1. **Panorama Heights Elementary** celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special event on Thursday, April 13. Among the attendees at the event included **SD43 Board Chair Kerri Palmer Isaak**, Vice-Chair **Carole Cahoon**, Trustees **Barb Hobson** and **Michael Thomas**, SD43 Superintendent **Patricia Gartland**, SD43 Assistant Superintendent **Reno Ciolfi**, Coquitlam Mayor **Richard Stewart**, and School Principal **Wendy Yu** along with other present and former administrators, teachers, staff and students.

2. **Heritage Woods Secondary** was named one of the winners of the **WorkSafeBC student video film contest** for their submission titled ‘Bullying in the Workplace.’ The video will be part of a provincial campaign on safety.

3. **Hillcrest Middle’s Odyssey of the Mind team** captured gold at the provincial championship in April and have earned a trip to the World Championship taking place in May at Michigan State University. To help Hillcrest Middle fundraise for their trip to the world finals, visit [www.gofundme.com/hillcrestmiddle](http://www.gofundme.com/hillcrestmiddle). **Glenayre Elementary** finished in bronze spot at the provincial championship.

4. **Port Moody Secondary** was named one of the **BC Green Games winners in the Call2Recycle Viewers’ Choice Award category** for earning one of the highest vote counts for their project titled “One Water Bottle At A Time!”

5. **Pitt River Middle students** had a chance to put their sleuthing skills to the test in April as part of the school’s CSI unit as they investigated the fictitious theft of their Terry Fox memorial working alongside the Coquitlam RCMP and Genome BC.

6. **Gleneagle Secondary** will host **Talk To Me 4.0** on Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m., an event organized by the school’s leadership students designed to bring awareness to mental health. Proceeds from ticket sales support the Mood Disorders Association of BC. Gleneagle Secondary students in the **TALONS program** will also host a **Youth Mental Wellness Fair called “Heart to Heart”** on Saturday, April 29 at the school’s field which will feature speakers, information booths, communication-based obstacle courses and drawing classes. The event is drop-in style and is free to attend.

7. Eleven **SD43 students** representing four schools – **Heritage Woods Secondary, Riverside Secondary, Inquiry Hub and Hillcrest Middle** – **won awards at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair** that took place at UBC from April 6-8. **Inquiry Hub student Mike Roslikov** was the most noteworthy winner as he not only earned three awards for his project titled “Sleep Analysis” but also earned top honours and a trip to participate in the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Regina, Saskatchewan in May.

8. **Eagle Mountain Middle** participated in **Vancouver Biennale’s BIG IDEAS in-School 2017 Program** where they worked alongside artist Kia Kadiri to **explore the theme of identity through spoken word**.
9. Ten teachers at Riverside Secondary gladly had their heads and/or beards shaved in April after the school’s fundraising campaign netted over $10,000 in support of BC Children’s Hospital and Balding for Dollars.

10. Hillcrest Middle students partnered with the City of Coquitlam to decommission the unsanctioned trails in environmentally sensitive areas in Mundy Park.

11. Dr. Charles Best Secondary presents Bye Bye Birdie from May 3-6 and 10-13. Tickets are $15 ($12 for students and seniors) and are available at the school.

12. Gleneagle Secondary presents Guys and Dolls from May 3-5 and 10-12. Tickets are $15 ($8 for students and seniors, free for children under five) and are available at the school.

13. Castle Park Elementary student Ava Dickson has been selected as Port Coquitlam’s May Queen for the year and will be representing the city on its May Day parade float on May 13. Mary Hill Elementary student Katrina Herrera was named first princess.

14. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
   - Riverside Secondary students Jake Li and Clarence Liu captured first place in Boys Doubles Badminton at the District Championships.
   - Port Moody Secondary cheerleaders earned second place at the Sea-2-Sky international cheerleading competition in April.
   - SD43 students Bernice Mau (Gleneagle Secondary) and Zachery Lee (Riverside Secondary) were named the Amateur Youth Latin champions at the Canadian Closed Championships by DanceSport BC.
   - Pinetree Secondary student Danielle Lew captured her third national title in the 49 kg weight-class at the Wrestling Juvenile Nationals in Windsor, Ontario. She also captured second place in the same weight class at the junior nationals in Saint Catherines, Ontario. Lew has received a wrestling scholarship from Simon Fraser University.
   - Dr. Charles Best Secondary student Kendal Sands will be joining Simon Fraser University’s NCAA basketball team in the fall, while schoolmate Joey Mijaljevic will be joining SFU’s soccer team.
   - Terry Fox Secondary alumnus Ryan Sclater, the Canada West male athlete of the year, has been named a finalist for the 2016-2017 BLG Award which honours the top university athletes in the country and promotes post-graduate studies at Canadian universities.

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