacy around a new school on Burke Mountain and their green initiative visit: [www.sd43.bc.ca/CapitalProjects/Pages/BurkeMountain.aspx](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CapitalProjects/Pages/BurkeMountain.aspx).

Trustees also met with Port Moody-Coquitlam MP Fin Donnelly to discuss the Green School initiative on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board has been encouraged in the course of these meetings as advocacy efforts have been gaining momentum.

**4. Trustees met with Members of the Legislative Assembly Rick Glumac and Joan Isaacs on September 19, 2019 and shared School District 43 achievements, BC's new curriculum, current capital projects, funding model review and childcare initiatives.**

**5. Superintendent Patricia Gartland and trustees will meet with Canadian Senator Yonah Martin on September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Superintendent Patricia Gartland and trustees will meet with Senator Yonah Martin to discuss possible opportunities for Korean as a second language instruction in the district and issues related to the Korean-Canadian community in Coquitlam.

The Board of Education has been invited to a reception at the Korean Consulate in Vancouver on September 25<sup>th</sup>.



**6. Birchland Elementary School announces new partnership with Port Coquitlam Fire Fighters Charitable Department and receives a \$1500 donation for their breakfast program.**

Birchland Elementary School welcomed parents, students and staff to a new school year and announced a new partnership with Port Coquitlam Fire Fighters Charitable Department at the Community Barbecue on September 12, 2019. An initial \$1500 was donated to support Birchland Elementary's Breakfast Program and the Port Coquitlam Fire Fighters will continue to financially support more of the school's initiatives throughout the year.



**7. Scott Creek Middle School welcomes Cops for Cancer on September 24, 2019. This year students and families have raised \$15,100 and have donated over \$150,000 since 2006.**

Image (L-R): Chief Constable David Fleugel, Assistant Superintendent Reno Ciolfi, Colleen Castonguay (vice-principal), Constable Chris Birtsch, Jen Renard (teacher organizer) since 2006.



**8. The Board of Education recognizes the following days in the School District:**

- Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2019, an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children.
- UNESCO Initiative commemorating World Teacher's Day on October 5, 2019, appreciating teachers in the School District No. 43 and the vital role they play in assuring the well-being of our society.

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