

# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of June 7, 2016

- After winning gold medals at the [Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair last month](#), three SD43 students competed at the **Canada-Wide Science Festival (CWSF)** on May 14 in Montreal. All three students won top prize in their respective categories and a combined \$17,500 in special awards and scholarships!

- **Kelvin Zhang, Grade 10, Gleneagle Secondary:** Gold Medal (Intermediate Excellence Award)
- **Janice Pang, Grade 12, Pinetree Secondary:** Silver Medal (Senior Excellence Award)
- **Vladislav Pomogaev, Grade 12, Riverside Secondary:** Bronze Medal (Senior Excellence Award).

Many thanks to the teachers, administrator, support staff, senior leadership, and trustees who support these students in their learning.



- While recently in China to expand and promote SD43's International Education partnerships, **Superintendent Patricia Gartland gave a lecture on inquiry-based learning** to an audience of approximately 150 principals and dignitaries in Pinggu, a suburb of Beijing, at the **2016 Beijing International Education Exchange (BIEE) Seminar**.
- On May 12, the **Coquitlam Public Library in partnership with SD43**, the City of Coquitlam, and Douglas College, **hosted a Science Expo open to Coquitlam students from grades 3-12**. Students from 17 schools participated in the event in four categories based on grade level: elementary, middle, junior and senior. The following winners received a trophy and a cash prize:

- Elementary 1st place: Sound Booth by **Chelsey Whitmore (Nestor Elementary)**
- Middle 1st place: The Future of Climate Change and its Effect on Plants by **Kristin Lo & Violet Beech (Maple Creek Middle )**
- Junior 1st place: Analysis of Sleep by **Mike Roslikov (Inquiry Hub Secondary)**
- Senior 1st place: Improvised Semiconductors by **Raymond Shi & Jake Moersch (Port Moody Secondary)**



- Out of 10,000 students from across British Columbia, 260 total and **9 from School District 43 (Coquitlam)** were selected to compete in the Provincial finals for the **33rd Annual French public speaking competition, Concours d'art oratoire**, on May 7 at Simon Fraser University (Surrey).



- Terry Fox Secondary student, Jack Thomas received the Tri City R.E.A.C.H. award** for a youth overcoming adversity, as a one-armed drummer.

- SD43 students raised \$11,000 for the Red Cross to help the Fort McMurray Fire Victims.** After being matched by the government this equals \$22,000 in funds!

- SD43 Real Acts of Caring received the official BC Government Proclamation of RAC week** from MLA Linda Reimer on May 27 at Maple Creek Middle.

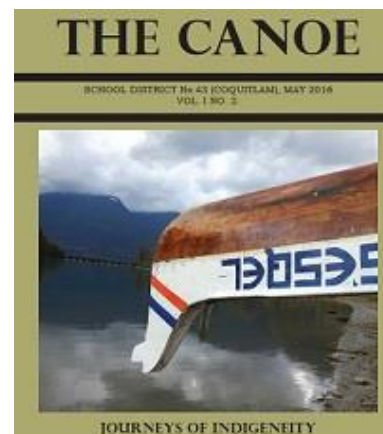


- Terry Fox Secondary's Leadership class spent the day at Oppenheimer Park** distributing clothing and serving over 500 people hot dogs, cookies, candy bags, and lemonade.

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9. **Miller Park Elementary** students, teachers, staff and community members recently came together to create a 56-foot-long mural highlighting local mountains and wildflowers. The new mural is a colourful addition to the school courtyard.
10. **The SD43 Aboriginal Education Department** has released the [second edition of \*The Canoe magazine\*](#) to an even wider audience and in partnership with the Surrey and Mission School Districts. In February, they produced [the first edition](#). The magazine's purpose is to highlight our success stories, stress the good work that our teachers and students are doing, and put a positive light on Aboriginal culture, stories and history.
11. **Congratulations to the following SD43 sports team on their recent achievements:**
  - Kwayhquitlum Middle girls' Rugby, District Championship winners
  - Kwayhquitlam Middle boys' grade 8 Rugby, District Championship winners
  - Heritage Woods Secondary senior AAA Tennis, Fraser Valley and Provincial Championship winners
  - Riverside Secondary junior tennis team wins Fraser Valley Championships.
  - Gleneagle Secondary boys' senior AAA Rugby, Provincial Championship winners (Tier 2)
12. SD43 athletes put their best on display at the **Provincial Track and Field Championships, June 2-4 in Nanaimo**. Here are a list of the major winners:
  - **Chanell Botsis (Charles Best Secondary, senior women)** – 1<sup>st</sup> place discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place hammer throw, 2<sup>nd</sup> place javelin throw
  - **Olivia Willett (Riverside Secondary, senior women)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1500m Steeplechase, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3000m run
  - **Gleneagle Secondary** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place women's senior 4x400m relay team
  - **Justin Questroo (Gleneagle Secondary, senior men)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place 400m run
  - **Denzel Brown (Terry Fox Secondary, senior men)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place triple jump
  - **Jv Patry (Terry Fox Secondary, junior women)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place shot put, 2<sup>nd</sup> place discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> place javelin throw
  - **Jarrett Chong (Riverside Secondary, junior men)** – 1<sup>st</sup> place shot put, 1<sup>st</sup> place javelin throw, 2<sup>nd</sup> place discus
  - **Jaden Severy (Terry Fox Secondary, junior men)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place 400m run
  - **Jasmine Lew (Heritage Woods Secondary)** - 1<sup>st</sup> place women's junior 100m dash
 Also, congratulations to all **SD43 student participants at the Fraser Valley Championships** and recent District meet earlier this month.



13. **The Coquitlam Middle School Athletic Association** wrapped up a great year at their recent AGM and presented **SD43's Ron Lee with this year's CMSAA Builder Award!** Special thanks to the CMSSA and all volunteers for everything they do throughout the year to support our student athletes and sports throughout the district.
14. **Convocation ceremonies** will be taking place across the district from June 16 to 28. Congratulations to all graduates!