

Despite the COVID-19 outbreak, the School District 43 community has been staying positive and connected by sharing inspirational messages, study tips, songs, videos, 7pm cheers and messages of thanks to front line workers.

Below are some of the highlights across the district:

1. The SD43 LIT (Leadership In Technology) Team has championed producing instructional videos to assist SD43 teachers and students with using Microsoft Teams and Fresh Grade for schools.

A collection of helpful videos may be found [here](#).



2. SD43 teachers (Dave Grender, Mike Balsler, Sean Robinson, Elaan Bauder, Simon Kwok, Andrew Graham (with his daughter Kristin), Jackie Hamnett, Michelle Lueck, Camy Ng, Rob Heinrichs, Larry Ryan, Jody Pope, Dario Demetlika, James Gill, Lorne Lambert, Lori Odberg) are spreading hope and unity messages with their own rendition of "Do What You Can" by Bon Jovi.



3. Gleneagle Secondary students formed an Instagram music group called Viral Cause ([_viralcause_](#)) and perform regularly online to raise funds to deliver nutritious meals to those living in the Downtown Eastside community. They have raised \$1,925 with their initial goal of \$500.

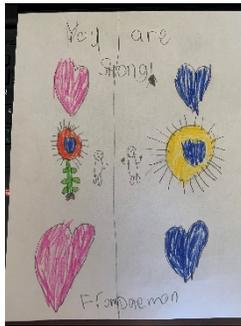


4. [Jessica L, a Grade 11 student at Port Moody Secondary School, started a summer project, Sew Society Project](#), to raise awareness on textile waste and to help stop fast fashion. With the recent turn of events, she and her club members were looking for a way to give back to our health care workers.

They noticed the discomfort nurses feel behind their ears and on their foreheads when wearing masks and caps for too long. With this knowledge, they designed a new softer cap with a tie on the back and a button on the side for hooking on face masks. The group has continued production and is hoping more will jump in and help!



Image Credit: Tri-City News



- Birchland Elementary students are creating letters and cards to lift the spirits of patients at Surrey Memorial Hospital. Students are embracing the chance to give back and to offer some much-needed hope to these patients.
- C.A.B.E (Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education) Secondary teacher Jose Gibson wanted to stay connected with his students and co-workers by creating a music video to the song "Take On Me" by A-ha while preparing laptops for students that needed access to technology for continuity of learning.

Watch his video [here](#).



- The Annual SD43 Charity Golf Tournament that supports KidSport Tri-Cities was unfortunately, cancelled for this year. However, several schools supported the PINK Shirt campaign, a day to spread kindness, and raised over \$10,000 to help 30 kids play a season of sport.



- [Jason Zanatta, a Centennial graduate in 1998 and owner of Novo Textiles, is the first to manufacture N95 respirators in Canada.](#)

- Maillard Middle School staff paraded with 28 cars and 2 motorcycles for an hour on April 17th at the end of their Professional Development Day to say hello to students and spread some cheer around the neighbourhood. Several families showed their support by creating homemade signs and waving from their homes.



- At Riverview Park Elementary, the school organized what they called Team Time, an organized online meetup at the start of each school day, which has been a wonderful way to stay connected, learning and moving as a school community. These assemblies are short and usually focused on a single message (e. g., growth mindset, making mistakes help us learn, see the ability not the disability, etc.). It involves videos, music and short presentations by staff and students. Parents are invited to participate as well.

11. Rachael J., Grade 12 at Terry Fox Secondary has been making stylish face masks for all the staff members at the school. She has already distributed 200 masks and plans to continue producing them.



12. Coquitlam River Elementary staff paraded through their catchment on Thursday, April 9th with about 35 cars participating. The community cheered the staff and were amazed by their support.

13. The SD43 Culinary Programs have partnered with the Share Society to prepare and deliver 360 food hampers to several SD43 families in need each week. Staff have also added inspirational messages to these bags to help brighten up the day for these families.



14. Hillcrest Middle students were asked to send a vlog of their experiences in managing their new world of education.

Sandy, an international student from Korea joined SD43 in January but due to COVID-19 returned to Korea to be with his family. He shares his vlog about his longing to be back in Canada and with his new classmates.



15. Ms. Jimenez, Leigh Elementary School teacher, connects her students by creating Comedy Hour, an online comedy show with jokes shared by her students.



16. [Amanda Chin, Grade 7 student Hillcrest Middle School is working with her family in their small home factory to help produce shield masks for essential service workers.](#) *Image Credit: Burnaby Now*

17. The Hampton Park Elementary parents drove by the school, honked, carried signs and cheered to show their gratitude and support to school staff on April 8th. Staff have also shared messages with students through social media.



Mike Parkins @TheMParkins - Apr 8
Some Hampton families came by to say hi this morning. Love our HAWKS community!! @sd43bc

