



1. Students and staff at Eagle Mountain Middle School have been working hard every Thursday to help construct their newly completed outdoor learning space called the Eagle's Nest. Students were busy each week, clearing the area of logs and branches, building walking trails, constructing benches and decorating their classroom with "welcome" wood-burned signs in various languages spoken by students and families in the community.

The school is grateful to the SD43 grounds crew that have brought heavy equipment to help saw and lift logs and for the generous donation of \$5000 from the PAC to start the project off and through the following financial grants: \$10000 from the ECF grant, \$1000 from Sea to Sky Rotary Club, and \$500 from the SD43 multicultural grant.

"Eagle Mountain Middle School has a unique location; set and surrounded amongst a stunning forest. We wanted to use this natural element and create an outdoor classroom, which we are excited to share, is now well on its way. With the support of the SD43 grounds crew, principal of facilities, passionate teachers, students and administrators we are creating an area where students and staff can rejuvenate. Students will cultivate awareness, knowledge, appreciation and concern for the natural environment and a place where the learning environment naturally elicits creativity and calmness. Our vision involves the students' voice as they are helping to build and design our outdoor classrooms all while learning how to build sustainable trails and to honor the organic materials already available to us. Our vision is to have five learning classrooms, with pathways leading to each area and to have a play area where students can explore and have fun", writes Daniel Martin.

2. Congratulations to Carter Hayes, a grade 12 student at Heritage Woods Secondary School who was recently accepted to Harvard University!

Carter is an outstanding student (99% average in his senior class) and an elite dancer. His current plan is to study Engineering at Harvard and also get involved with the Harvard Dance Center.

"Carter is not only an outstanding student, he is also great ambassador for Heritage Woods and young people in general. We are very proud of him" says Todd Clerk, Principal at Heritage Woods Secondary School.



- CABE is proud of their newly converted foods classroom with three (3) new cooking stations providing an opportunity for students to learn applied skills in cooking.

The school also renovated their kitchen which now has a brand-new commercial dishwasher, preparation station, oven, refrigerator, a double induction cooktop and a hand sanitizing station. The kitchen now allows students to receive hot breakfast and lunch everyday.



- On March 23, SD43 received a donation of 12,500 3-ply face masks and 12 x 500mL containers of hand sanitizer from TFMNOW Distribution. The donation will help the school district provide additional safety measures for students and staff. Stanley Ho of TFMNOW Distribution, was pleased to make this donation, as the objective of this donation is to support the families who do not have the additional resources to purchase personal protective equipment. TFMNOW are hoping their contribution will help further protect our community.



- SD43 Career and Trades partnered with Coquitlam Fire Rescue to offer its third annual Junior Firefighter Program on March 19th to 26th. Ten Grade 11 and 12 students applied and completed the eight-day firefighter basic training program where students were given an opportunity to experience the physical and educational training for new recruits.

The educational component consists of testing knowledge on firefighting equipment, fire behaviour, the fire tetrahedron and the products of combustion, to name a few. The practical component of the program tests the applicant's strength, endurance and teamwork skills. Some of these are: dragging charged hose lines, carrying ladders in a group, climbing the four-story hose tower and cutting up cars in teams using the "Jaws of Life". [Photo credits: Tricity News](#)



- Viral Cause, a group formed by the ConX leadership students at Gleneagle Secondary School aims to inspire, entertain and fundraise with live-streamed concerts for Backpack Buddies, a local charity that provides backpacks of meals and snacks for children with families in need.

Students hope to reach their weekly goal of \$1000 at the end of each performance. Learn more about Viral Cause on their Instagram page [here](#).





- On April 8, the Single-Use Plastic Elimination Reinforcement (SUPER) team, a group of students promoting the ban of single use shopping bags, straws and styrofoam in the community, met with Environment Minister George Heyman to share their concerns on banning plastics on the municipal level.

Honorable George Heyman and his team were most impressed with the students 'grassroots' efforts and informed them that if any municipal government wished to pass such a ban and had plans in place, that the provincial government would absolutely support it! The SUPER Team students were thrilled and are now making plans to return to the municipal governments and share this message.

- Larry Moro, a veteran coach of the Centennial Secondary Senior girls' team, has been honoured and added to the Wall of Fame at the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame.

Larry has been coaching since he was 16 and began his teaching career in the district at Banting Middle School. He then stepped up to coach the junior boys basketball and girls tennis teams.

"A teacher's mentality is we like to help, we like to serve. I get so much out of it. I love seeing the kids succeed" says Coach Larry.



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- Congratulations to Heritage Woods Secondary School Alumni Reid Demelo and Grade 11 student Nick for taking a lead role in a Ritz Crackers commercial.

The Ritz commercial highlights the unsung contributions of team managers, who ensure players are taken care of on and off the court making a big impact on the game and their teammates.

In 2019, Reid Demelo was a team manager of the Heritage Woods Kodiaks basketball team and was also an internet sensation after being called to play by his teammates and shooting a perfect shot in the opening game against the Kitsilano Blues.



10. Congratulations to Heritage Woods Secondary School students Julie & Joanne for winning first in a marketing competition sponsored by Ennovate UBC and UBC Sauder School of Business.



11. Inquiry Hub hosted its first iHub Live event featuring music by Grade 12 student, Senn Galinas, on Friday, March 19th at 2:30 pm.



12. Port Moody Secondary School student, Jessica, has launched a new e-waste collection initiative to help keep toxic waste out of the landfill. She hopes this project will help her secure a \$10,000 scholarship to pursue her post-secondary studies at McGill University.

Jessica hopes to collect old items such as TVs, DVRs, printers, laptops, headphones or iPods. Larger items like televisions will be retrieved by the Electronic Recycling Association (ERA), who is sponsoring the initiative and breaking down items to be refurbished.



[Learn more on the Tri-City News here.](#)

13. SD43 students and staff were feeling extra lucky while wearing green and celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

