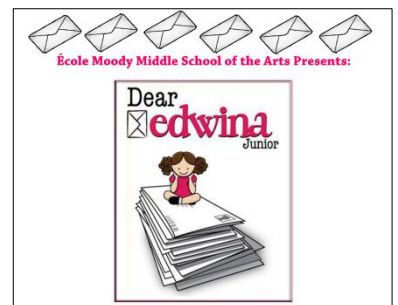


1. **Six SD43 schools** [hosted visits from The Honourable Judith Guichon](#), Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, as part of her Canada 150 celebration tour. The SD43 schools on the tour were **Heritage Woods Secondary, Riverside Secondary, Eagle Mountain Middle, Pitt River Middle, Aspenwood Elementary** and **Walton Elementary**.
2. **Five SD43 projects** have been [nominated for SFU Faculty of Education's Cmolik Prize for the Enhancement of Public Education in B.C.](#), a \$100,000 prize awarded biennially that recognizes recipients who have developed and implemented an innovation, concept, process or procedure that enhances educational practice in the K-12 public school system in B.C. The [SD43 projects nominated](#) include:
 - [Coding with Spheros](#)
 - [Dream Create Learn \(DLC\): Inquiry Hub and student-powered projects](#)
 - [Real Acts of Caring](#)
 - [Terry Fox Rock School & Recording Arts Contemporary Music Program "The Power of Student Driven Music Education"](#)
 - [Verbathon®: How to have fun with verbs and grammar!](#) (Developed by **Irvine Elementary teacher Emmanuel Escueta**)
3. **SD43 students Emily Reilhan (École Moody Middle School of the Arts)** and **Kathleen Diaz Ng (École Maillard Middle)** have been announced as [the winners of SD43's Student SpaceFlight Experiments Program \(SSEP\) Mission Patch design competition](#).
4. **Mountain Meadows Elementary** unveiled their [new school mural](#) on March 9. The mural, covering an entire wall in the school gymnasium, supports the school's ongoing multi-year theme of "Building Community."
5. **Sarah Mueckel (Heritage Woods Secondary), Sofia Palma (Pinetree Secondary), and Candace Chau (Riverside Secondary)** are among the dozens of SD43 students who have been [trained to be facilitators for the Red Cross Beyond the Hurt and Healthy Relationships program](#) which teaches bullying prevention and intervention techniques to middle and secondary school students.
6. **Heritage Woods Secondary** will host its annual **PetFest** on Thursday, April 6. Proceeds go to support *Cross Our Paws Rescue*. Learn more at hwsspetfest.weebly.com.
7. **École Moody Middle School of the Arts** presents *Dear Edwina Junior* from April 4-6. Tickets are \$8 (\$4 for students/children) and are available at the school.
8. **Terry Fox Secondary** presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Terry Fox Theatre from April 6-8 and 13-15. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the school.
9. **Gleneagle Secondary Con-X students** held their [third annual outdoor sleepover in March](#) and raised \$3,000 in support of Covenant House.
10. **Maple Creek Middle** was honoured with a [Bike Friendly School Award](#) at the 4th annual HUB Bike Awards on February 28 for being [named the region's most bike-friendly middle school](#).
11. **Port Moody Secondary** and **Pinetree Secondary** are among the SD43 schools taking part in [Science World's BC Green Games competition](#) to raise money for environmental causes.



12. **Heritage Woods Secondary** students were among [the Lower Mainland Green Team youth volunteers that pulled periwinkle and dug up Himalayan Blackberry](#) at Orchard Park in Port Moody on March 7.
13. **Port Moody Secondary's debate teams** enjoyed plenty of recent success with three junior teams qualifying for the Junior Nationals, two senior teams qualifying for the Oxford Cup where they will compete in Ottawa, and seniors **Alexander McGuigan** and **Andrew Yun** earning top speaker awards at the Provincials. [Yun was also part of the Canadian Debate Team](#) that won the English Final at the Pan Am Debating Competition in Buenos Aires, Argentina in February.
14. **Mountain View Elementary's** Breakfast Programme received \$1,000 from Burquitlam Safeway as part of the latter's grand opening festivities on March 3. **SD43 Trustee Michael Thomas** and **Principal Marsha Arnold**, along with **students from Mountain View Elementary**, took part in the cheque presentation.
15. **Gleneagle Secondary student artwork** [was on display throughout March](#) at Port Moody Public Library.
16. Grade 5 students at **Panorama Heights Elementary** organized the [20th annual Hoops for Hope basketball play day](#) where they raised over \$1,500 for Crossroads Hospice memory albums.
17. **Inquiry Hub student Laef Kucheran** created [VoteMate, an app that provides provincial election information](#) by allowing users to ask questions and keeps users informed before the B.C. election on May 9.
18. **Aspenwood Elementary student Nolen Dubuc** has [landed the coveted role of Michael Banks](#) in the Theatre Under the Stars' production of *Mary Poppins: The Broadway Musical* this summer.
19. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
 - **Heritage Woods Secondary** students were dominant on the hills at the Fraser Valley Championships coming away with championships in Boys Snowboard Racing, Boys Ski Racing, and Girls Ski Racing.
 - **Riverside Secondary's girls and boys curling team** each earned silver medals at the provincial curling championships in March.
 - The **Pinetree Secondary senior boys basketball team** [qualified for the AAAA boys high school basketball provincial championships](#) for the first time since moving to the AAAA division four years ago, and was the only the SD43 team to qualify for the tournament. They won one game at the tournament, and concluded the season placing 14th in the province.
 - **Summit Middle student Andy Cho** was a big winner at the AAA provincial swim championships in April [winning six gold medals and two silver medals](#).
 - SD43 athletes took home [plenty of awards and accolades at the B.C. Wrestling Association's high school provincial finals](#) in March including **Jacqueline Lew (Pinetree Secondary)** winning gold in the girls 51 kg weight class and being named the most outstanding athlete at the tournament. **Kye Mills (Pinetree Secondary)** won gold in the boys 51 kg category, **Daniel Chernetsky (Pinetree Secondary)** won silver in the boys 60 kg category, and **Keish Nagoir (Riverside Secondary)** won bronze in the girls 75 kg category.
 - **Riverside Secondary alumna Tylar Turnbull** took home [College Athlete of the Year](#) honours at Sport BC's 51st Athlete of the Year Awards in March, while fellow **Riverside Secondary alumna Megan Rosenlund** was named the [Women's Player of the Year by PACWEST](#). Both play volleyball at Vancouver Island University.



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