

1. **Centennial Secondary School** students, school and district employees, parents, alumni, and community members gathered on [Thursday, May 31, 2018 to celebrate the opening of the new school](#), 51 years after the original school first opened. Visit www.sd43.ca to read the full announcement with pictures and links to videos.
 
2. **Here are the upcoming community open houses and school opening celebrations:**
 - Minnehada Middle School Lacrosse Box Celebration, June 14 at 11 a.m.
 - [Moody Middle School Opening Celebration & Open House](#), June 18, 6-9 p.m.
 - [Banting Middle School Reunion](#) and Open House, June 21, 4–9 p.m.
 - Glen Elementary School New Addition Celebration, June 22 at 10 a.m.
 - For more information about these and our many other projects please see our Capital Projects website www.sd43.bc.ca/CapitalProjects
3. Schools are busy with year-end activities this month, most notably, **commencement ceremonies**. Congratulations to our thousands of graduates who have completed the first formal phase of their education. Special thanks to all SD43 employees who's hard work has helped support our graduates over the years.
4. **Ranch Park Elementary has been awarded [the 2018 Health Promoting School Champion Award](#)** for demonstrating exemplary contributions to the development, promotion and implementation of healthy school communities.
 
5. The **2nd annual Middle School Sphero Challenge** on May 24 at Winslow Centre featured teams of grades 6-8 students working collaboratively, exercising their computation thinking skills and solving problems through coding with Spheros. Over **90 students and teachers representing 11 middle schools in the district** took part. Citadel Middle won for Top Score, Como Lake Middle won the Spirit Award and Summit Middle won the Teamwork Award. Congratulations to all participants.
 
6. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary**, grade 12 student [Claire-Xi Song placed second at the 16th annual National Concours d'art oratoire finals](#) on June 2. Claire-Xi competed among the top 38 contestants from a total of 62,000 participants nationwide after winning the provincial French public speaking competition in May.
7. **Pinetree Secondary student Cameron Lee competed at the [Canadian National Brain Bee](#) championship** in Ontario on May 26 for the title of "best brain" in Canada. Cameron was tested against 14 other regional winners on his knowledge of the human brain, neuro-anatomy and patient diagnosis.
8. Cameron Blom, Peter Im and Abhishek Parmar from **Pinetree Secondary placed 1st out of 60 teams from across BC and Ontario in the Junior Achievement Market Challenge**, May 7-18. The JABC Business Challenge is an online competition where students manage a virtual company in a simulated marketplace.
9. A team from **Hillcrest Middle School** along with seven other SD43 groups participated in the **world finals of the Odyssey of the Mind** contest last week. All of the teams earned a spot at the championships after winning the provincials.

10. **SD43 students, Tim Lam (Gleneagle), Ki Ana Waco (Heritage Woods), Michelle Moon (Pinetree), and Minji Han (Riverside) created an app called CICER** that would connect to a car's driver assisted technology through Bluetooth to monitor the driver's heart rate and intervene if they were to have a heart attack, stroke or fall asleep. **The app placed 3rd among 41 teams at YELL Canada's Annual [Venture Challenge](#).**



11. A team of grade ten students (Cameron Ballard, Kaden Anderson-Hancock, Apolline de Schaezen, and Claudia Moore) from **Heritage Woods Secondary won the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)** with their presentation and \$5000 for their charity of choice, The Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre.



12. **Terry Fox leadership students** volunteered their time on May 16, helping to cook and serve breakfast at the Avalon Hotel, a shelter for homeless men in downtown Vancouver.

13. Plenty of SD43 success stories from the courts and the turf including:

- After winning the Fraser Valley Tennis Championships for the fifth time, **[Heritage Woods Secondary went on to win their third consecutive Tennis AAA Provincial High School Championship!](#)**
- **[Centennial Secondary's senior girls' soccer team won the AAA Provincial Championship](#)** after capturing the Fraser Valley Championship as well.
- **Jasmine Lew from Heritage Woods Secondary won the gold medal in Long Jump** and the bronze medal in the 100m sprint at the Provincial Track & Field Championships.
- **Pinetree Secondary's senior badminton team won silver in the Provincial Championships.**
- **Pinetree Secondary grade 12 student Greg Jungco** competed at the the BC Performing Arts Festival in Victoria last week where he danced to become the **2018 Modern Dance Level III Provincial Winner!**



14. **Riverside and Terry Fox secondary schools [present their inaugural exhibit, Imaginings](#)**, at the Michael Wright Art Gallery, which runs until June 25 at Leigh Square Community Arts Village. Admission is free. For more information, visit portcoquitlam.ca/leighsquare.

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