

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October 4, 2016

1. **Terry Fox Secondary** proudly hosted the [joint announcement between the B.C. Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, and the Industry Training Authority \(ITA\)](#) on September 22. **Minister Shirley Bond, MLA Linda Reimer, ITA CEO Gary Herman, SD43 Board Chair Judy Shirra** along with several **SD43 Trustees** were in attendance. **SD43 alumnus Jaymee Lynn** was a featured speaker at the event where she [talked about how the trades program](#) at Terry Fox Secondary provided her a pathway to success following graduation.
2. Following the proclamation by Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development, that [October is Foster Family Month in B.C.](#), SD43 wishes to recognize the many foster families and caregivers for their tremendous contributions and commitment to the children, youth and families in our communities.
3. Close to 200 SD43 students attended an information session on September 23 at Heritage Woods Secondary to learn about the [Student Spaceflight Experiments Program \(SSEP\)](#) and gain insight into conducting **real-world science experiments in space** thanks to **mentors from Simon Fraser University**. The SSEP program will feature **participation from over 1,600 students across the entire district** with one student-designed experiment selected to launch to the **International Space Station**.
4. **Terry Fox Secondary** will be [hosting the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics' Powers of Ideas Tour](#) in early February – **one of only 79 schools in the country to receive the tour**. The tour will feature hands-on workshops and a chance for participants to make their own experiments. The tour will be open for two days exclusively to Terry Fox Secondary students, and feature a public open house on February 2.
5. **SD43 middle school teachers and administrators** gathered on September 28 for a **Sphero workshop** led by SD43 Principal of Technology Implementation, **Dave Sands**, where they gained insight into coding that they will take back and implement into their classrooms as part of the new B.C. curriculum.
6. Save the dates! Several SD43 secondary schools have [announced their major productions for the school year](#). Visit the [schools' websites](#) for more information on show times which begin in February. The schedule includes:
 - Rogers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music – Pinetree Secondary
 - Catch Me If You Can – Centennial Secondary
 - Little Shop of Horrors – Terry Fox Secondary
 - Guys and Dolls – Gleneagle Secondary
 - All Shook Up – Heritage Woods Secondary
 - Rock of Ages – Riverside Secondary
7. SD43 schools across the district held [Terry Fox runs in September](#) to honour the legacy of the Port Coquitlam hero and raise money for cancer research.



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8. **Glen Elementary teacher Rebecca Hansen** has agreed to [donate 12 inches of her brunette hair](#) in support of the school's Terry Fox run in support of the Terry Fox Foundation on the condition the school raises \$4,500 in fundraising. **Principal Sarah Husband** agreed to dye her hair pink if the school reaches \$5,000, and **Vice Principal Ray Appel** agreed to be taped to a wall if the school reaches \$5,550. At last report, the school has **raised over \$4,300 towards its overall goal of \$10,000**.
9. Eight bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each **were awarded to SD43 students** by the **Canadian Federation of University Women – Coquitlam**. Additionally, two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each were awarded to SD43 students in Grade 12 for best showing at the **SD43 Juried Art Show** in May.
10. **Seven SD43 secondary students received bursaries** for post-secondary studies in the accounting field from **EPR Coquitlam**.
11. **Nathan McTaggart**, a Grade 5 student at **Harbour View Elementary**, has **authored a book titled 'Santa and his Super Hero'** about Santa Claus being saved by a firefighter named Nathan when he gets stuck in a chimney on Christmas Eve. Proceeds from sales of the book will go towards the **B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund**. Learn more at www.santaandhissuperhero.ca.
12. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary grade 12 student Anna Yang** has been named to **Team Canada's debate team** that will be competing at the **World School Debating Championships (WSDC)** in Bali, Indonesia in 2017.
13. **Eight-year-old Violinist Corina Deng**, an Aspenwood Elementary student, [will be the youngest solo performer at the Concerto Extravaganza](#) for the **Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra** on October 16 at the Orpheum Theatre. She recently won first prize in her age group at the **Canadian Music Competition**.
14. **Pinetree Secondary student Nestor Lin** [won Badminton BC's Best of British Columbia award](#) in the junior male under-15 category while his younger brother, **Summit Middle student Paxton Lin**, won the same honour in the under-13 category.
15. **Inquiry Hub student Joey Silas** captured his third consecutive **Mini Stock Championship** in September at a [race at the Agassiz Speedway](#). He also finished third overall in the late model class while earning rookie of the year honours.
16. **SD43 Teacher-On-Call Steve McKinlay** was the recipient of the **2016 Spirit Award from the Coquitlam Adanacs** for his dedication to the team, sportsmanship, and contribution to the local lacrosse community.
17. **Rob Colombo**, an SD43 teacher at **Riverside Secondary**, was presented with the **Glen Evens Memorial Award** by the **Port Coquitlam Saints Lacrosse Association** for New Competitive Coach of the Year.
18. **Riverside Secondary graduate Samantha Seney** [recently returned from a trip with the 9th Port Coquitlam Rovers Scout group](#) to the village of **Ambata Boeni in Madagascar** where she was part of **helping build a school**.
19. **Terry Fox Secondary graduate Ryland Rees** has been [named to the men's field lacrosse Team Canada](#) and will compete in exhibition matches against the University of Denver and United States Air Forces Academy in October in Denver, Colorado.

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