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.

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, Pleasantside 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 4th and the girls’ team finished 7th in the province.
     - Terry Fox Secondary: Girls’ team won gold in the 4X50m medley; and the girls’ team finished 8th 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.