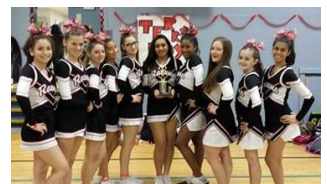




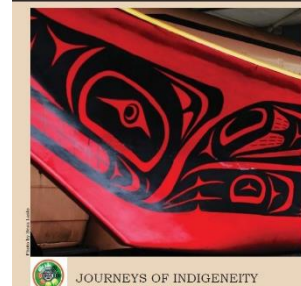



1. **Mountain Meadows and Walton Elementary** students and parents were treated to a very special **lucky lion dance** in celebration of the **Chinese Lunar New Year** on February 8.
2. **Twenty-two Maple Creek Middle** students travelled to Victoria to hear **Real Acts of Caring Week (February 14 to 20)** proclaimed for the entire province. Students also got to meet Premier Christy Clark. During RAC Week students throughout the district spread kindness and cheer by delivering flowers, handing out baked goods and planting a city garden.
3. **Walton Elementary's read-a-thon** raised **\$13,200 for school library books** with the help of parents, teachers and local businesses. Principal Mah also shaved his head for the cause!
4. **As highlighted in a full-page feature article in the Tri-City News, many SD43 schools are using self-regulation techniques** as part of the social and emotional curriculum. SD43 has been working with the Canadian Self-Regulation Initiative on programs to help students recognize and reduce stress. Some tools and technique being used include: "taking 5," zones of regulation, sensory rooms, calming music and stationary bikes. During exams, **Heritage Woods Secondary created Calming Week**, offering free tea, therapy dogs and yoga to help students manage their stress and anxiety. New pedal desks have also been introduced at **Panorama Heights Elementary** to support self-regulation and enhance student learning.
5. Three SD43 soccer players, **Aidan Bain from Terry Fox Secondary and Lucas McIlveen and Erik Morden from Dr. Charles Best Secondary** will be joining Simon Fraser University's soccer club next year.
6. For Valentine's Day, **Mountain Meadows Elementary** students handed out cards to local seniors and **Maple Creek Middle** students sent Valentine wishes to the **Coquitlam Fire Service**.
7. In SD43 high school basketball news – **Heritage Woods Secondary's junior boys and girls teams both took home the district championship title. Riverside Secondary's senior girls AAA basketball team placed third in the Fraser Valley championships** and will be moving on to the provincial championships along with **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's team**.
8. **An Eagle Mountain Middle grade 7/8 class** recently spent a day at Mossom Creek Hatchery learning about the developmental stages of salmon and how to care for them.
9. **Terry Fox Secondary's cheerleading team took home first place** at the "For the Love of It" cheerleading competition held at Port Moody Secondary this past weekend. **Port Moody Secondary's cheerleading team also won first place** in both the Large Senior All-Girl Division and Group Stunt.
10. **Terry Fox grade 12 student, Julianna Russo**, who was born without her right hand, is inspiring others and credits the War Amps for helping her to **continue dancing by providing specialized prosthetics**.



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of February 23, 2016

11. **On February 9**, educators throughout the district participated in a **Curriculum Implementation Day**.
12. **On February 19**, two SD43 students, **Molly Duval from Meadowbrook Elementary and John Choi from Como Lake Middle**, participated in the fourth annual BC Braille Challenge. Students were tested on reading and writing skills such as spelling, proofreading, reading, and speed and accuracy.
 
13. SD43 teachers participated in a variety of activities **on February 19 as part of the CTA Pro-D Day**.
14. **SD43 is proud to support Pink Shirt Day, February 24**, a day when people wear a pink shirt to symbolize a stand against bullying.
 
15. **Moody Middle's Project Change Club has completed a two year recycled art project** that used 1642 plastic bottle caps to create a colour work of art inspired by their courtyard trees. The Club is now working on a mini hydroponic garden using recycled bottles and cans and will soon be making some planters out of old desks.
16. **Port Moody Secondary alum, Samantha McIlwrick** has joined the under-21 **national field hockey team** and will represent Canada at the Junior Women's Pan American Championships – a 2016 Junior World Cup qualifier.
17. **SD43's Aboriginal Education Department with the Aboriginal Youth Leadership Council** has published its **first edition of "THE CANOE."** The newspaper highlights success stories, stresses the good work that teachers and students are doing, and puts a positive light on Aboriginal culture, stories and history.
 


18. **Heritage Woods Secondary music students are hosting their first annual Spring Clean Flea Market** on February 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium to raise money for their trip to Beijing next month.
19. **The Addams Family - A new musical comedy** will be taking center stage at **Heritage Woods Secondary** from February 26 to 27 and from March 3 to 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the school.
 
20. **Gleneagle Secondary students will be showcasing their art at the Port Moody Public Library in March**. The annual exhibit will feature paintings, mixed media, photos, graphics and sculptural pieces by art students.
21. **Gleneagle Secondary leadership students will be hosting the second annual Slam Jam and Poetry Night** at Eagle Ridge United Church on March 10 to raise funds for the Homes for Good Society. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
22. **Students from the Dr. Charles Best Secondary Music Department are hosting a fundraising event called "Kids Music Fun Night."** The event allows kids aged three to eight to explore different instruments and learn songs and will take place on April 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To register, email charles.best.music@gmail.com.