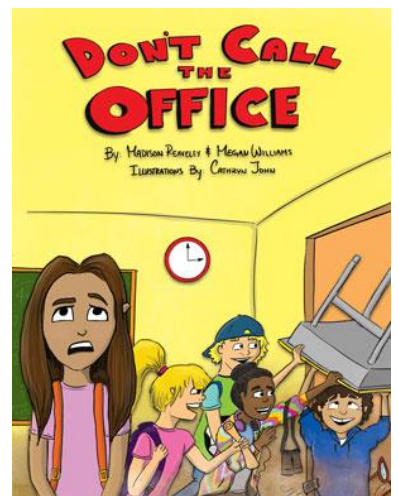


# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2016

1. Welcome back on behalf of the SD43 Board Office and the District Leadership Team. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. As I enter into my third school year here as Superintendent of SD43, I am excited about the coming year and I am looking forward to sharing the many great stories about our students, teachers, administrators and staff. Thank you to all for your support and efforts to make SD43 a place where all of our students can learn without boundaries. – Patricia Gartland
2. Successful **Learning With Boundaries** sessions were held on August 24 to 25. The two-day event was highlighted by presentations by **Dr. Yong Zhao**, an expert in the field of education whose works focus on the **implications of globalization and technology on education**. Thank you to district administrators for their hard work and diligence in preparing for a successful start to the school year.
3. **SD43 Board Chair Judy Shirra, Trustees Chuck Denison and Carol Cahoon, and Superintendent Patricia Gartland** attended the **3<sup>rd</sup> annual Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Gala** on September 10. The gala **raised \$15,000 for the "Nutritional Breakfast/Snack Program"** to feed underprivileged and vulnerable children in the Coquitlam area.
4. Two SD43 teachers – **Paul Chaffee (Heritage Woods Secondary)** and **Tu Loan Trieu (Hillcrest Middle)** – have been selected to take part in the **Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy in Ottawa** from October 30 to November 4, 2016. The experience provides an opportunity to explore Canada's national legislature alongside parliamentary experts and educators from across the country.
5. SD43 teachers have been demonstrating an innovative approach to student discipline by **practicing restorative justice** in their classrooms. SD43 has partnered with Simon Fraser University to provide teachers the opportunity to take a two-year graduate diploma program on restorative justice practices.
6. **Leigh Elementary student Madison Reaveley**, along with her stepmother, **co-wrote a book titled 'Don't Call The Office'** based on her experiences being part of a blended family.
7. Former Aspenwood Elementary student **Ty Waters**, now at Eagle Mountain Middle, **released his first song titled "Only Human"** on July 20. The **song aims to inspire the world to come together** by promoting peace among family and friends.
8. Led by an initiative that began by students at **Pitt River Community School, SD43 raised over \$25,000 for the Canadian Red Cross** in support of **Fort McMurray relief efforts** through a Toonie Tuesday campaign.
9. FindALostPet, **an app designed by Inquiry Hub Secondary students** **Laef Kucheran, Brandon Mayhew, Alin Kucheran, and Stefan Clarinval**, officially launched on July 6. Learn more at [findalostpet.org](http://findalostpet.org).



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10. **Inquiry Hub student Laef Kucheran** designed a [map of songs associated with places in Canada](#), as played on the **CBC Radio program**. His project was featured on an episode of [CBC On The Coast](#).
11. **SD43 current and former students** starred at the **2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil**.
  - **Centennial Secondary student Shallon Olsen** [represented Canada as a gymnast](#).
  - **Terry Fox Secondary alumnus Jasmin Glaesser** (Cycling – Track) [won a bronze medal](#).
  - **Terry Fox alumnus Brittany Rogers (gymnast)** and **Dr. Charles Best Secondary alumnus Tory Nyhaug (Cycling – BMX)** also took part in the Games.
12. **SD43 student-athletes** enjoyed plenty of sporting success over the summer months.
  - **Jarrett Chong (Riverside Secondary)** won three gold medals at the [BC Summer Games in Abbotsford](#) and three gold medals at the [Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships in Sainte Therese, Quebec](#).
  - **Victoria Tocheva (Banting Middle)** won five medals (3G, 1S, 1B) at the BC Summer Games.
  - **Olivia Willett (Riverside Secondary)** won a silver medal at the Legion Championships.
  - **Jenevieve Patry-Smith (Terry Fox Secondary)** won two bronze medals at the Legion Championships.
  - **Jacqueline Lew (Pinetree Secondary)** [won a bronze medal](#) at the Cadet Wrestling Pan American Championships in Lima, Peru.
  - **Thomas Semple (Centennial Secondary)** [earned a silver medal with Team Canada](#) at the FIL U-19 Men's Lacrosse World Championships in Coquitlam.
  - **Harjun Dhaliwal (Centennial Secondary)** [won a gold medal](#) with his ball hockey team at the under-15 Plzen Challenge Cup in the Czech Republic.
  - **Jared MacLean (Heritage Woods Secondary)** [won the doubles championship at both the U16 and U18 provincial tennis championship](#) earning him a spot at the national tennis championship.
  - **Spencer Ma (Centennial Secondary)** and **Erik Forsselius (Pinetree Secondary)** earned a silver medal playing for Team BC at the Canadian under-15 Field Lacrosse National Championships in Winnipeg.
  - **Addison Bradley (Riverside Secondary)** competed with Team BC at the lacrosse national tournament in Calgary.
13. **Former Riverside Secondary students Dominic and Michael Vogel** recently [pitched their software, Netcoins, on Dragon's Den](#). The software turns any digital device into an ATM machine for bitcoin, a digital currency.
14. **Coquitlam's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary song**, titled "Home and Love," was [composed by former Port Moody Secondary student, George Chung](#).
15. **Port Moody secondary graduate Joel Ashton McCarthy** [has received a \\$50,000 grant](#) to produce a **Storyhive web series** based on his movie titled 'Inconceivable.'

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