



1. Schools in the district celebrated the holiday season with performances from teachers and students, spirit week, fundraising activities, charity events, talent shows, and more!



2. On December 19, the James Park Elementary community gathered and celebrated their last pancake breakfast of 2022! A huge thank you to the Port Coquitlam Firefighters and Port Coquitlam City Councilors that joined us - Steve Darling, Glenn Pollock, and Nancy McCurrach - and all the volunteers who made this pancake breakfast extra special for our families!

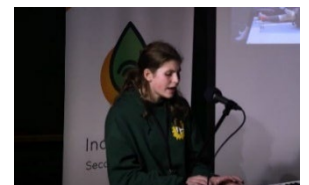


3. We are so proud of the 15,600 lbs of food that were donated by all the Port Moody schools and collected by the Port Moody Firefighters for SHARE Family & Community Services.

4. On December 8, SD43 Trustees honoured employees who have served the district for the past 25 years. Thank you for your passion and dedication to supporting our students!

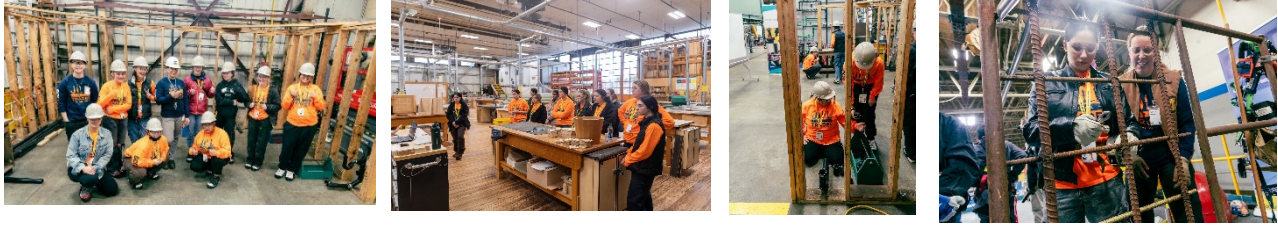


5. On December 7, Inquiry Hub Secondary School hosted its Annual Open House, where students and teachers presented about the school's programs and provided information with guided tours and presentations by students.



6. SD43 grade 1 students were excited to each receive a copy of the Canadian children's book "Fast Friends", written by Heather M. O'Connor, illustrated by Claudia Davila, and published by Scholastic Canada. The books were provided to The Canadian Children's Book Centre through a generous donation from TD Bank Group.





7. On November 29, twelve Career and Trades Program students, who identify as female in grades 9 through 12, were invited to attend the “Jill of all Trades” event, a day-long workshop led by female mentors and industry professionals which was hosted by BCIT.

Students gained valuable experience and enjoyed a series of workshops in several disciplines that include carpentry, metal fabrication, CNC machinist, motorcycle mechanic, plumbing, security technician, instrumentation technician, electrician, iron worker, and sheet metal worker. Here’s a sneak peak of how the day went at BCIT! Well done students!

8. On January 12 & 13, Terry Fox Secondary School hosted its annual *Rock the Fox* event, an opportunity for students to perform contemporary music while learning to work together in a team environment. Students enjoyed performing for a live audience and certainly rocked the stage!



9. Larry Ryan, Seaview Elementary School Principal, is featured on Episode 21 of Princip(ed) Podcast produced by the British Columbia Principals’ and Vice-Principals’ Association. Listen to his journey as he shares about the start of his career as a youth worker and his current role as a principal. <https://buff.ly/3hbrbJZ>



10. On December 6 & 8, Pinetree Secondary School Entrepreneurship 12 students hosted another successful business fair and sold holiday goodies and gifts to the school community.

11. Congratulations to the Riverside Senior Girls Basketball team for winning the Tsumura Basketball Invitational for the second year in a row! Well done!



12. The Programs of Choice application opened from January 5th to 11th and we had a great response with lots of applications submitted. We look forward to our upcoming kindergarten registration opening on January 31st to February 2nd.

**IMPORTANT DATES
STUDENT REGISTRATION
FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

Application forms will be available online on the main SDS43 page. Please apply during these dates.

- Kindergarten Registration: Nov. 14-17, 10am-4pm
- Programs of Choice: Nov. 14-17, 10am-4pm
- Cross-Catchment: Nov. 14-17, 10am-4pm

Learn more: sd43.bc.ca

13. Congratulations to École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School alum Tomis Milic on his outstanding goaltending performance playing for Team Canada during the 20th World Junior Hockey Championship on January 5. Team Canada captured gold with an exciting finish!



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14. On January 13 & 14, the Heritage Woods Secondary School theatre company class performed an outstanding Harry Potter parody (originally made famous on YouTube by Starkids). The musical is written by Brian Holden, Nick Lang & Matt Lang, directed by Evan Newson, choreographed by Charlotte Bequette, and artistically directed by teacher Shanda Wanders.



15. Congratulations to two of our Summit Middle School students, Katie Sin in grade 6 and Candy Zeng in grade 8! Out of more than 500 submissions from 138 classrooms in both British Columbia and the Yukon, Katie and Candy both came in first place for their age group in the 2nd Annual Pacific Salmon Foundation Art Contest. They were awarded a prize pack of gift cards and salmon merchandise. What an amazing accomplishment!



Katie shares "My art of my salmon painting is to show the difference of how a real-life salmon looks and how a First Nations salmon looks like, I got inspiration from a story I read as a kid about the northern lights and how they were created by flying salmon, my art is also about salmon going back to their birthplace to lay eggs. The salmon in the sky is meant to be good luck to the salmon swimming below, that they will reach their birthplace safely."

Candy shares "I came up with this idea because I want to show more about salmon on my work, so that's why I came up with this life circle thing".

Upcoming Events

January 21 – March 5 – Emerging Talent 25 at Place Des Arts

January 31 – February 2 – Kindergarten Registration

February 3-8 – Cross Catchment Applications

February 22 – Pink Shirt Day

February 12 – 18 – Real Acts of Caring Week

February 25 – Gleneagle Secondary Music Department presents the 13th Annual Jazz Gala Dinner & Silent Auction