1. **SD43 students** stopped by the **City of Port Coquitlam’s council meeting** on January 24 sharing some **Real Acts of Caring** in preparation of the week of the same name which was proclaimed by the City for February 12 to 18.

2. **SD43 Trustees Kerri Palmer Isaak (Board Chair), Carol Cahoon (Vice-Chair), Judy Shirra, Chuck Denison and Diane Sowden** were in attendance at the **Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellent Awards** on January 28 where they celebrated with SD43’s education partner, Finger Food Studios, on their “Business of the Year – 30+ Employees” award.

3. **SD43 Trustees Carol Cahoon (Vice-Chair), Diane Sowden and Barb Hobson** attended **Gleneagle Secondary’s second annual TEDx** on January 30. The theme of the event was ‘reconstruction.’

4. **Over 1,000 members of the local community, not counting students from the school, attended the Powers of Ideas tour at Terry Fox Secondary** on February 2. The event was officially kicked off with a welcome from **SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong, Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore, and Port Coquitlam MLA Mike Farnworth**.

5. **Theatrical productions were recently held and/or are coming to SD43 Secondary Schools** in the month of February. For ticket information, contact each school directly or visit their respective websites. Upcoming productions include:
   - **Pinetree Secondary – The Sound of Music** – Runs February 2-4 & 9-11
   - **Centennial Secondary – Catch Me If You Can: The Musical** – Runs February 2-4 & 9-11

6. **Heritage Woods Secondary student Kieran Cyphus** has been named a winner of the Loran Award valued at $100,000.

7. **Eagle Mountain Middle student Nolan Fahey** was named the **Outstanding Newcomer at the 13th annual OVATION! Awards** for his performance in the lead role of the Arts Club Theatre Company production, **Billy Elliot**.

8. **Gleneagle Secondary teacher Amy Clausen** was named the winner of **Vancouver Academy of Dramatic Arts’ BC High School Drama Teacher of the Year Award**. **Riverside Secondary’s Nicole Roberts** finished as a runner-up in the contest.
9. Dr. Charles Best Secondary Grade 12 student Markus Masaites, a recipient of a national gold medal last year for his ARCT diploma exam (Royal Conservatory of Music), will be performing a series of recitals including a concert on March 5 at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby.

10. Baker Drive Elementary Grade 3 student Dean Petriw will be pursuing his acting career in the United States. His prominent roles to date include appearances in Kindergarten Cop 2, Wayward Pines, and Beyond.

11. Riverside Secondary's senior girls and senior boys curling teams, respectively, have qualified for the provincial championship tournament taking place in Smithers in March.

12. SD43 alumni Tylar Turnbull (Riverside Secondary) and AJ Ewart (Gleneagle Secondary) are among the finalists for Sport BC’s 51st Athlete of the Year Awards. Turnbull, a volleyball player, is up for College Athlete of the Year, while Ewart, a golfer, is up for the Male Junior Athlete of the Year award.

13. Riverside Secondary alumnus Danita Stroup has been named to the Canadian Women’s Lacrosse Team set to compete at the 2017 FIL Women’s Lacrosse World Cup in Guildford, England taking place July 12-22.

14. Dr. Charles Best Secondary graduate David Norman Jr. has signed a professional deal with the Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 of the USL, and is currently attending the Whitecaps’s MLS team’s pre-season training camp in Wales.

15. SD43 graduates are putting on shows with a Valentine’s theme in the local community including:
   - Deanna Rayne (Port Moody Secondary) playing at the Gallery Bistro in Port Moody on Friday, February 10 for a concert titled Valentine’s for Jazz Lovers.
   - Maria Ho (Terry Fox Secondary) appearing at Coquitlam’s Evergreen Cultural Centre on Saturday, February 11 for Love Is On The Air, a concert presented as a live radio show.

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