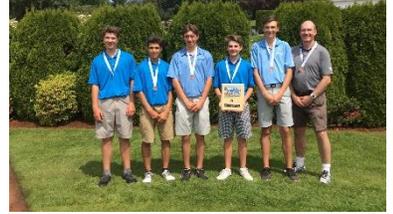


1. **Blakeburn Elementary** held a special ceremony on June 22 to [unveil their new four-classroom addition](#) – an innovative modular, steel structure that creates an additional 100 spaces of capacity. Numerous trustees, leadership team members and other guests attended, supported by all staff and students at the school.
2. **SD43** and **TELUS** held a special event on June 22 to [unveil six pieces of student-designed artwork that are wrapping electrical boxes in Port Coquitlam](#). Congratulations to **Elaine Xiao (Kwayhquitlum Middle)**, **Bonita Shao** and **Izabela Fabbro (Citadel Middle)**, **Kaylin Verbeek** and **Taylor Chow (Minnehada Middle)**, and **Jacob Gillis** and **Tsai-Ni Lin (Terry Fox Secondary)** for submitting the winning designs for the competition. TELUS also generously donated \$5,000 to the winning students' respective schools towards the purchase of new technology.
3. **SD43 representatives** met with representatives from the **Department of Further Education, Youth and Culture of the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland** on June 12 at the district board office to sign a MOU for student mobility between countries.
4. **SD43 Aboriginal Education** proudly hosted the [3rd Biannual All Nations Festival](#) from June 17 to 21 as a collaborative community development initiative with organizations and Indigenous artists from Kwikwetlem, Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Squamish, Sto:lo and from across Turtle Island.
5. **Suwa'ikh School** has partnered with Fresh Roots and the Galiano Conservancy to [create a First Nations forest garden](#) that will specialize in growing native plants and teach students to harvest the crops for medicine or food, with the overall goal to improve plant diversity in the forest while creating an edible forest garden.
6. The **SD43 Reel Stars Student Film Festival** was held on June 13 at **Port Moody Secondary**. See the winners on the [SD43 website](#).
7. **Minnehada Middle students** [collected donations to support Zimbabwe orphans](#) at their drama show in June.
8. **Rochester Elementary** [earned a top-10 placement at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals](#) with a ninth place finish.
9. As of June 26, **three SD43 schools – Porter Street Elementary, Heritage Mountain Elementary, and Blakeburn Elementary** – are listed in the top-10 fundraising schools in British Columbia and the Yukon for the Heart and Stroke Foundation's [Jump Rope for Heart campaign](#).
10. **Pleasantide Elementary grade 5 students** got to test out the new Rocky Point pool, as well as [their own self-designed cardboard boats](#), in Port Moody.
11. **Scott Creek Middle** raised \$17,500 in support of the Canadian Cancer Society through Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast.
12. **Gleneagle Secondary student Basil Giannopoulos** [received the \\$100,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship](#) to study Engineering Science at Simon Fraser University.
13. **Terry Fox Secondary student Devin Passaglia's** valedictorian speech is highlighted as part of the [The Province's 2017 Head of the Class feature](#).
14. **Port Moody Secondary student Melanie Law** was [one of the grand prize winners in the Fraser Valley Regional Library's Teen Imagine Contest](#).
15. **Gleneagle Secondary student Yannie Lo's "Rhode Island Portfolio"** is on display as part the Port Moody Art Centre's Art in the Park show that runs from June 15 to July 13.
16. **Moody Middle student Kendal-Leah Skelton** spent eight hours on the swings at her school on June 17 to [raise money for breast cancer research](#).



17. **Terry Fox Secondary student Joseph Pamarang** has qualified for the finals of the Canada's Most Informed Student competition that will take place in November.
18. **SD43 students Yebin Kim (Pinetree Secondary)** and **Harim Chang (Maple Creek Middle)** were featured violin soloists at the [Coquitlam Youth Orchestra's year-end benefit concert](#) that raised funds for the Canadian Red Cross famine relief fund.
19. **Nine SD43 students** will [spend July at universities across Canada to work on innovation and entrepreneurship as part of the SHAD program](#) including **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's Isabel Wilson, Kara Han and Sarah Luo, Port Moody Secondary's Sachee Kachchakaduge and Shi Nan Feng, Pinetree Secondary's Coco Chen and Amy Wang, Gleneagle Secondary's Frank Yi, and Riverside Secondary's Zhe Wang.**
20. **Terry Fox Secondary student Caraline Cerqueira** won the [2017 Burke Mountain Homes Community Leadership Award](#).
21. **Eleven SD43 art students** earned [awards and accolades for their works](#) that were on display at Coquitlam Centre in May.
22. **Port Moody Secondary students Cameron and Sean Black**, who studied mechanics in their auto shop class at school, [restored a 1943 military Ford Jeep](#) which was displayed at a military vehicle and memorabilia show on June 24 marking the 90th anniversary of the Cloverdale Legion.
23. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
 - **Gleneagle Secondary's senior boys rugby team** defeated **Terry Fox Secondary** to win the annual United Rugby Club Sevens tournament.
 - **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's senior golf team** finished in third place at the AAA provincial championship.
 - **Eagle Mountain Middle student Kyler Arnold** won gold at the Canadian National Taekwondo Championships in the Elite Male Cadet 57 kg category and will attend the PanAm Taekwondo Championships in Costa Rica as part of Team Canada in August.
 - **Gleneagle Secondary student Maxwell Macmillan** will [play for Canada's national water polo team](#) at the U-17 Pan American Championships in Lima, Peru for the first time on June 29.
 - **Dr. Charles Best Secondary teacher Dave Jones** was recognized with a 2017 Coquitlam Middle School Athletic Association Builder Award.
 - The **Coquitlam Secondary Schools Athletic Associations** handed out their annual awards at their AGM & Awards Banquet Night on June 13. [See the list of winners on the SD43 website.](#)
 - **Riverside Secondary teacher Rob Colombo** received the Fraser Valley Secondary Schools Sports Association Honour Society Recognition Award.
 - The **1987-88 Centennial Secondary senior girls basketball team** was [inducted into the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame](#) Class of 2017.
 - **Several SD43 students and alumni** were [added to the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame's Wall of Fame](#) this year including: junior athletes **Connor Hollingshead (Terry Fox Secondary)** and **Shallon Olsen (Centennial Secondary)**; high school athletes **Nic Greene (Centennial Secondary)** and **Jacqueline Lew (Pinetree Secondary)**; senior athletes **Christian De Bianco (Dr. Charles Best Secondary graduate)** and **Jasmin Glaesser (Terry Fox Secondary graduate)**; university athletes **Adam Jones (Dr. Charles Best Secondary graduate)**, **Challen Rogers (Dr. Charles Best Secondary graduate)**, **Samantha McIlwrick (Port Moody Secondary graduate)** and **Addy Townsend (Dr. Charles Best Secondary graduate)**.



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