



Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of November 29, 2016

1. [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.
2. 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 [finalists for SD43's Student Spaceflight Experiments Program will be celebrated 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**)
4. [SD43 received a \\$25,000 RBC Learn to Play grant](#) to help build physical literacy into the culture of schools in the district.
5. **Senna Lota**, a student at **Walton Elementary**, got to be [Principal for a day at her school](#). 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 [pie throwing event](#) 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.
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**, [received a silver level Duke of Edinburgh Award](#) presented by Judith Guichon, the Lieutenant Governor of B.C. She was one of 28 youths across the province to receive the award.



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.
11. The **Place des Arts (PdA) Youth Arts Council**, led by Council president **Kevin Zhang**, a **Grade 12 student at Heritage Woods Secondary**, recently held its [first-ever Teen Day at PdA](#) which provided free drop-in activities for young people aged 13-17.



12. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:

- **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's boys soccer team** [captured the Fraser Valley Championship](#) 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** [captured the Fraser 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.
- **The Terry Fox Secondary girls relay swim team** placed 4th overall at the high school provincial swimming championships.
- **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 [scored a touchdown](#) despite his team, the Calgary Stampeders, falling 39-33 in overtime to the Ottawa Redblacks.

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