



1. On April 13, SD43 hosted the first Unified 3 on 3 Basketball District Championships at Heritage Woods Secondary School, where students cheered on their teams, enjoyed a friendly game of hoops, and had a lot of fun.

The SD43 Unified 3 on 3 Basketball Program is an inclusive basketball program created in collaboration with Special Olympics BC, providing students with exceptionalities the opportunity to represent their school and play alongside other students.

Through this event, students have gained new friends and improved their sport-specific skills while creating a more inclusive environment.

Thank you once again to the event sponsors, Special Olympics BC and MoreSports BC, lead organizer Michael Viveiros, and to our district staff who made this event a huge success!

2. Congratulations to the following SD43 recipients of the Soroptimist International of the Tri-Cities Bea Kelly Volunteer Awards, recognizing grade 12 students who have made a difference in the community or school through volunteer efforts such as: fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty.

- Nele Kaufmann – Riverside Secondary School
- Vanessa Asaad – Centennial Secondary School
- Jihyueng Lim – Centennial Secondary School
- Ava Cervas – Terry Fox Secondary School
- Shanali Beligala – Terry Fox Secondary School



3. Terry Fox Graduate, Jack Thomas, performs a drum solo on Canada's Got Talent Season 2 to Blink 182's "All the Small Things". Jack shares his story of losing his right arm in a workplace accident in 2015 but uses his story to continue living his best life. Watch his audition on the Canada's Got Talent Youtube Channel [here](#).



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4. SD43 invites all families to attend the Ready, Set, Learn Community Breakfast every Wednesday in May from 9:30 am – 11:30 am, at various locations. Families will have an opportunity to enjoy some food, engage in fun activities, and meet early childhood experts and local community agencies. Register here: <http://ow.ly/3cUT50NOv21>



5. On April 2, 2023, SD43 eSports organization hosted an in-person finals event which was also streamed online in collaboration with The Gaming Stadium, a gaming solutions company, where 30 students from Pinetree Secondary School and Heritage Woods Secondary School competed in 3 games: Overwatch, Valorant, and League of Legends.

The event was the culmination of the eSports Season that consisted of 5 high schools and over 80 students across the district. Congratulations students!

6. On April 21, the SD43 Student Leadership Council hosted its annual SLC Leadership Conference where 125 SD43 middle and secondary students gathered at Minnehada Middle School.

SLC invited speakers Adel Gamar, a professor from UBC Sauder School of Business and a cofounder of Gamar Foundation, Hiruki and Olivia, Red Cross Youth Facilitators and students at Heritage Woods Secondary School students, and Alina and Ariya, SLC co-chairs from Port Moody Secondary School discussing topics about leadership, optimism and providing ways on how to be your best self.



7. On April 14, 12 Middle School Advanced 7/8 Bands performed during the annual advanced band concert at Pitt River Middle School. The showcase was enjoyed by many and a variety of tunes were performed featuring songs from "The Mandalorian" and the "Pirates of the Caribbean". Congratulations students!



8. Congratulations to Como Lake Middle School for raising \$1700 and participating in its own Terry Fox Run. Students were also invited to donate toonies in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done students and thank you for all your efforts in raising funds for this great cause!



9. On April 13 to 15, Eagle Mountain Middle School students, Aleksander Kwasniak & Camila Wist participated in the 2023 Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair held at the University of British Columbia. The students proudly showcased their science fair inquiries and were so thrilled to represent Eagle Mountain Middle School.

Congratulations to Aleksander for also being awarded the Greater Vancouver Mining Women's Association Award, a special award for the best mining-related project.

10. Congratulations to Eagle Mountain Middle School students Bailey Hubbs, Zoe Petty, and their team for winning the U12 BC Hockey Provincials!



11. The public is invited to attend an information session for the new Burke Mountain secondary school and City of Coquitlam park on Wednesday, April 26 from 5 pm – 8 pm at Smiling Creek Elementary School.



Representatives from SD43, the City of Coquitlam and SOA Architects will be on hand to answer questions.

**Burke Mountain Secondary School and City of Coquitlam Park**

You are invited to an information session for the new Burke Mountain secondary school and City of Coquitlam park.

**Wednesday, April 26, 5:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Overview Presentation at 5:15pm**  
**Smiling Creek Elementary, 3456 Princeton Avenue**

Representatives from SD43, the City of Coquitlam, and SOA Architects will be on hand to answer questions. Information will be made available online at the pages below for those unable to attend.

[coquitlam.ca/park/projects](https://coquitlam.ca/park/projects) [sd43.bc.ca/capital/projects](https://sd43.bc.ca/capital/projects)

12. On April 19, SD43 elementary school students were thrilled to be back participating in the Como Lake Relay. Over a thousand Grades 4 and 5 elementary school students ran the 1.2-kilometre loop around Como Lake in a healthy competition. Well done students!



### Upcoming Events

April 21, 22, 27- 29 – Heritage Woods Secondary School Theatre presents Mamma Mia!



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

Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2023

*Learning for a Lifetime*

*Serving the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody*

April 28 – Gleneagle Secondary School 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

April 29 – June 2 – Mother Goose at Birchland Elementary School for children ages 0-6

May – Speech and Hearing Month

May 1 – CMTA Music Festival in the Park Celebrating Music Monday 9:30 am – 6:00pm at Town Centre Park

May 22 – Victoria Day