

1. In November 2017, SD43 Board and staff held several [public information meetings regarding proposed changes to catchment areas and programs of choice locations](#). Following the meetings, feedback was collected from stakeholders and decisions were made and communicated publicly. See www.sd43.bc.ca Announcements for updates and additional information.

2. On December 15, **Advanced Education, Skills and Training Minister Melanie Mark** visited **Terry Fox Secondary School** with Industry Training Authority staff to chat with trades program students and tour the school's facilities.



3. **Riverside Secondary School's Girls' Basketball** hosted the **14th annual "Tournament for Emily"** December 20-22. Started 13 years ago by the team's coach, Paul Langford, it has helped raise over \$86,000 for the BC Children's Hospital for research and treatment of cancer in children. The tournament features top-ranked teams and is in tribute to the spirit of Emily Inglis.



4. During the month of December, SD43 schools, students, parents and employees got into the holiday spirit by collecting food and toys, making hampers, sponsoring families, and volunteering their time to help those in need. Here are a few examples:

- **The Terry Fox Link Crew** met their goal by donating 50 gift boxes for *The Shoe Box Canada Project*, which supports homeless women of the lower mainland, reminding them they are loved and cared for this time of year.
- **Hillcrest Middle and Riverside Secondary students** collected donations for Christmas hampers that made many families happy this year!
- Members of the **Coquitlam Principals, Vice-Principals Association (CPVPA)** volunteered their time to answer phones for the KKNW Orphans' Fund annual pledge drive.
- [Kwayhquitlum Middle's Me to We club](#) collected **\$800 for Christmas hampers** plus toys and other gifts to help struggling families in the school's community.
- **Many schools throughout the district collected food donations for SHARE Society.** Port Moody Fire Rescue collected 6200 pounds of non-perishable goods from the schools in Port Moody; [Rochester Elementary students collected 178 bags](#) of food, toiletries, toys and \$400 in donations; and [Baker Drive Elementary donated over \\$1,000](#) to the local non-profit organization.
- **Glenayre Elementary** had another successful annual, "Glenayre Blessing Bags" exceeding last year's donations and filling almost 500 individual bags for men, women and families in need.



5. **Cross catchment application, Kindergarten registration and Programs of Choice registration** for the 2018-2019 school year starting September 2018 occurs soon. Important information about registration, programs and upcoming information sessions can be found online at www.sd43.bc.ca.

6. **Pitt River Middle school student Ethan Fukuharas**, recently [received the HSBC Future Leaders award](#) in recognition of a fundraiser he developed to build awareness about pollution and littering.
7. **SD43 grad, Larkyn Austman** [skated to third place at the Canadian National Championships this weekend](#), winning her a spot on the Winter Olympic team to compete in PyeongChang, South Korea, in February.
8. Two **Glenagle Secondary grads** have been nominated for **Ovation! awards**: Jennifer Gillis for her performance in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" with Exit 22/Capilano University and Lyndsey Britten for her choreography in "A Little Night Music" and "Cabaret." The awards will celebrate musical theatre in the Lower Mainland on January 28.
9. **Terry Fox Secondary** will be hosting their annual [Rock the Fox](#), January 16-18 with a total of 33 bands slated to perform. Tickets are \$5 and are available through the school.
10. The annual [Emerging Talent exhibit](#) at the Art Gallery at Evergreen, which features artwork by SD43 Grade 12 students runs January 21 to February 18. Visit evergreenculturalcentre.ca.
11. [Centennial Secondary's "Audition: The Musical" opens this week](#) in the school's brand new state of the art theatre. The Musical runs January 18-20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13-16 and are available via centtheatre.com.
12. **Pinetree Secondary's Treehouse Theatre** presents "Cry-Baby: The Musical," January 24-26, January 31, and February 1-2. Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door on show nights, and are now available at the school office and from cast members.

