

- Inquiry Hub's** "Dream, Create, Learn (DCL)" project was [named a top-three finalist for SFU's Cmolik Prize](#). Congratulations to **SD43 teachers John Sarte and Alan Soiseth**, along with **Inquiry Hub Vice Principal David Truss**, on being recognized for putting the project together for submission, and to all SD43 groups and employees that submitted a project for Cmolik Prize consideration.
- Kwayhquitlum Middle teacher Greg Skerratt** received a [Certificate of Achievement](#) as part of the 2016 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence.
- SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland** participated in Governor General David Johnston's *Roundtable on Canada's Global Engagement Challenge at Rideau Hall* in Ottawa on May 8 with thought leaders across Canada to examine the importance of equipping Canadian citizens with cultural and linguistic knowledge, skills, and experience to become proficient global citizens.
- The first secretary and trade commissioner for the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, **Mr. Oussamah Tamim**, toured SD43 recently. The Board of Education met with Mr. Tamim at the Embassy in Beijing in March 2017. In honour of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Canada will be the feature country at the education fair in Beijing this fall.
- SD43 students** submitted [nine of the 12 winning projects at the Coquitlam Public Library Science Expo](#) held on Thursday, May 11.
- The annual **SD43 golf tournament** held on Sunday, May 7 raised [\\$33,000 in support of KidSport Tri-Cities](#).
- SD43 middle and secondary schools** took part in the [Student Vote program for the 2017 B.C. election](#), a mock election involving the actual candidates in this year's race.
- Pleasantville Elementary** unveiled their new House Post carved by Squamish Nation artist Xwalacktun at a special ceremony on Wednesday, May 3. Among the guests at the event included **SD43 Trustee Barb Hobson**, and **Assistant Superintendents Reno Cioffi and Rob Zambrano**.
- Rochester Elementary students are fundraising** for their trip to the *Odyssey of the Mind* world championships at Michigan State University from May 24 to 27. Rochester Elementary won gold at the provincial tournament. They look to join [Hillcrest Middle students who are also fundraising](#) to go to the event after also winning gold at the provincial tournament. Contact the respective schools if you would like to help with their fundraising efforts.
- Riverside Secondary grade 11 science and technology class students**, along with **grade 9 science students** at the school, recently partnered on the [Engineering Brightness project](#), which involved sending an LED lamp prototype to help impoverished areas in the Dominican Republic. Students at **Riverside Secondary**, as well as **Pitt River Middle**, also helped fundraise for the project.
- Students at **Leigh Elementary** recently had the chance to [try out boccia](#), the Paralympic version of bocci, thanks to SportAbility.
- The **Me to We Club at Dr. Charles Best Secondary** [recently organized a book donation drive](#) to help fill the shelves at **CABE Secondary**.
- Minnehada Middle's** year-end show *Gathering Blue* will have a [public performance on June 8](#) at 7 p.m. Tickets are available from the school.



14. **Terry Fox Secondary's rock school students** presents [Rock The Fox on May 17 & 18](#). Tickets are \$5 and support the **Terry Fox Rock School** and recording arts programs.
15. **Scott Creek Middle** was presented with a banner in April from the Canadian Cancer Society for being the highest fundraising school for *Cops for Cancer*.
16. **Hillcrest Middle** held their *Orange Crushes Cancer* carnival on April 28 in support of The Terry Fox Foundation and raised \$3435, beating their original target of \$1000.
17. **Gleneagle Secondary** attended the Con Brio Whistler Music Festival in late April winning one gold (tour band) and three silvers (jazz band, vocal jazz, and choir).
18. **Terry Fox Secondary student Melvin Chan** was named [2017 Volunteer of the Year at the BC SPCA's annual awards ceremony](#).
19. **Riverside Secondary student Candace Chau** was honoured at the [City of Port Coquitlam Volunteer Awards night as a recipient in the under-21 category](#).
20. **Gleneagle Secondary student Benjamin Sigerson** [earned two prizes in the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Young Composers' Competition](#) capturing second place in his category (secondary, ages 13-17) for his piece *Said The West Wind*, as well as the winning a special award for being the best B.C. music writer in his age group.
21. **Port Moody Secondary student Alice Li** scored in the top 10 percent in Canada in the [2017 Michael Smith Science Challenge](#), a national competition written by students in Grade 10 Science or lower.
22. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
  - **Heritage Woods Secondary's junior golf team** captured the Jr. District golf championship.
  - **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's senior golf team** captured the District Golf Championship.
  - **Riverside Secondary students Jake Li and Clarence Liu** followed up their boys doubles badminton district championship victory in April with a first place win at the Upper Fraser Valley championships in May.
  - **Port Moody Secondary's senior competitive dance team** won first place at the Redemption Dance Competition in New Westminster in May.
  - **Several SD43 students, employees, and alumni** were named finalists for the [Inaugural Port Coquitlam Community Sport Awards](#). The winners will be announced on Friday, May 26. The finalists include current students **Haley de Jong (Riverside Secondary)** and **Kinga Wisniewska (Riverside Secondary)** in the junior athlete award category, **Pinetree Secondary teacher Jeff Sheehan** in the outstanding official award category, and **Riverside Rapids wrestling** and **Terry Fox Ravens football** in the coaching team award category.
  - **Pinetree Secondary student Jacqueline Lew** successfully defended her Western Regional Junior Championship in wrestling in the 117-lb. weight class.
  - **Terry Fox Secondary student Jenevieve Patry-Smith**, a multiple medal winner provincially and nationally, competed in the U.S. for the first time at the Oregon Relays Invitational in April.
  - **Panorama Elementary student Tereza Vanourek** won gold in dual slalom, skier cross and mogul at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Nancy Green Festival at Sun Peaks back in March.
  - **Gleneagle Secondary teacher Chris Turpin** won the [BC School Sports Male Coach of the Year award](#).
  - **Terry Fox Secondary alumnus Mason Woods** was [selected in the second round, 10<sup>th</sup> overall, in the Canadian Football League Draft](#) by the Toronto Argonauts.
  - **Dr. Charles Best alumnus Mathew Barzal** [captained the Western Hockey League's Seattle Thunderbirds to their first-ever league championship](#) earning playoff MVP honours in the process.

