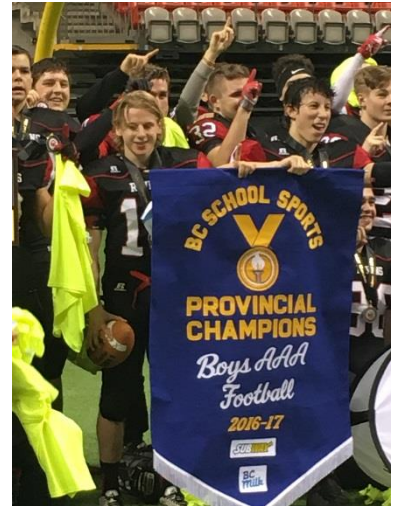


1. **Inquiry Hub Grade 9 student Andrew Teel** created an [online campaign called "Toonies for Teens"](#) to raise money for **Covenant House**. His efforts received plenty of media attention including [interviews with CBC television and radio](#). To date the campaign has raised over \$41,600 and, when matched by sponsors, will total over \$120,000 shattering the original goal of \$100.
2. Congratulations go to **Riverside Secondary students Alexa Durand and Brenda Shen**. Their experiment studying the effect of microgravity on concrete used in building structures has been [selected to be conducted by astronauts at the International Space Station](#) as part of the **Student Spaceflight Experiments Program**.
3. **SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland** along with **Trustee Lisa Park** met with **Gunn Kim**, the new Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Vancouver, during the celebration of the National Foundation Day held on November 28, 2016.
4. SD43 was prominently featured at the **IGNITE: Innovation BC conference** held on December 6, 2016 at Science World in Vancouver where attendees learned about the innovative technological projects happening in B.C. **Inquiry Hub teacher John Sarte** and **Eagle Mountain Middle teacher Jarod Fong** were among the highlighted presenters.
5. **SD43 hosted two students, Allan Waithira and Denis Chege, from Kenya** for a two-month stay from October to December. More about this visit can be found on the [SD43 website](#).
6. **Terry Fox Secondary Leadership Classes** designed, and are selling, **anti-bullying shirts** with the message "I Choose Kindness" to raise awareness and funds for KidSport Tri-Cities. Contact Dean Whitson at Terry Fox Secondary at dwhitson@sd43.bc.ca to order shirts for \$10 each.
7. **Terry Fox Secondary hosts its annual Rock The Fox** from January 10 to 12, a semester-end bash for the Rock School. Tickets are available for \$5 and go towards supporting the Rock School and recording arts program.
8. **Riverside Secondary hosted METFEST** during December where student actors from all SD43 secondary schools vied for [the chance to represent the district at the 2017 Sears BC Drama Festival](#). **Terry Fox Secondary's drama production BitterGirl** took [home best show honours](#) and will perform from April 27-29 at Douglas College.
9. Over 50 **Heritage Woods students**, part of a philanthropic group called "**Kodiaks with a Purpose,**" make [monthly visits to Oppenheimer Park in downtown Vancouver](#) to help marginalized people by providing a homemade hot lunch, baked goods, and basic necessities, while engaging in cheerful conversations and creating special bonds. [A recent visit took place on December 8, 2016](#).
10. **Port Moody Secondary**, led by teacher **Marina Mehaj**, is [participating in the BC Green Games](#) – Science World's eco-storytelling contest – for the second year in a row. Among their projects this year include an electronics drive, school garden planting and maintenance, school clean-up, adopt-a-trail initiative, fundraising for a water-filling station, creating improved signage for recycling and compost stations, and planning and implementing an eco-fair.



11. **Rochester Elementary students** [collected 140 bags of food and toiletries](#) for their holiday hamper campaign.
12. **Students at Ranch Park Elementary**, together with staff from the Dufferin Care Centre, [delivered socks and toques to a homeless shelter](#) run by RainCity housing.
13. **SD43 students and employees** donated their time to volunteer at and support the **CKNW Orphan's Fund Pledge Day** in late November. **Mountain Meadows Elementary choir** performed at the event while **Westwood Elementary principal Bryn Williams** helped take phone calls.
14. **Terry Fox Secondary's LINK Crew**, together with the Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities, [won second place at the 4th Annual PoCo Heritage Christmas Tree Festival](#) in the People's Choice Awards Community category.
15. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
 - **Terry Fox Secondary's senior football team** [captured the 2016 AAA provincial championship](#) defeating Notre Dame Regional Secondary.
 - **Heritage Woods Secondary's senior girls basketball team** won the Kodiak Klassic 2.0 tournament defeating W.J. Mouat Secondary.
 - **Heritage Woods Secondary** and **Port Moody Secondary** [co-hosted the Kodiak Klassic AAA basketball tournament in early December](#), which also included participation from **Terry Fox Secondary**.
 - **Pinetree Secondary senior boys** won the Guildford Park Classic basketball tournament, while **Charles Best Secondary girls** [won the "No Regrets" basketball tournament](#) both held in December.
 - **Terry Fox Secondary** hosted the annual [Legal Beagle basketball tournament](#) from January 5 to 7.
 - The **Terry Fox Secondary cheer team** took home third place at the PINK Cheer Championships.
 - **Riverside Secondary student Olivia Willett** finished in 15th place out of 252 competitors at the Canadian National Cross Country Championships in November while [helping Team BC to a silver medal at the event](#).
16. **SD43 students Anthony Goncharov** (Grade 11, Dr. Charles Best Secondary) and **Jim Jeong** (Grade 12, Riverside Secondary) are [part of the cast in the west coast premier of Concord Floral](#), a teen thriller that will take to the stage at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby, at the PuSH Festival in Vancouver, and at the Surrey Arts Centre.
17. **Associated Labels and Packaging** recently donated \$10,000 to SD43 for the purchase of iPads for students.
18. **Former Pinetree Secondary student Daniel Paulino** [created an alarm app](#) that reminds users to take their medication.
19. **Former SD43 students Dante Fabbro** (Centennial Secondary) and **Mathew Barzal** (Dr. Charles Best Secondary) [competed for Team Canada](#) at the 2017 World Junior Hockey Championships earning a silver medal.
20. **Former SD43 student Christian Del Bianco (Centennial Secondary)** [made his National Lacrosse League debut](#) as a goaltender on January 6 against the Vancouver Stealth.



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