

COMMUNITY UPDATE

ANMORE, BELCARRA



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Helpful Links

Fraser Health School Exposures Link

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/school-notifications#.X59Nhy3MxCs>

SD43 Home Page with Covid Updates

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Daily Health Check

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Lists/Documents/2020.09.18%20Daily%20Health%20Check%20Screen%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Lists/Documents/2020.09.18%20Daily%20Health%20Check%20Screen%20(English).pdf)

BC Re Start Plan

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

Hello Village Families:

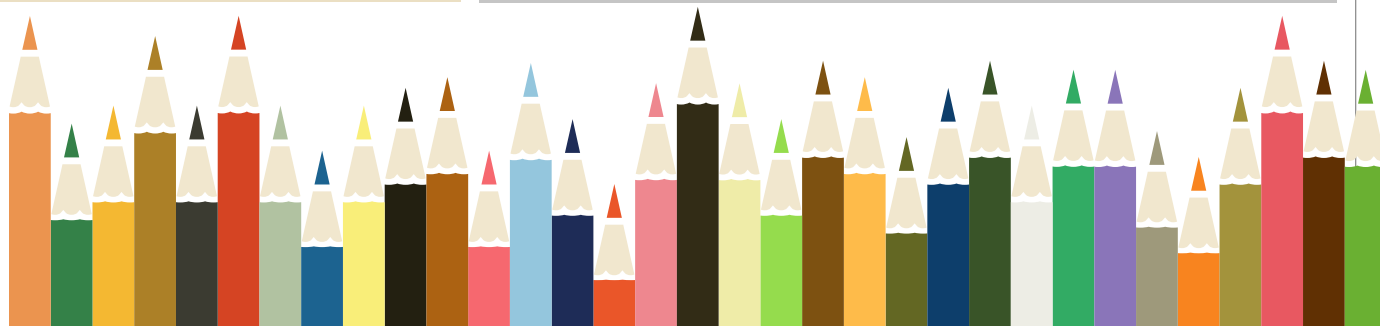
We have seen increasing Covid exposures in schools and on the news on the last few weeks. I wanted to take some time to communicate with the Villages about what is happening in SD43.

Schools in the district have had exposures. I recognize that this is very stressful for families and staff. I received emails from parents after the exposure at Heritage Woods. Parents are sometimes concerned that they have not received enough information and they would like to know the individuals that have been exposed. Protection of privacy prevents sharing of this type of information.

Schools work very hard to communicate with and support families when an exposure happens. Schools do assist Fraser Health with some contact information and then schools proceed with a “deep clean “ throughout the building.

Our Next Public Board Meeting is Tuesday November 24, 2020
You can access the link for our new Microsoft Teams meetings

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Pages/ScheduleofBoardMeetings.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Pages/ScheduleofBoardMeetings.aspx#/)



The Following is from the Fraser Health Website. The link to the Fraser Health School Exposures page is in the table above.

If a student or teacher receives a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, Public Health follows a rigorous protocol:

- Contact tracing is initiated to determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- We identify and notify close contacts who may be at an increased risk, and advise them to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- Only Public Health can determine who is a close contact. Learning groups, friends or other connections may not be determined to be a close contact.
- Public Health staff works closely with the school and school district throughout the case and contact management process to maintain close communication with the school community.

Please remember an exposure is not an outbreak. From Fraser Health:

Exposure: A single person with lab-confirmed COVID-19 infection who attended school during their infectious period.

Outbreak: Multiple individuals with lab-confirmed COVID-19 infection when transmission is likely widespread within the school setting.

SD43 continues to follow the direction provided by Fraser Health. Exposures, contact tracing and isolations are all determined by Fraser Health.

Families have received the communications letter from the Superintendent Sept.23 and the Updated Health and Safety Protocols k-12 on Sept 21 combined with the Daily Health Check. Please see link above if you did not receive.

Teaching & Learning

Attendance options for families during Covid are very important. SD43 is still providing three options : in class attendance, Gradual Transition, on line through Distributed Learning and Encompass. We will continue our Gradual Transition program for all families in SD43 until they choose to return to school in person. This is not the case in some of our neighbouring districts where gradual transition will be ending. We have committed to families and we will continue to provide gradual transition until families chose to return in person.

In class attendance students will remain in learning groups or “cohorts” all the while following the guidelines provided to us by public health.

Staggered start / pick up times, staggered lunch and break times, semester systems are still in place to keep student interactions within their cohort. On line learning will continue for secondary students at larger schools.



French Immersion Catchment

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/French%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

As a part of the annual district-wide catchment boundary review, some Early French Immersion catchment areas for the 2021-2022 school year have been identified for proposed changes. This is a continuation of our district's work to provide a sustainable French Immersion program within SD43.

In the Northwest Quadrant of the school district, French Immersion programs with Kindergarten intake are currently located at:

- Panorama Heights Elementary • Nestor Elementary
- Westwood Elementary

You can provide your feedback by 4 pm on Friday, November 13th via the following survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catchmentchanges>

Rentals

School District 43 is one of very few school districts in BC open for rentals. Many of our Anmore / Belcarra families are part of community groups and rely on schools for indoor sports practice and gathering spaces. Being able to have access to indoor space when the weather changes is so important for our community. In the Villages we rely heavily on our school space. We have had to place some limitations on rentals and there are greater custodial costs but we are working hard to accommodate user groups

Remembrance Day

Many schools are sharing virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies on line this year. SD43 is recording a virtual ceremony with music and wreath laying to be shared with schools. While we may not be together, it is important that we take time to remember all of those who have served.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) received a generous donation of \$10,000 from the **Port Moody Foundation** for the purchase of laptops

and/or internet data plans for Port Moody students enrolled in grades 6-12 in support of the SD43 "Bring Your Own Device" initiative or remote learning opportunities. The donation was made possible through funds raised by the Tri-Cities Foundation's Stay-at-Home Gala held in May to target COVID-19 issues.

These are challenging times for families and communities. I appreciate the feedback I get from our families and students. I hope that the information I provide is helpful and I welcome your emails with suggestions and concerns.

Please remember that your school principal and your classroom teacher are the best place to start with questions and concerns. The www.sd43.bc.ca website is updated regularly with announcements from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Authority. Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions and concerns.

Take Care of Each Other and Be Safe , Kerri Palmer Isaak School Trustee Anmore Belcarra

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