COMMUNITY UPDATE ANMORE, BELCARRA



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Happy Spring 2021 Village families.

SD43 Updates

We have finished Directions 2025 our strategic plan document. We work with all of our partners and stakeholders to craft a set of guiding principles that help shape all decisions. Coquitlam Teachers Association, CUPE, The Principals and Vice Principals Association, District Parent Advisory Committee, and our Student Leadership committee are all consulted and collaborate with us to identify needs in our district and ways to support and engage all students. The following is a link if you would like to have a look https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Vision/Documents/Directions2025.pdf

Despite Covid we have been working hard to plan and focus on students and the future. Areas that have been on our agenda recently are:

- the New Provincial Mandate Letter for Childcare
- Student Mental Health and Wellness, supporting and engaging students families and staff
- Our SD43 2021 2022 Budget Consultation with stakeholders and public
- our SD43 Equity Scan, Food Security, Access to Technology

I would like to start something new this year. I will be asking council for an opportunity to come to our Village council meetings to share what is happening in the school district with council and residents.

We have are currently undertaking our Budget 2021-2022. Four public presentations make up the budget consultation process. We are on Zoom this year and if you would like to participate please visit the SD43 website for additional information and a link to the meetings.

https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Documents/ Schedule%20of%20Board%20Meetings%202020-21.pdf





I think it is very important to share the good news stories and I want to share our Real Acts of Caring Week proclamation and recognize one of our residents, Harriette Chang. Harriette has championed this initiative since I was on council and remember her wonderful in person presentations with students. Sharing kindness and teaching

about goodwill and generosity. Thank you Harriette.

School District 43 Proclaimed Feb14-21 Real Acts of Caring Week

PROCLAMATION: SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

REAL ACTS OF CARING WEEK February 14-21, 2021

WHEREAS: A real act of caring is doing something planned and kind for a complete stranger without expecting any reward. It is the expression of our empathy and compassion for one another, and

WHEREAS: The daily acts of caring and kindness of most the citizens of British Columbia often go unrecognized, and by recognizing these daily acts of caring and kindness during this week, all citizens of British Columbia will become more aware of being kind to others throughout the year, and

WHEREAS: Real Acts of Caring Week originated in SD43 and we are very proud of the lasting impact real of acts of caring have on our community;

NOW THEREFORE: I, Kerri Palmer Isaak, Chair, on behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) do hereby proclaim the week of February 14-21, 2021 as

"Real Acts of Caring Week"

in School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), Province of British Columbia.

Recently Covid exposures in schools have increased. I to communicate with the Villages about what is happening in SD43. Many of our recent exposures are community based, they have originated outside of school at sports activities, sleep overs etc.

This is very stressful for families and staff. Parents would like 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 Heath with some contact information and then schools proceed with a "deep clean " throughout the building. We are working hard to support and engage all of our students families and staff.

Helpful Links

Fraser Health School Exposures Link

https://www.fraserhealth.ca/healthtopics-a-to-z/coronavirus/schoolnotifications#.X59Nhy3MxCs

SD43 Home Page with Covid Updates

https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=

Daily Health Check

https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Lists/ Documents/

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 <u>KPalmerIsaak@sd43.bc.ca</u> 604-861-0521