

## Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2020

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- 1. On October 16, some schools participated in Student Vote, a day where students cast their ballots in a mock election to learn the importance of exercising their democratic right to vote.
  - Grade 10 Inquiry Hub students have created their own political parties and presented their platforms to grade 9 students.
  - Kwayhquitlum Middle School students voted on paper ballets and online for their favourite candidate.
- 2. The District will be producing a video called "Coquitlam Remembers" for Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The video presentation will be used to help students understand the importance of remembrance and to commemorate, as a district, all those who have given their lives for our peace and freedom today.
  - Students will be participating by reciting "In Flanders Fields" and as part of the introduction to Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> during the presentation. Students will also sing "O Canada" as part of the ceremonies. The video will be shared in classrooms as well as virtually.
- 3. Heritage Woods Secondary School launches Move4Mana and celebrates World Food Day on October 16. The Move4Mana 30-day Challenge encourages the school community to get active by logging their physical activities to accumulate points in the Active for Good app! Every 200 points, a packet of MANA (a peanut-based Mother Administered Nutritive Aid) will be sent to children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in Afghanistan.
- 4. October 23 was the Provincial Professional Development day and school district staff participated successfully in various webinars, sessions and activities. Most were held virtually or within small school groups.





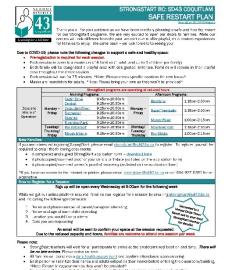


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5. SD43 welcomes back families to StrongStart Centres starting October 26, 2020. Learn more: <a href="http://ow.ly/K7bi50C32sc">http://ow.ly/K7bi50C32sc</a>. Registration forms are available here: http://ow.ly/nX0v50C38nn



- 6. Gleneagle Secondary School will be hosting a virtual session on Social media Awareness, Digital Footprints and Cyberbullying in the age of COVID-19 for students and families organized by the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with Safer Schools Together on October 29, 2020 from 4 pm – 5pm.
- 7. The non-profit Canadian School Libraries organization declared October 26th as Canadian School Libraries Day as part of International School Library month, a celebration of school libraries world-wide. The theme for International School Libraries Month 2020 is "Finding Your Way to Good Health and Well-being". The theme is based upon the United Nations Sustainable Goal #3, "Good Health and Well-being".

