

15 April 2021

### **Parent-teacher-student Connection**

Next Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have an early dismissal at 1:43 to allow for conversation opportunities. Teachers are sending home information about each class' process for students to share their work with parents and guardians. If you wish to schedule a phone call meeting with your child's teacher, please email the teacher directly.

### **Crazy Hat Day – Friday**

The glorious spring weather is finally here! As we remind students that having a hat for warm sunny days is a good idea, we'll kick off the season with crazy hat day tomorrow, Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Any hat will do – the more fun and colourful, the better!

And as this warm weather continues, a reminder that our students will definitely be spending time out of doors. Hats, sunscreen and water bottles are important items to pack daily.



### **Kopf's Korner**

#### ***ERASE Mental Health Parent Session: Mental Wellness***

Join Ocean van Samang for an evening online webinar on mental health and anxiety in our children, how stress and anxiety show up and how to support your child or youth.

**Date:** April 29, 2021

**Time:** 6-8pm

**Where:** Online

For more information and to register for this free event, please click [here](#).

### **New Sheffield Elementary School Proposed Catchment Survey**

Senior school district staff is now collecting feedback regarding proposed catchment boundaries for the new Sheffield Elementary School on Burke Mountain. The survey can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SheffieldCatchment>

Please see the attached document for more information.

### **Ready, Set, Learn**

This year, the school district has moved its *Ready, Set, Learn* series for parents of students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2021 to an online platform. Please see the attached flyer if you have a new young'un joining us in the fall.

## **Message from the SD43 Board of Education**

Dear members of our school communities,

The Board of Education appreciates and recognizes your many and valuable contributions to our school communities. With that in mind, we wish to invite you to participate in the 2021-22 Budget Process.

The [Budget 2021-22 & Three-Year Financial Plan](#), is a comprehensive document regarding the budget process, financial outlook, and the ways you can provide feedback to the Board of Education.

We invite you to share your feedback at our budget meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. If you are interested in providing feedback to the proposed budget, please email [budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca) and further information will be provided. In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the public meetings, or through email ([budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca)) or mail.

Please visit the SD43 Budget website at [www.sd43.bc.ca/budget](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/budget) to:

- Learn about government funding and allocation;
- Learn about the SD43 budget process;
- Learn about *Directions 2025*, the School District's vision;
- Engage in the consultation by asking questions about the budget;
- Expect responses to your concerns and input; and
- Contribute ideas that align with the goals and objectives from *Directions 2025* on how to address the opportunities and challenges.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) Board of Education**

c/o Chris Nicolls, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

## **And speaking of surveys (seems to be a lot of them this week)**

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to complete the Ministry of Education's survey highlighted in the last couple of weekly updates, I ask that you do so before April 30<sup>th</sup>. The survey is open to any parent but the Ministry is especially seeking the input of parents of students currently in Grade 4 (grade 4 students also recently completed the survey).

### **To complete the survey:**

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
  - District: the name of your child's district
  - School: the name of your child's school
  - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.