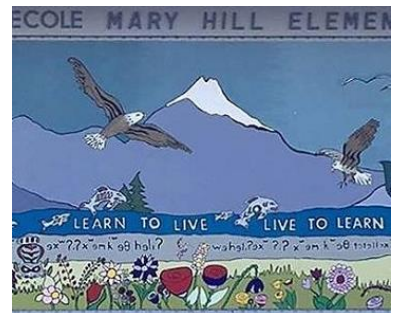
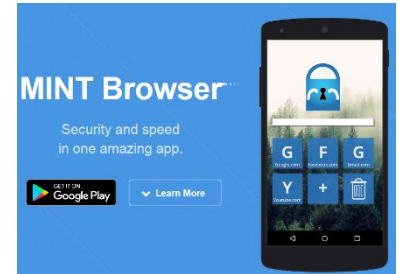


1. **SD43's Suwa'lkh Secondary School** recently received a generous donation of \$2,000 from the **Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation** to help build a greenhouse at the school. This is on top of other annual donations from the foundation for the breakfast and lunch programs provided to students at the school. The Tzu Chi Foundation follows the path of compassion and Suwa'lkh is anchored in "teaching to the heart" so both are very aligned in this similar philosophy.
2. **Superintendent Patricia Gartland** and **International Education Marketing Manager Robert Lajoie** represented SD43 in **China** holding a series of meetings with **three top education bureaus in Beijing: Haidian, Dong Cheng, and Tongzhou**. SD43 has signed agreements with all three district education commissions and they plan to send SD43 many teachers, principals, and students. These relationships build SD43's reputation in China as well as bring ongoing stability to SD43's revenue stream from international education. SD43's representatives also attended the CEE education fair to meet with parents and students who are interested in studying at SD43.
3. **SD43** has been **nominated for a Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Award** in the 30+ employees category.
4. The **SD43 Board Office** took part in the **Great BC ShakeOut** earthquake drill on October 20 at 10:20 a.m. to practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On."
5. Schools across SD43 came together in support of the **Terry Fox Run** while raising money for cancer research. Among the success stories include:
 - **R.C. MacDonald Elementary**, with a student population of 136 students, **shattered their school goal when they raised \$4,000** for this year's Terry Fox run. **Yousuf Gehlen** was the **top fundraising student** bringing in \$720 in pledges on his own. **Principal Ceri Watkins** agreed to dye his hair and beard blue if the school raised over \$1,550.
 - **École Kilmer Elementary** **raised \$6,914.25 this year**, adding to their \$26,619.22 over the past five years, and had three students and one teacher cut off their pony tails, and 20 students, one teacher and the school principal got their head shaved.
 - **École Moody School of the Arts** surpassed their target of \$5,000 by **raising \$5,800**.
6. **Mary Hill Elementary** **unveiled their new school mural** on October 6. The mural was the culmination of a project that took place over the last year and involved student, teachers, parents and SD43 Aboriginal Education teachers. The mural exemplifies the tenets of the **First Peoples Principles** with the whole community coming together.
7. **SD43 students** had the opportunity to **attend WE FOR SHE** on October 14, a conference that aims to increase the economic impact of women in B.C. One of the **featured speakers was Pinetree Secondary alumna Emily Naing**, who is currently working on a startup app called Swave and is involved in the Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad (YELL Canada).
8. Several SD43 students attended **DOT 2016 (Doors Open to Technology)** in early October where they had the opportunity to go **behind the scenes of some of Vancouver's coolest tech companies** such as SAP, ACL and Intergalatic, and tour the brand-new Microsoft Canada Excellence Center.



9. The **Southside Family of Schools** (Riverside Secondary, Pitt River Middle, Citadel Middle, Central Elementary, Castle Park Elementary, Mary Hill Elementary, Kilmer Elementary and Hazel Trembath Elementary) are [teaming up for their annual "We Scare Hunger" campaign](#) to collect non-perishable food items for the **Tri-City Share Food Bank**.
10. To support the **educational projects SD43 is engaged in this year**, the district is pleased to announce the **hiring of four new half-time Technology Support Teachers**. The arrangement allows these teachers to continue in their classrooms half-time to implement innovative technology projects, while also working with other teachers across the district. As part of this support initiative, the district has created a **"Teaching Support Request" site for teachers** to allow them to request direct personal and small group professional development support from SD43's Learning and Information Technologies team. *More information to come.*
11. SD43 hosted an incredibly successful **2016 CUEBC (Computer Using Educators of British Columbia) conference at Riverside Secondary**. More than half of the CUEBC provincial executive team are SD43 teachers and, each year, a significant number of district teachers participate in Pro-D activities to learn more about using educational technologies in the classroom. Also of note, **Pinetree Secondary teacher Jon Hamlin** has been **elected provincial president of the CUEBC**.
12. **Heritage Woods Secondary student Nirvon Shoa** has [developed an app called Mint Browser](#) – a **web browser that allows users to surf the web in privacy mode** while maintaining bookmarks, history and notes. The Mint Browser app is currently available for android devices in the Google Play store.
13. **Gleneagle Secondary student Yannie Lo** will have her artwork, which shows the ways people handle depression, [showcased on November 2](#) at the PoCo Inn and Suites.
14. **Inquiry Hub student Roger Holland-Lye** has been recognized as one of the **10 top Pipers from across Canada and the U.S.** and will [compete at the 21st Annual George Sherriff Memorial Invitational Competition](#) in Hamilton, Ontario in November.
15. Congratulations to **Riverside Secondary student Olivia Willett** and **Heritage Woods Secondary student Qays Abdiwahid** for [winning the Gale Sayers Award](#), given to the **top Senior Male and Female athletes**, respectively, at the **Coquitlam District Cross Country championships**. **Maple Creek Middle** won first place in the district finals.
16. **Riverside Secondary's junior girls volleyball team** went undefeated at the **Thompson Rivers University Howler tournament** en route to being crowned champions.
17. **Juno Award-winning Canadian musician Norman Foote** gave a [three-day songwriting residency at Mountain Meadows Elementary](#) in early October. He will be performing at Heritage Mountain Theatre on February 8, 2017 alongside **Blakeburn Elementary** students and **music teacher Diana Clark**.
18. **Terry Fox Secondary's music department** will host [the 24th annual Terry Fox Trivia Night on November 19](#) where over 400 adults from the local community will have a chance to compete for great prizes all in support of the school's music department. Tickets are \$20 each and available at [terryfoxtrivianight.ca](#).
19. **Gleneagle Secondary** will be **hosting its second TEDx event** on January 30, 2017. They are **seeking passionate youth visionaries and speakers under 25-years-old to share their own 'ideas worth spreading.'** Applications for speakers is open until October 28. Visit their [TEDx Facebook page](#) for more information and for tickets.
20. **Riverside Secondary**, on behalf of the **Southside Family of Schools**, [will be hosting a screening of 'Screenagers'](#), a film that explores the impact of screen time on kids, on November 3 at 6:45 p.m. To attend, email ssfspe@gmail.com.
21. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary teacher Bruce Barnett** was [inducted into the BC Football Hall of Fame Class of 2016](#) on Saturday, October 22.



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