

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of July 5, 2016

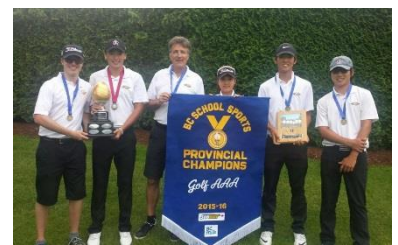
1. **Twelve graduation ceremonies** were held over the past month celebrating the achievement of **approximately 3,000 SD43 students** and congratulating them on moving to the next phase of their lives. [All the best to our graduates!](#)
2. **Inquiry Hub Secondary** held its **first-ever graduation ceremony** this year for its 12 graduates. The innovative program is being touted as a [possible future model](#) for the B.C. curriculum.
3. Many schools in SD43 held **year-end events** to showcase and celebrate **student achievement and success**.
4. **Grade 5 students** at **Alderson Elementary** took part in the **Legislative Assembly of British Columbia's "Speakers in the Schools" program**. They were honoured with a visit by Madame Speaker, the **Honourable Linda Reid**, on June 14.
5. Congratulations to **Ranch Park Elementary** teacher, **Grace Lee**, and her students on [being awarded the Enthusiasm and Spirit Award](#) for ["A Little Thanks"](#) – their song entry for the **Sing Me A Song** program. The award was presented by **Lt. Gov. of B.C., Judith Guichon**.
6. **Scott Creek Middle** raised **\$17,500** for the **Canadian Cancer Society** through their participation in the **Cops for Cancer** initiative, the highest amount ever raised for Cops for Cancer beating their own record set the previous year.
7. **Over 20 SD43 schools** fundraised for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation** by taking part in the **Jump Rope for Heart** program. Congratulations to **Aspenwood Elementary** for being the #1 fundraising school in the Fraser area and the #3 fundraising school overall in BC with a total of **\$17,039**.
8. **Terry Fox Secondary** graduating students helped [support Syrian refugee students](#) attending school in the Tri-Cities area to get a college education by donating at their grad ceremony. The fundraising was an initiative of the school's **2016 Legacy Club** and raised over \$6,000, double their original goal of \$3,000.
9. **Mountain Meadows Elementary** raised over **\$3,000** for **Wigs 4 Kids BC** at an assembly where 12 people donated hair. Hairdressing students and teachers from **Gleneagle Secondary** assisted with the hair collection.
10. **Moody Middle** student **Kendal-Leah Skelton** [spent seven hours on the swings](#) at her school raising **\$2,000** for breast cancer research.
11. The Japanese club at **Gleneagle Secondary**, led by student **Takemasa Oyama**, raised over **\$1,000** and presented it to the Japanese consul in Vancouver for the victims of the **Kunamoto earthquake**. Their efforts earned them a [visit from Consul General of Japan](#), Asako Okai, to the school on June 7.
12. **Nolan Fahey**, an **EPIC (Elite Athletes and Performing Artists in Coquitlam)** student at **Eagle Mountain Middle**, is [starring in the lead role](#) of the Arts Club Theatre Company production of **Billy Elliot** running at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage until July 10. Also part of the show are **Eagle Mountain Middle** students **Julia MacLean** and **Nathan Piasecki**.
13. The annual **SD43 Retirement event** was held on June 9. Thank you to the teachers, staff, and administrators for their years of education to the school district and all the best in their retirement.



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14. **Terry Fox Secondary** student **Kishan Wijeyagoonewardane** has been selected to take part in the **Global Vision Junior Team Canada** trade mission to China from July 27 to August 15.
15. Three SD43 teachers have [earned a Loran Teachers Building Leaders Award](#). Congratulations to **Joanne Steacy** and **Selwyn Tam** from **Port Moody Secondary**, and to **Warren Chang** from **Dr. Charles Best Secondary**.
16. Congratulations to students from **Harbour View Elementary** and **Mundy Road Elementary** for winning the **City of Coquitlam Emergency Preparedness Challenge**.
17. **Lord Baden-Powell Elementary** hosted an **Inquiry Open House** on June 9 showcasing how they have embraced their new curriculum. Their classrooms were set-up to display the student's inquiry projects about animals, ecosystems, biomes, and avatars.
18. **36 students** from **CABE**, **CLC** and **Suwa'ikh Secondary** took part in the **Children of the Street Society** annual youth art engagement project. Over nine weeks, the students learned about how to prevent sexual exploitation and human trafficking. SD43 **Trustee Diane Sowden** is the society's executive director.
19. Students at **Centennial Secondary** created jackets for **Syrian refugee children** which were presented to **Encompass Principal Krisztine Trumley** and **Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)** staff.
20. **Heritage Woods** student **Miranda Tsuyuki** won first place in the Grade 11 category in the **Polar Expressions National Student Short Story Contest** for her submission titled "Healed, Not Cured."
21. The **Coquitlam School Athletics Association** awards were announced on June 22. Among this year's winners included **Port Coquitlam Secondary** basketball coach **Paul Langford** winning the **Gary Scott Award**, **Riverside Secondary** basketball/soccer coach **Kenny Jamieson** winning the "Rising Star Coaches" award, **Gleneagle Secondary** coach **Chris Turpin** winning the **Jim Stewart Builder Award**, and **Heritage Woods Secondary** winning the **Top School Aggregate** award.
22. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary** [captured the BC boys AAA provincial soccer championship](#). They out-scored their opponents by a combined 21-3 over five games at the provincial tournament, defeating North Vancouver's Argyle Secondary 5-1 in the championship final. **Matteo Polisi** won the MVP, while **Jared Jorvath** was picked top goalie.
23. Congratulations to the **Gleneagle Secondary golf team** to capturing the **AAA provincial championship** for the second year in a row! The team shot a combined 584 to win the tournament by 14 strokes. **Gleneagle's A.J. Ewart** finished second in the tournament shooting a minus-2, one of only two players to finish under par.
24. **Santiago Herrera**, who is part of the **EPIC** program at **Pinetree Secondary**, will be [competing in the taekwondo junior world championships](#) in Burnaby this November. He had previously won the under-59-kilogram class at the junior nationals to qualify for the junior worlds.
25. **Three SD43 secondary student-athletes** were featured as part of the [Province Sports' annual Head of Class feature](#): **Riverside Secondary's Okioma Nwabuko**, **Heritage Woods Secondary's Brianna Ricker**, and **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's David Norman Jr.**



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