

1. On Saturday, September 30, **Board Chair Kerri Palmer Isaak, Board Vice Chair Carol Cahoon, and Trustee Chuck Denison** celebrated **Confucius Day Writing Competition** at Winslow Centre in Coquitlam. There were over 100 applications within SD43 with awards being presented to the top 10 in each category along with presentations of singing, speaking and martial arts by students as well.
2. **SD43 Board Vice-Chair Carol Cahoon and Superintendent Patricia Gartland** performed the **ceremonial face-off** at the October 6 **Coquitlam Express Hockey Game**. Trustees Barb Hobson, Lisa Park, Diane Sowden and Keith Watkins and district leadership team members also attended to show support for the team and players who engage with our schools and students as youth leaders and role models.
3. On October 11, **SD43 Board of Education, Superintendent,** and key staff **met with City of Coquitlam Mayor, Richard Stewart, Council** and key staff to provide updates and discuss added ways to collaborate.
4. On October 13, **SD43 Board of Education, Superintendent,** and key staff **met with the Tri-City region's two MPs and four MLAs** to provide updates and discuss the needs of the school district.
5. Members of the community are invited to attend a [public information session](#) on the future schools on **Burke Mountain** at Leigh Elementary School at 7 p.m. on Thursday, **November 9, 2017**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and childminding will be available.
6. **Coquitlam Continuing Education (CCE)** is hosting an [Open House](#) on Thursday, **November 9** from 7 to 9 p.m. at 380 Montgomery St. Coquitlam. CCE students may now take High School Credit courses tuition-free! Registration for Fall courses is now open at [www.CE43.com](http://www.CE43.com)
7. **SD43 Director of Instruction, Stephen Whiffin** has been recognized by **Microsoft Education Canada** with the **Bob Allison Memorial Award** for his leadership in technology education. This award is given annually to a Canadian Educational Technology leader who embodies a strong work ethic, selflessly serves others, makes a difference in their community, stretches funds, and shows courage in leadership.
8. **Citadel Middle School** is the [first school in B.C. to switch to 100 percent energy-saving LEDs](#), which is expected to save \$27,000 annually in energy and maintenance costs as well as provide improved lighting for learning.



9. On World Food Day (October 16) **Heritage Woods Secondary** launched a month long campaign called "**Move 4 Mana**" to raise awareness and help children in developing countries, while promoting physical activity among participants. During the campaign, students will track their fitness activity on a smart phone app that they developed. For every 500 calories burned, Food for Famine Society will donate a packet of Mana (500 calories of ready-to-use nutrients) to a developing child in need. This student-led initiative is the first of its kind in Canada.



10. Through his fundraising initiative called "Toonies for Teens," **Andrew Teel from SD43's Inquiry Hub** has already helped raise over \$120,000 for Covenant House, now he has plans for a new project called "Hoodies for Teens." Andrew is certainly well deserving of his recent honour by the Association of Fundraising Professionals as the **recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Youth Philanthropist Award.**

11. For the second year in a row, the Gleneagle Talons girls' field hockey team are District Champions. They won in a shootout after a rainy two-day game. Best of luck to them in the upcoming Fraser Valley Championships.



12. Two former SD43 students, **Kirsten Milic from Dr. Charles Best** and **Musa Fortin from Inquiry Hub** have been selected to receive **SFU's Ryan Beedie Leadership Award** for their leadership while in high school. The award includes a \$20,000 scholarship over four years.
13. **Banting Middle teacher, Harriette Chang** has been selected to participate in the **Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy** in Ottawa from November 5 to 10.