

1. [On January 29, 2020, School District 43 announced another successful partnership with Finger Foods Advanced Technology Group and Softbank Robotics](#), where students will be given the opportunity to learn computer programming, critical thinking and work with the latest in technological advancements first-hand and apply that technology in creative ways applicable to real-world problems, through the "Pepper" Robot.

Two robot devices were donated to each of Scott Creek Middle School, École Kwayhquitlum Middle School, Centennial Secondary and Pinetree Secondary Schools. Two more units will be available at Winslow Centre for schools to book and visit.

Board of Education Chair Kerri Palmer Isaak, Trustee Jennifer Blatherwick, Trustee Carol Cahoon, Trustee Barb Hobson, Trustee Christine Pollock, Trustee Michael Thomas and special guests, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Selina Robinson, MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville, Rick Glumac, MLA Port Moody-Coquitlam, Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam City Councillor Steve Kim, Port Coquitlam City Councillor Glenn Pollock attended this event.

2. Programs of Choice registration for school year 2020 to 2021 is now closed. [Kindergarten registration](#) is ongoing and ends on February 5, 2020. [Cross catchment registration](#) begins on February 6-12, 2020.

For more information, please view our [Registration Information](#) page.



3. Mr. Tan Huynh, world-renowned English Language Learner (ELL) speaker, presented to 78 School District 43's ELL specialists, classroom teachers, learning services staff and Metro Vancouver guests and modelled co-teaching at Summit Middle School and Pinetree Way Elementary on January 23 and January 24, 2020.

Student videographer, Nathan Cushing, from Gleneagle Secondary filmed Tan's interactions with students and staff. The video will be used to educate Coquitlam teachers on the co-teaching approach and benefits thereof.



Mr. Huynh's presentation was well received by the group including Cedar Drive Elementary teacher, Erlinda Palines, who writes:

"Dear Caz and the Ell team, Tan Huynh's presentation was the best workshop for Ell that I have ever been too! I came away so inspired. More importantly, thank you so much for your attention to every little detail from the table cards, to the lemons in the water jugs, the takeaway booklets, the prizes, lunch and more. I was so impressed. Thank you for all the work you do as our Coquitlam Ell coordinator. Exceptional!"



4. [Sixty-five \(65\) students from Centennial Secondary, Gleneagle Secondary, Port Moody Secondary, Dr. Charles Best Secondary and Port Moody Secondary have started to display their artwork at the Emerging Talent 23 at the Art Gallery at Evergreen Cultural Centre.](#) The annual art show is open to the public on Wednesday noon to 8 p.m., Thursday to Saturday noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. until February 14. Admission is free. Visit www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca/exhibit for more information.

Thank you to former School District 43 art teachers Mike McElgunn, Jerry Pietrasko and Melanie Stokes for selecting this year's student artwork.

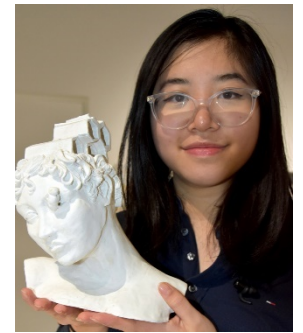


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5. Gleneagle Secondary Con-X leadership students Jasmine Choi, Deon Feng, Phia Guan, Lucas Hung, Jiwon Hwang, and Olesya Kondrateva hosted the school's third TedX event, "Fueling Your Fire" on January 23, 2020 at Gleneagle Secondary.

The planning committee called for an audition to select students, Maya Tharp, Peter Peng, Berry Yan and also industry professionals, Jerwin Bautista, Jess Tang and Kimberly Venn. Those selected inspired students and shared stories about their experiences in failure, resilience, teamwork and passion.



Trustees Lisa Park, Trustee Barb Hobson, former Trustee Maxine Wilson, MLA Joan Isaacs Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, Port Moody City Councilor Amy Lubik and administrators Kim Cuellar, Wendy Yu and Manjit Raj attended this event.

Students were provided free tickets through the generous support of various partners including the Duke of Edinburgh Passion to Project grant and the SD43 Student Leadership Council fund.

Lucas Hung, one of six Con-X Leadership students, shares his experience about organizing TedX Gleneagle Secondary below:

“A shared value at the core of both our event and the bigger TEDx organization was empowerment; we strove to create an experience that would ignite a spark in attendees both during and after the event. So, it was incredible to witness the attentiveness with which they listened to the presenters. Some took photos of slides that resonated with them, while others jotted notes down. The energetic applause after each talk combined with the amount of messages and emails of support we've received since the event show that our audience members were able to find pieces of insight that they could take home with them, whether it be about developing their passion, being a more supportive leader, or using failure as a motivator to strive even further.

Looking back now, what we've learned from putting this event together has many similarities to the nuggets of wisdom the speakers were conveying to the audience. Perhaps it's that everything starts from an idea, a singular intention, a drop of water in an endless ocean. These ideas can evolve, growing and stretching in paths we never imagine them to go, but with each new experience comes a moment from which we can learn and grow. And with patience, purpose, and purpose, these crazy dreams can come to fruition.”

- Riverside Secondary student Jane Mackinnon receives a \$1000 scholarship from the Tessa Tournament on February 1, 2020.





7. Centennial Secondary School takes the School District 43 under the sea with Disney's *The Little Mermaid* at Centennial Theatre starting February 6 to 8 and February 12 to 14 at 7 p.m. There will also be a 1 p.m. matinee Feb. 14. Tickets are sold at \$17/\$13, visit centtheatre.com for more information.

8. Students from Heritage Mountain Elementary, Mundy Road Elementary, Dr. Charles Best Secondary, Port Moody Secondary and Gleneagle Secondary as well as students from the Okanagan Skaha (SD67) District will be going to B.C. Legislature at Victoria to attend the Provincial Proclamation hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 for the Real Acts of Caring Week (RAC).



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RAC Mundy Road Elementary students also presented to the City of Coquitlam Council on February 3, 2020 to promote Real Acts of Caring Week on February 9 – 15.

9. The Syntechs Robotics Club from Heritage Woods Secondary hosted the 2020 Winter Qualifier at their school on January 18, 2020. The group under the leadership of teacher James Zhuang has won the Judges Award at the BC December Qualifier last December 14, 2019 and the BC Fall Qualifies in November 16, 2019.



The club will be competing again for the Spring Qualifier at Seaquam Secondary School at Delta on February 7, 2020 for their next VEX Tower Takeover tournament.

To learn more about their club, visit their website here: <https://syntechsrobotics.ca/>

10. Students Adam Matthews-Kott from Inquiry Hub Secondary School and Ashiana Sunderji from Riverside Secondary School were among the top 88 out of 5,194 finalists selected to participate at the National Selections of the Loran Scholars Foundation held on January 31 and February 1, 2020 in Toronto.

Candidates were selected based on evidence of character, commitment to service in the community, and leadership potential and have a chance to earn a Loran Award valued up to \$100,000 over four years for undergraduate studies in Canada.



[Photo Credit: Loran Scholars Foundation](#)

For more information about the scholarship, visit their website here: <https://loranscholar.ca/2020-loran-finalists/>

11. Jaxon Chang, a Port Moody Secondary student, is doing his work experience at the Port Moody Dairy Queen. The staff there worked with Jaxon and the school team to customize the job duties to allow Jaxon to be more independent and have more success.

Jaxon has learned valuable employment skills that will be added to his resume and can transfer to paid employment in the future. Building partnerships between schools and local businesses benefit both the student and business.





Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of February 4, 2020

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Upcoming Events

- February 3 –5 – Kindergarten Registration
- February 6 – 14 – The Little Mermaid by Centennial Secondary
- February 6 – 12 – Cross-Catchment Registration
- February 9 – 15 – Real Acts of Caring Week
- February 14 – Schools are not in session
- February 19 – Enchantment Project Fundraiser at Burrard Public House
- February 19 – Pinetree Secondary's "A Night at the Museum of Art"
- February 26 – Pink Shirt Day
- February 28 – Student Leadership Conference at Scott Creek Middle School
- February 28 – District Pro-D Day
- February 29 – Gleneagle Secondary's 12th Annual Jazz Gala and Dinner

Future Events

- April – Port Moody Secondary's The Drowsy Chaperone and The Addams Family by Dr. Charles Best Secondary.
- May – Heritage Woods and Coquitlam's Gleneagle Secondaries, Bring It On and Legally Blonde