

1. **SD43 will be hosting [three upcoming information sessions](#)** on proposed catchment area changes for regular programs and Smiling Creek Elementary, and location updates for Programs of Choice. For more information visit [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)
2. **SD43's Board of Education** will host the annual **Employee Long Service Recognition Reception** on Thursday, November 30, 2017. The event recognizes employees who have contributed to the district for 25 years.
3. **Heritage Woods Secondary student Maddie Mesner** has been named recipient of the **Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers** awarded by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada. This official Canadian honour recognizes outstanding contributions to volunteer work.
4. Congratulations to **SD43 Language, Culture, and Identity Coordinator, Mme Sophie Bergeron** for receiving the annual **[André Obadia Award for excellence in Immersion Teaching](#)** at this year's ACPI conference held in Charlottetown, P.E.I.
5. Congratulations to Special Education Teacher, **Christine Hilliard of Riverside Secondary** for being chosen as The Women's Collaborative HUB's **2017 Women Influencers Awards, Exceptional Educator**. The award recognizes unsung women heroes of the Tri-Cities, Pitt Meadows, and Maple Ridge.
6. After competing in the Vancouver Round and then the Global Round in Greece, **Heritage Woods Secondary students, Jasmine, Rose and Michelle** competed in the **World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions** at Yale University, November 9-14. Events included: Team Debate, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Bowl (answering questions in a game show format) and Scholar's Challenge (testing).
7. **Glen Elementary PAC** hosted a tremendously successful **Multicultural Dinner** on Friday, November 17. The event was attended by over 270 people and included food from over 40 countries, Aboriginal drumming, a Chinese fan dance and Bollywood dancing. It was a night to celebrate the school's diverse community and build connections through friendship, music and food.
8. On November 23, nearly 300 Grade 5 volleyball players from **Glen, Walton, Westwood, Cedar Drive and James Park** enjoyed a night of volleyball at Glen Elementary's Volleyball Jambouree. Special thanks to the generosity of **Pinetree Secondary School** and their PE department. Grade 11 Leadership students refereed the games and helped with set up and clean up. It was a wonderful way to come together to enjoy sport and make connections with each other.



9. Coquitlam Continuing Education's (CCE) [Winter/Spring 2018 Course Catalog](#) is now available. With seven learning locations throughout the Tri-Cities including online, CCE offers a variety of programs and schedules to assist students in achieving their educational and career goals. For more information visit [www.CE43.com](http://www.CE43.com).
10. During their month long [student-led campaign, Move 4 Mana](#), **Heritage Woods Secondary** helped 105 Somalians by getting 840 people active who burned over 8 million calories. As a result, Food for Famine will contribute 15,853 therapeutic food packets to children suffering from severe acute malnutrition.
11. [Port Moody Station Museum's](#) exhibit "Tell Us the Stories" features the photos, artifacts and stories of relatives and ancestors of students from three SD43 schools: **Anmore Elementary, Pleasantide Elementary and Eagle Mountain Middle**. The exhibit runs until December 1, 2017.
12. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:
  - [Dr. Charles Best Boys' soccer team won their fifth AAA Provincial Championship](#). The title ties the record for the most by any school since the secondary schools soccer commission was formed in 1947.
  - **Swimming Provincial Championship Results:**
    - **Heritage Woods Secondary:** Team gold in 4X50m mixed medley; Brody Young won gold in 200m individual medley and bronze in 100m freestyle; Luy Davis won gold in 50m freestyle and silver in 50m butterfly; Team silver in 4X50m mixed freestyle; Stella Jin won gold in 100m butterfly and bronze in 100m freestyle; Nathaniel Bennett won silver in 50m butterfly; overall the boys' team finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the girls' team finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the province.
    - **Terry Fox Secondary:** Girls' team won gold in the 4X50m medley; and the girls' team finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the province.
  - **Minnekhada Middle Grade 8 Boys' Volleyball team won the District Championships.**
  - [Terry Fox Secondary's football team will be defending their BC High School Championship title](#) at B.C. Place on Saturday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

