1. 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.

2. Kwayhquitlum Middle teacher Greg Skerra received a Certificate of Achievement as part of the 2016 Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence.

3. 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.

4. 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 150th anniversary, Canada will be the feature country at the education fair in Beijing this fall.

5. SD43 students submitted nine of the 12 winning projects at the Coquitlam Public Library Science Expo held on Thursday, May 11.

6. The annual SD43 golf tournament held on Sunday, May 7 raised $33,000 in support of KidSport Tri-Cities.

7. 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.

8. Pleasantside 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 Ciolfi and Rob Zambrano.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Students at Leigh Elementary recently had the chance to try out boccia, the Paralympic version of bocci, thanks to SportAbility.

12. The Me to We Club at Dr. Charles Best Secondary recently organized a book donation drive to help fill the shelves at CABLE Secondary.

13. Minnekhada 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 13th 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 15th 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, 10th 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.

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