

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2016

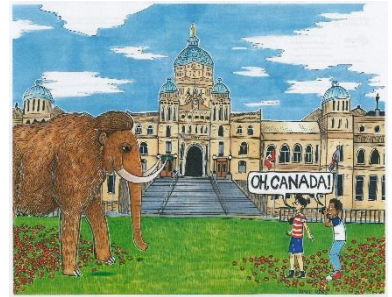
1. **SD43 Board Chair Judy Shirra and Superintendent Patricia Gartland** [visited Korea recently](#) to sign a MOU with the United Nations Memorial Cemetery Secretariat to foster student exchanges promoting the importance of remembering the Korean War. They also attended meetings with ministry representatives, the embassy, and education bureaus that are very important to open doors for future student and teacher exchanges, and training programs.
2. **SD43 schools** honoured those who served our country by **holding assemblies in the week leading up to Remembrance Day**. Students, staff, administrators and trustees also represented SD43 by attending ceremonies in the community.
3. **SD43 is the first school district in Western Canada to implement the SNAP program**. **SNAP (Stop Now And Plan)** is a cognitive-behavioural strategy that helps children and parents regulate angry feelings by getting them to stop, think, and plan possible alternatives before they act impulsively. Several staff have been trained and we are in the final stages of planning its implementation for the New Year.
4. [Students across SD43 had the opportunity to attend WE Day](#) on November 3, 2016 at Rogers Arena in Vancouver. WE is a movement that brings people together and gives them the tools to change the world. Also in attendance were Board Chair Judy Shirra, Board Vice-Chair Michael Thomas, Superintendent Patricia Gartland, and Associate Director of Instruction for Learning and Information Technologies Stephen Whiffin.
5. **Heritage Woods Secondary welcomed Svend Hansen**, a 93-year-old World War II Navy veteran, to speak to their students as part of their **Memory project**.
6. **Riverview Park Elementary** was crowned the **registration champions of the Coquitlam Public Library Summer Reading Club** with over 31 percent of their students signed up. **Nestor Elementary** had won the previous four years.
7. Budding young journalists in **Jennifer Whiffin's Grade 4/5 class at Anmore Elementary** recently [received a visit and some words of wisdom](#) from **Tri-City news reporter, Diane Strandberg**.
8. Artwork from **Grade 4 and 5 students at Moody Elementary** [were on display at Port Moody City Hall](#) from November 7 to 12 to **celebrate Port Moody's veterans**.
9. **Walton Elementary** donated over 800 food items to the **SHARE Food Bank** as part of their **Scare Away Hunger** campaign.
10. **Gleneagle Secondary students** recently joined the Lower Mainland Green Team to help [pull invasive weeds around the Shoreline Trail in Port Moody](#).
11. **Students at École Maillard Middle** recently raised \$2500 for **Under the Same Sun**, a Canadian organization which advocates and supports Africans with albinism.
12. **TD Bank** recently donated \$1,000 to **Central Elementary** to help kids in sports.
13. **Eagle Mountain Middle student Ty Waters** is a double nominee for the **Hollywood Music in Media Awards** in the Best R&B Song category and the Best Independent Video category for his song, ["Only Human."](#) He will also be performing at the show which takes place November 17 at The Fonda Theatre in Los Angeles, California.



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14. **Riverside Secondary student April Rees** was [named a Royal BC Museum Ambassador](#) after submitting a winning artwork design for the Ice Age Contest.
15. **Markus Masaites, a grade 11 student at Dr. Charles Best Secondary**, recently [received a gold medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music](#) – a national award for his top mark on the ARCT-level piano exam.
16. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary student Thomas Guan** was [named one of SHAD's high school innovators of the year](#). SHAD is a registered charity that focuses on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) with over 15,500 alumni including 30 Rhodes Scholars.
17. **Terry Fox Secondary VP Todd Smith** took part in the **TCS New York City Marathon** on November 6, 2016. He finished with a time of 3:21:41 and placed 2,978th overall and has qualified for the Boston Marathon as a result.
18. **Rochester Elementary principal John Goheen** was among a group of **volunteers that designed and built an educational display depicting life in the trenches during the First World War** at the Port Moody Station Museum to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the war.
19. **Riverside Secondary will host its 21st annual winter market** on Saturday, November 19. All proceeds benefit the school's dry grad celebration.
20. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
 - **Gleneagle Secondary's women's field hockey team** [went undefeated in regular season play and captured the district championship](#);
 - **Riverside Secondary hosted the 17th annual Red Serge Classic** on the weekend of November 4-5, 2016 – a volleyball tournament featuring the best senior girls' teams in B.C. The **Riverside Rapids** and **Terry Fox Ravens** teams that took part in the event;
 - **Riverside Secondary's junior girls volleyball team** won the district championship;
 - **Pinetree Secondary's cross-country team** won the district championship for the fourth year in a row; and
 - **Heritage Woods Secondary's junior boys soccer team** captured the Fraser Valley championship.
21. **Gleneagle Secondary musical director Ed Trovato** is raising funds to [bring three top Cuban student musicians from the Fine Arts School in Matanzas to Canada in 2018](#).
22. **Gleneagle Secondary graduate Olivia Zeng** had the honour of **attending the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa** after being named a **winner of the Poster and Literary Contest**. Olivia entered the contest during her Grade 12 year. **Gleneagle Secondary will be presented with a plaque** as well to recognize Olivia's achievement.
23. **Port Moody Secondary graduate Fred Dwaneuick** [was cast in the film Thirty-Seventeen](#) which recently filmed at **Centennial Secondary**. The movie was produced in part by **Martin Novotny**, who is the acting, film and art education teacher at Centennial Secondary. Parts of the movie also filmed at **Dr. Charles Best Secondary**.
24. **Gleneagle Secondary graduate Rob Taylor** [recently launched his new poetry book, The News](#). The book is a series of 36 poems he wrote while his wife was expecting their first son.
25. **Heritage Woods Secondary graduates Kyler Dickey, Pierce Kinch and Ethan Volberg** will [be fundraising for their climate change documentary titled 'Melt'](#) with a dinner to be held at their alma mater school on November 17, 2016.
26. **Gleneagle Secondary graduate A.J. Ewart** has been [chosen to compete for Team Canada in golf](#).
27. **Riverside Secondary alumus Danita Stroup** has been [selected to Team Canada's senior women's field lacrosse team](#) training to compete at the 2017 FIL Women's Lacrosse World Cup in Surrey next summer.



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