

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of November 29, 2016

- SD43 celebrated construction and design unveiling for Smiling Creek Elementary on Burke Mountain on November 16 with an event that included Education Minister Mike Bernier, Port Moody-Coquitlam MLA Linda Reimer, Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart, and Board of Education Vice-Chair Michael Thomas. Also in attendance were Trustees Chuck Denison, Diane Sowden, Barb Hobson, and Carol Cahoon, Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Chris Nicolls, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of Facilities and Planning Services Ivano Cecchini.
- The SD43 Board of Education celebrated the school district's 25-year employees on November 24. Among those recognized included Assistant Superintendents Gerald Shong and Rob Zambrano.
- 3. The <u>finalists for SD43's Student Spaceflight Experiments Program will be celebrated</u> on Thursday, December 1 at an event held at Simon Fraser University. The winning entry, set to be announced in mid-December, will be conducted by astronauts at the International Space Station. The top three finalists are:
 - The Effects of Microgravity on the Growth of Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Dr. Charles Best Secondary Karina Moreno, Saba Khangholi, Sarah Nobrega, Tessa Tennant)
 - The Effects of Microgravity on Concrete used in Building Structures (Riverside Secondary – Brenda Shen and Alexa Durand)
 - The Effects of Microgravity on Cell Density and Biofilm formation of Staphylococcus aureus (Inquiry Hub Secondary – Mike Rosliko)



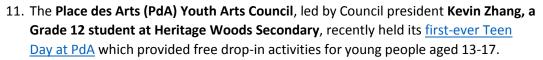
- 5. **Senna Lota,** a student at **Walton Elementary**, got to be <u>Principal for a day at her school</u>. Her tasks included making morning announcements, writing a parent newsletter, running the school's Twitter account, presenting a ribbon to the volleyball team, and welcoming a visit from a local RCMP officer.
- 6. École Coquitlam River Elementary held a <u>pie throwing event</u> to celebrate raising \$2,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Principal Ross Jacobsen and Mrs. Lisa Dunn had the honours of wearing the tasty facial.
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- 7. To follow-up on the last Report to the Board, **Ty Waters, an Eagle Mountain Middle student**, earned 'Best Pop' honours at the **Hollywood Music in Media Awards**.
- 8. **Heather Chow, a Grade 11 student at Heritage Woods Secondary**, <u>received a silver level Duke of Edinburgh Award</u> presented by Judith Guichon, the Lieutenant Governor of B.C. She was one of 28 youths across the province to receive the award.



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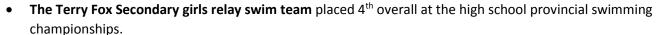
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- 9. **Mountain Meadows Elementary** hosted a visit by players from the BCHL's **Coquitlam Express**, who read to students as well as took part in a game of floor hockey.
- 10. **Lord Baden-Powell Elementary** hosted a visit by players from the NLL's **Vancouver Stealth**, who taught lacrosse skills to students.





- 12. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
 - Dr. Charles Best Secondary's boys soccer team <u>captured the Fraser Valley Championship</u> for the second year in a row after finishing with a perfect regular season. They finished in fifth place at the AAA provincial championship tournament.
 - The Heritage Woods Secondary junior boys soccer team <u>captured the Fraser</u> Valley Championships.
 - Eagle Mountain Middle captured the grade 7 girls volleyball district championship, while Scott Creek Middle won the grade 7 boys volleyball district championship.



- Terry Fox student Andrew Peat has been selected to play for the Vancouver Whitecaps U16 team.
- Eagle Mountain Elementary hosted a volleyball tournament for Grade 5 students welcoming Anmore Elementary, Aspenwood Elementary, Heritage Mountain Elementary, Pleasantside Elementary, and Walton Elementary.
- Terry Fox Secondary's senior football team will compete in the BC High School Football AAA provincial championship final on Saturday, December 3 at BC Place taking on Notre Dame Regional Secondary.
- **Heritage Woods Secondary students Lucy Davis and Nathaniel Bennett** earned gold medals at the provincial swimming championships.
- Shallon Olsen, a Centennial Secondary student who was Canada's youngest athlete at the 2016 Rio Olympics, made a special appearance at the Richmond Olympic Oval to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Olympic Experience.
- 13. Parry Malm, a former Dr. Charles Best Secondary student who graduated from Port Moody Senior Secondary, won the Tech Entrepreneur of the Year award in the inaugural UK Business Awards while his company, Phrasee, won the Best New Business Award.
- 14. **Centennial Secondary graduate Lemar Durant** appeared in his first career **Grey Cup game** on Sunday, November 27 and <u>scored a touchdown</u> despite his team, the Calgary Stampeders, falling 39-33 in overtime to the Ottawa Redblacks.



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