

1. September 30th was Orange Shirt Day, an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children. Orange Shirt Day promotes awareness in Canada about the residential school system and the lasting negative impact it has had on Indigenous communities.



The Board of Education, District Leadership Team and the whole community showed their support by wearing orange on this day.

2. On October 13, Superintendent Patricia Gartland and Director of Instruction and Chief Information Officer, Stephen Whiffin presented at the [Microsoft "Education Transformation Framework: Your Path to Success –Sustainable Strategies for Hybrid Learning"](#).



3. The BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association marks October as National Principal's Month.

SD43 recognizes and celebrates the leadership, dedication and critical role principals and vice-principals have played in the start-up of classes in September, in ensuring schools continue to be welcoming and safe and for their ongoing support in the success of BC's public education system.



4. Terry Fox continues to inspire SD43 schools to run and raise money for cancer research. Below are some of the initiatives in district schools

- On September 30, the Terry Fox Secondary School's Link Crew students organized "Toonies for Terry" and continued with more fundraising activities throughout the week. View more fundraising efforts on their Instagram page [here](#).



- Gleneagle Secondary Leadership 12 students created a virtual assembly to remember and honour Terry Fox's legacy on October 6, 2020. Thank you to Mr. Trovato and the vocal jazz group for singing the national anthem.



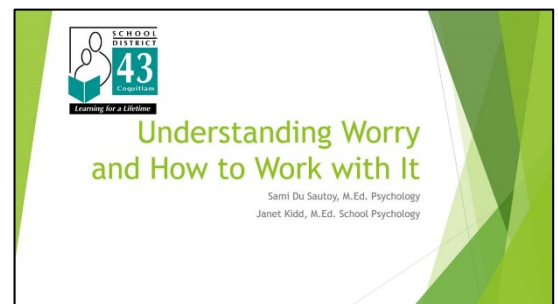
5. On October 19, Translink will be hosting a webinar to inform the community on how they are adapting to change due to COVID-19 and what they are doing to keep transit users safe.



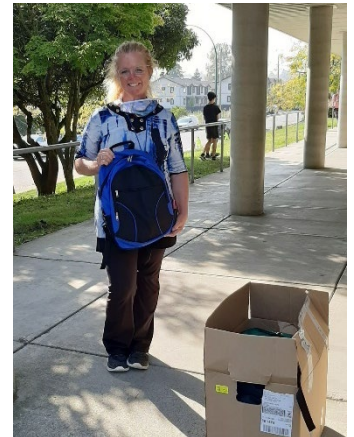
6. Every fall, SD43 honours and appreciates employees who have dedicated their time, talent, efforts, and accomplishments to the district for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years.

The Board of Education wishes these employees all the best and recognizes their contributions throughout the years supporting the success of all learners.

7. On October 5, SD43 Learning Services hosted an online webinar, "Helping Children Chase Away Worry: Understanding and Managing Anxiety in Children" to help support SD43 parents and caregivers in understanding how to help children manage their worries.



- Thank you to Ms. Nelly Shin, M.P. and Telus for your visit and for providing Alderson Elementary School students with backpacks containing school supplies and mask donations.



- The Port Moody Fire Fighters presented fire safety education to Seaview Community School students during Fire Prevention Week October 4th -10th.



- On October 15, students and staff will be participating in the Great BC Shakeout, the world's largest earthquake drill. Please don't forget to drop, cover and hold on!



- Superintendent Patricia Gartland will be speaking on October 21st at the Canadian Federation of University Women Coquitlam Chapter regarding the COVID-19 September Restart Plan for Schools.

