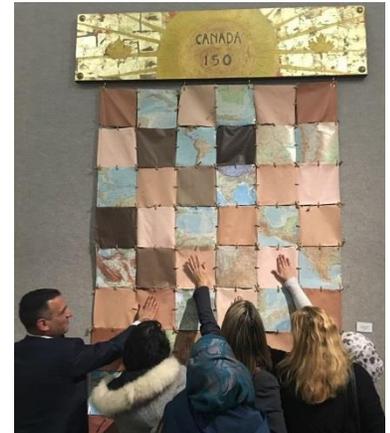


1. **SD43** is honoured to be **nominated for a Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence award**. The nomination was received by Board Chair Kerri Palmer Isaak and Superintendent Patricia Gartland at the nominee luncheon on November 1 and is testimony to the great work of our many exceptional employees.
2. On Friday, October 27, **SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland** attended and offered opening remarks for a special event at **Scott Creek Middle** called **"Fabric of Canada"** to honour cultural diversity through art. At the event an art display was unveiled that was created by Zeid Founouni and Syrian refugees in our community. The piece will hang at the school where students will be encouraged to interact with it.
3. Members of the community are invited to attend a [public information session](#) on the future schools on **Burke Mountain** at Leigh Elementary School at 7 p.m. on Thursday, **November 9, 2017**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and childminding will be available.
4. **Coquitlam Continuing Education (CCE)** is hosting an [Open House](#) on Thursday, **November 9** from 7 to 9 p.m. at 380 Montgomery St. Coquitlam. CCE students may now take High School Credit courses tuition-free! Registration for Fall courses is now open at [www.CE43.com](http://www.CE43.com)
5. This week, **SD43 schools** honour those who served our country by **holding assemblies, creating special exhibits and engaging in meaningful projects leading up to Remembrance Day**. Students, employees and trustees will also represent SD43 by attending ceremonies in the community on Saturday, November 11. Students and families from three schools: Anmore Elementary, Pleasantside Elementary and Eagle Mountain Middle have created a very special Remembrance Day exhibit called "Tell Us the Stories," which features the stories of relatives and ancestors of students from these schools. The **official opening for the exhibit is November 12 at 4:00 p.m.** and it will run until December 1 at the Port Moody Museum.
6. Three SD43 schools recently completed their **Terry Fox fundraising campaigns** by surpassing their initial goals. **Eagle Mountain Middle raised \$13,250, Moody Middle school raised \$5,700 and Pinetree Way Elementary raised over \$1,000**. Well done!
7. **Two SD43 schools deserve special acknowledgment for helping those in need:**
  - **Pinetree Way Elementary school** participated in their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Caring, making bagged lunches for the homeless living in Vancouver's downtown eastside.
  - **Riverside Secondary's Leadership class** spent a day at Oppenheimer Park also helping those living in Vancouver's downtown eastside.
8. Congratulations to **Heritage Woods Secondary's robotics club** for making the **semi-finals at BCTEA's VEX Robotics - BC Fall Qualifier competition**.



9. **Inquiry Hub** is an innovative public secondary school in Coquitlam where self-directed students pursue their personal interests and dreams. To learn more, attend their [Open House](#) on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m.**
10. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
- **Cross-Country District Champions:** **Jacob Wadwani, Terry Fox Secondary** (Grade 9 boys); **Darius Mawji, Gleneagle Secondary** (Grade 10 boys); **Olivia McDonnel, Riverside Secondary** (Grade 10 girls); **Mario de Greiff, Riverside Secondary** (Grade 11 boys); **Natasha Smigelski, Centennial Secondary** (Grade 11 girls); **Brendan McLaughlin, Heritage Woods Secondary** (Grade 12 boys); **Chantelle Leimer, Dr. Charles Best Secondary** (Grade 12 girls)
  - **Heritage Woods Secondary's Girls' Field Hockey Team** finished **second at the Fraser Valley Championships**. They, along with **Dr. Charles Best Secondary's** and **Centennial Secondary's** teams have qualified for the Provincial Championships.
  - **District Volleyball Champions:** **Heritage Woods Secondary's** Junior Boys; **Riverside Secondary's** Grade 9 Girls; and **Riverside Secondary's** Junior Girls.
  - **Pinetree Secondary's Junior Girls' Volleyball Team** won **bronze at the Fraser Valley Championships**.
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11. **Haley de Jong from Riverside Secondary** recently captured **five gold medals** at the international gymnastic **Salamunov Memorial meet** held in Maribor, Slovenia. Her scores won her the vault, beam, bars, floor as well as the all-around total competitions.
12. **Bernice Mau from Gleneagle Secondary** and **Zachary Lee from Riverside Secondary** will represent Canada at an [international ballroom dancing competition](#) in Seoul.