

COMMUNITY UPDATE

ANMORE, BELCARRA



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It is important to start this update with special recognition and congratulations as students and their families move on and celebrate special milestones. I want to congratulate all of our Anmore Elementary grade 5 students as they transition to Eagle Mountain Middle. All of the great explorations, PODs and super new teachers and friends will be waiting for you in September.

Congratulations to our Eagle Mountain Grads as they move to Secondary school and all of the new classes, experiences, teams, clubs and volunteer opportunities that will you will have the chance to enjoy.

Last, I want to extend a very special congratulations to our Secondary Grads. Graduates, you and your families have faced an unexpected and unusual last year. Preparing for you for the next stage of your lives has looked different from years past. While you may not have had the same experiences you will have a big advantage as you move forward, you are both adaptable and resilient. You have had unique high school challenges you have grown and succeeded in new ways. You have developed skills, most likely with technology but also by being able to adapt to new class structures, problem solving, time management and finding different ways to engage socially. You have found new ways to build relationships and skills in a remote and physically distanced world.

I want to thank your families for being there to support you. We respect what you have been through and the obstacles you have faced. ***We are proud of you, class of 2021.***



Despite Covid: Serving Students and Families

- 1) Childcare Task Force** -SD43 created a Childcare Task Force 3 years ago as a collaborative effort with Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra. It was my privilege to virtually attend The Village of Belcarra and The Village of Anmore Council meetings to thank Councillor Krier and Councillor Clarke for their dedication and advocacy work. The Task force accomplished their goal to bring attention to the need for childcare but specifically seamless day care for school age children. The New Provincial Mandate Letter for Childcare moved childcare into the Ministry of Education. This is the first step in this transition and now SD43 staff are working on implementation. The Taskforce's advocacy was successful and we attribute the success to our great working relationships with our municipal partners.

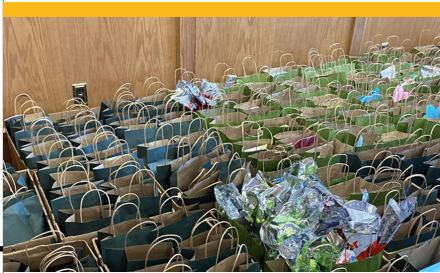


2) **Student Mental Health and Wellness**, supporting and engaging students families and staff. Trustees have shared concerns for students, staff and families as we work to support all through the pandemic and the return to in class instruction in September. We had a presentation to the Board at our last meeting about what supports look like in schools. Below is a link to that report. <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/MeetingsMinutes/Agendas/2021%2005%2011%20Public%20Board%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf>

For more information on events that are happening in SD43

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Lists/Documents/2021%2005%2011%20%20Superintendent%207s%20News%20an>

3) **Food Security** - SD43 provides breakfast and lunch to 2024 students everyday. 859 snacks and we have 25 schools supporting at least one or more family with home food delivery. Trustees asked for a report on food security after the budget presentation as we look to support and fund this program. Covid has created greater need for this resource and we appreciate the funding provided by donations from groups including: the United Way and Breakfast Club of Canada.



Vaccination Update

This week the province announced vaccinations for children aged 12-17 **registration and appointments:**

- register online at <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated>
- register by telephone at 1 833 838 2323
- register in person at any Service BC centre
- multiple family members may attend one booked appointment and be vaccinated together
- young people may attend an adult's appointment, register onsite and receive a vaccination - Below is a link with our Superintendents letter and more information

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/>

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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