## COMMUNITY UPDATE ANMORE, ANMORE, BELCARRA

Trustee: Kerri Palmer Isaak, KPalmerIsaak@sd43.bc.ca School Trustee Update June 2024



With the end of our 2023 /2024 school year in site. I want to wish all families and students a relaxing summer break.

I want to say a special thank you to Heritage Woods, I appreciate being part of your graduation ceremony. This year was the coldest I have attended with lots of very cold handshakes and some blue lips, still smiling!

This week we have Anmore Elementary and Eagle Mountain Leave Taking Ceremonies with grade 5's and 8's moving up.

Thank you to the community volunteers that help with the Enchantment Project (in its 16th year). Making sure all grads have gowns, shoes, photos makeup for their big day. All generously supported and donated by PLEA, the Tri City Soroptomists, our SD43 Youth workers and volunteers.

Last month Eagle Mountain hosted a celebration for their 10th anniversary. Former principal Nancy Bennet presented a slide show with construction photos and list of obstacles the school build had faced. It took 3 years of very vocal community advocacy to secure funding then we faced some significant challenges: steep slope, fire service, access, to name just a few. 10 years later we have a fantastic school in our community and the 40 min convoy of 700+ students on school busses to Moody Middle is a distant memory.

In May we passed our 2024 budget after consultation with all partner groups and our public meetings. We have managed to eliminate lay off / recall again this year creating consistent staffing and stability.

Our Assistant Superintendent Stephen Wiffin presented to the Board on navigating AI (artificial intelligence) in education and the need for advances in Cyber Security to protect information.

We had a presentation on cell phone use in schools at our last board meeting. Details will be circulated for the new school year to all students and families. You may also reach out to your teacher or principal with any concerns.

Summer Learning is starting soon and there are some spaces still available!!

Please visit the SD43 website for information on the budget and the Superintendent's update. The **www.sd43.bc.ca** website is updated regularly and a great resource for families.

## https://sd43foundation.org/

I wanted to share with Villagers that I am a director for the SD43 Education Foundation. The SD43 Foundation supports programs and services delivered in SD43. We have 4 specific areas or pillars we focus our resources on below. The Foundation site has more information about donations and funding applications.



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