

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

2020/21 School Year



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MAPLE RIDGE - PITT MEADOWS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42

VISION

Our vision is for every individual to feel valued and for all learners to reach their potential.



MISSION

Our mission is to support all individuals in their development as successful learners, and as respectful, caring and responsible members of society.

VALUES

Responsibility to all learners

We believe that all individuals in our school district community have the capacity to learn and that we are responsible for supporting their learning.

Uniqueness of each individual

We value the uniqueness of each learner and embrace diverse ways of learning. We foster a variety of instructional methods and provide support to all learners so that they can realize their potential.



Diverse learning opportunities

We value choices for all learners, equity of access to all programs, and a holistic approach to learning. We encourage learning opportunities beyond the classroom. We support life-long learning.

Culture and community

We celebrate our many cultures and seek ways to appreciate and embrace diversity. We encourage interdependence and collaboration within the school district community. We value community partnerships.

Personal and social responsibility

We believe that a sense of belonging is at the heart of our school district community and is fundamental to the success of all learners. We are committed to acting as responsible stewards within our community. We cultivate a culture of care within our school district community, and seek to develop the leadership and citizenship capacity of all learners.

High expectations for success

We value the ability of all learners to set high expectations for themselves and to describe personal success. We believe success is measured through credible evidence of learning and rigorous self-assessment. We are committed to supporting all learners in achieving personal success.

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SEPTEMBER 2020





Glenwood Elementary's Leanne Dunbar received the British Columbia New Teacher Librarian of the Year Award last fall. (SD42 Photo)

PROVINCIAL AWARD

SD42 TEACHER NAMED LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Leanne Dunbar says she enjoys the chance to connect with students

lenwood Elementary's Leanne Dunbar was named New Teacher Librarian of the Year in September. The British Columbia Teacher-Librarians' Association (BCTLA) award honours outstanding contributions made by teacher-librarians with less than five years of experience in the role.

Previously a primary teacher, Dunbar switched to teacher-librarian at Glenwood in 2017 so she could focus on literacy development for all students at the school.

"What I enjoy most about my job is the opportunity to connect with our students over a book," Dunbar said

at the time. "I've found that helping students find a book that speaks to them makes them feel seen and important. Those moments are the best part."

Since starting her new position, Dunbar has worked tirelessly to transform the Glenwood library into the school's hub – "a place where kids want to be." To do that, she gave the library a complete makeover that included fresh paint, new furniture, a Maker Space section and redesigned kid-friendly shelving.

She was equally diligent in assembling a comprehensive book collection for the reimagined library and she continues to add high-interest titles to the shelves that resonate with all types of readers.

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Glenwood Elementary's Leanne Dunbar said she did not even know she was nominated for the British Columbia New Teacher Librarian of the Year Award, which she received in September. (SD42 Photos)

PROVINCIAL AWARD

'THE KIDS COME TO THE LIBRARY IN DROVES'

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"It was really important to get a wide selection of reading materials so that every child can find a good-fit book," said Dunbar.

These days, the library at Glenwood is the place where kids want to be to read or do homework and other activities.

"She opens the library before school, during lunch and recess, and after school so that kids always feel welcome," said teacher Melissa Affleck, who worked with Dunbar for two years. "The kids come to the library in droves. They all love the library, and many spend time in the library on a daily basis."

Dunbar, an original member of the SD42 District Literacy Committee and a school and district-level mentor, said she was surprised to learn that she had won the BCTLA award.

"I didn't know I was nominated," she said. "It was very

encouraging because we've done so much to revitalize the library, and it was nice to get recognized."

Anelma Brown, principal of Glenwood Elementary, praised Dunbar's passion for literacy and her commitment to ensuring students can and want to read.

"Leanne is a respected leader in our school," Brown said. "Her passion for literacy is infectious. She is always on the lookout for best fit books to foster the love of reading."

"She embraces every opportunity to celebrate diversity and has filled our library and our library's website with interesting and relevant resources. When she doesn't buy books, she buys shelves ... and then she gets books to fill those shelves. She is consistently advocating for students, teachers, and families, and ensuring on a daily basis that the Library Learning Commons is a safe, caring and educational place for everyone."





CRACK THE CASE! SUMMER READING CLUB 2021

he school year may be coming to an end, but that does not mean students have to put their books down.

Registration is underway for the Fraser Valley Regional Library's 2021 Summer Reading Club and bookworms of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Club members record their progress for a chance to win prizes each week. The more you read, the more chances you will have to win.

This summer's theme is Crack the Case, and there are clubs for all ages, including Read to Me $(0\ to\ preschool)$,

CRACK THE CASE! THE CASE! SUMMER READING CLUB 2021

Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal! Visit www.fvrl.ca to register.



Kids (Kindergarten to Grade 6), Teens (Grades 7 to 12), and Adults (over Grade 12).

The program encourages families to enjoy reading together and helps children maintain their reading levels over the summer months.

Registration is underway and continues throughout the summer.

* To register online, go to www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer_reading_clubs to create a Beanstack account and learn more. Prefer paper? Register and pick-up a reading record at the Pitt Meadows Public Library (200-12099 Harris Rd.) or the Maple Ridge Library (130-22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd.).





#ORANGE SHIRT DAY

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS RECOGNIZED

'We need to collectively accept our responsibility,' says Urdahl-Serr

aple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District students and staff honoured residential school survivors and their families by participating in Orange Shirt Day activities and virtual events in September.

"Now is the time for the courageous conversations to recognize the lasting impacts of residential schools within our Indigenous communities," said Kirsten Urdahl-Serr, acting principal Aboriginal Education, at the time of the event.

To help raise awareness and understanding of the legacy of residential schools and engage in the process

of reconciliation, the SD42 Aboriginal Education department has created a list of resources and activities for teachers, students and families at abed.sd42.ca.

The Ab Ed department also hosted Orange Shirt Day virtual events for elementary and secondary students that included drumming, powwow dancing, and an educational video about St. Mary's residential school in Mission.

"As a system, we need to collectively accept our responsibility to ensure our students with ancestry are provided the utmost attention and care during their educational journey while also ensuring all students learn the rich cultural history of our First Peoples," added Urdahl-Serr.

For more about the history of Orange Shirt Day, please visit OrangeShirtDay.org.

OCTBER 2020





Students at C'asqanela Elementary celebrated fall with a pop-up pumpkin patch outside of their school. (SD42 Photo)

BRING ON THE FALL

POP-UP PUMPKIN PATCH AT cesqenele

hen students at ¿əsqənelə Elementary arrived at school on an overcast day in October, they discovered a pumpkin patch on the backyard sports field.

"There's lots of excitement at the school today," principal Jon Wheatley said at the time. "We've got our own magical pumpkin patch, which has appeared overnight with the help of some amazing teachers and leadership students."

Grade 1/2 teacher Jennifer Sylte and Kindergarten teacher Jeannie Friesen organized the pop-up pumpkin patch.

"Initially, due to COVID, we couldn't have a pumpkin patch field trip. It's one of my favourite [field] trips to take the kids on, and since we weren't able to, we thought what better idea than to bring the pumpkin patch here?" says Sylte.

So, she and Friesen began planning the Halloween surprise. Operation "pumpkin patch" included a large cast

of volunteers, one large delivery truck, and a forklift.

"We got around 600 pumpkins from the Laity Pumpkin Patch. We delivered them and hand-placed them into the field with the help of our Grade 6/7 students and lots of our staff; we were able to create this pumpkin patch," says Sylte, who was dressed as a scarecrow for the occasion.

On Tuesday, each class at cosquele had a chance to visit the pumpkin patch for 20 minutes with their cohort group and select a pumpkin to decorate.

"This [pumpkin patch] is a great place for kids. To see their faces this morning – the surprise, the excitement. To have their very own pumpkin patch, it's making for a magical morning at cesqenele," adds Wheatley.

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More than 600 pumpkins were up for grabs during a pop-up pumpkin patch at cesqenele Elementary in October. "There's lots of excitement at the school today," principal Jon Wheatley said at the time. "We've got our own magical pumpkin patch, which has appeared overnight with the help of some amazing teachers and leadership students." (SD42 Photos)





Students at Fairview Elementary performed a well-choreographed dance to the hit Halloween song Thriller on the school field in October, organized by music teacher Michael Saul. (SD42 Photos)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

FAIRVIEW GETS A THRILLING PERFORMANCE

Dance party delights students and teachers

t's close to midday, and something special is lurking on the grass field at Fairview Elementary. There around 350 students decked out in Halloween costumes performing a well-choreographed zombie dance in step with the iconic 1980s song Thriller!

The impressive school-wide Halloween performance is the brainchild of Fairview music teacher Michael Saul – also known as Dr. Saul at Fairview, because he earned his doctorate in fine arts.

"Rules about equipment usage and sharing were evolving at the start of the year, and I was looking for an activity that would allow for social distancing and no equipment to kick things off," said Saul in October. "It seemed perfect. I've considered doing it in the past but always ran out of time."

Students started practising in September and never grew tired of rehearsing for the Thriller performance.

"There was a remarkable rate of participation, and I got continuous feedback that the students loved learning this dance. Apparently, a nicely dramatic zombie rise will keep them coming back from K-7," Saul says.

Acting Fairview principal Jenn Gallop got first-hand updates about how the rehearsals were going.

"The kids loved it. I have a kindergartener here, and all he could talk about when he came home was doing the zombie walk from the music room to class," said Gallop.

"Dr. Saul is super creative. He came up with a COVID-friendly way to teach music this year. The choreography for Thriller was socially distanced, and there was no cross-cohorting. They didn't use musical instruments, and he still managed to make it fun, educational and memorable for the students."

Gallop said the performance, which was videotaped and shared with the school community, was very well received.

"It's been a challenging year for everyone, so it's nice for our entire school community to share this positive, unique experience. The kids were so excited and had so much fun."

NOVEMBER 2020



We remember...

With public health protocols in place, SD42 students found unique ways of recognizing our veterans on Remembrance Day this year. Here are a few examples of how students acknowledged November 11.











Above: Primary students of the Katzie First Nation school explored the meaning of poppies for Remembrance Day after viewing a short film from the point of view of animals experiencing war. Below: Students at Glenwood Elementary created artwork to commemorate November 11, which they displayed in a video they posted to YouTube. (SD42 Photos)





New electric-vehicle (EV) charging stations were installed at cəsqənelə Elementary in November. EV owners have to download the SWTCH app to use the Level 2 chargers, and charging a vehicle costs \$2 per hour. (SD42 Photo)

GOING GREEN

EV CHARGING STATIONS AT casqanela

'SD42 is proud to be part of this transition,' says Oppedisano

aple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District 42 installed a pair of electricvehicle (EV) charging stations at cosqonelo Elementary in November.

"In the last year, British Columbia had the highest adoption rate of electric vehicles per capita in Canada and School District 42 is proud to be part of this transition," said Derek Oppedisano, SD42 manager, energy



EV owners will have to download the SWTCH app. (SD42 Photo)

& environmental sustainability.

"With nearly thirty thousand cars on the road and nearly one in ten purchases of new vehicles being electric, the need for charging infrastructure is a key piece in the transition away from carbonintensive fuels."

EV owners need to download the SWTCH app to use the new Level 2 chargers located in the cosquele Elementary parking lot, and there is a cost of \$2 per hour to charge vehicles.

The charging stations are available to the public weekdays, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (please note: the parking lot closes after 10 p.m.).

Hours of availability will be extended to weekends and overnight when work is completed at the adjacent Albion Community Centre.

DECEMBER 2020





Laity View Elementary students Declan (Grade 2) and Holden (Grade 4) stand next to what they were calling Toy Mountain. The items were donated to families in need. (SD42 Photo)

'TIS THE SEASON

SD42 STUDENTS GET INTO THE GIVING SPIRIT

Toy drives, food hampers & Coins for Kids cap festive winter holiday at SD42

he giving spirit was alive and well in Maple Ridge
— Pitt Meadows School District 42 in December.
Students and teachers were busy organizing
toy drives, food hampers, and school-spirit events as they
counted down the days to winter break.

"I appreciate the effort and donations from our school community," said Cheryl Schwarz, the principal of Pitt Meadows Secondary School (PMSS), where students organized a food hamper. "The opportunity for students to give to others helps them recognize that they are part of a larger extended community and they have the ability to make a difference through acts of kindness."

At PMSS, Natasha Carlos led a "giving-back" initiative toy drive, while students from across the school participated in a holiday food drive.

Staff at Samuel Robertson Technical (SRT) collected more than 60 toys for the Christmas Bureau, while students held a Coins for Kids campaign and went class-to-class collecting food donations.

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Clockwise from top-left: Maple Ridge Secondary's Aboriginal Leadership Team collected toy donations for families in need. Teachers at Samuel Robertson Technical collected more than 60 toys for the Christmas Bureau. Maple Ridge Elementary students crafted personalized holiday greeting cards for people living in long-term care facilities. (SD42 Photos)

GIVING 'AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS SEASON'

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"We do this yearly," said SRT vice principal Michelle Allen. "Our students learn that giving back is an important part of this season and acknowledging others in the community."

Maple Ridge Secondary's Aboriginal Leadership Team held a holiday toy drive that saw students bring toys to people in need. Meanwhile, the school's Festive Food Drive raised more than 1,000 items and \$470 for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

The district's younger students have also been getting in on the festive giving.

Laity View Elementary students Declan (Grade 2) and

Holden (Grade 4) collected donations for what they are calling Toy Mountain.

The siblings decided to kick-off the toy drive in lieu of their family's annual Christmas party, which was cancelled this year because of COVID-19 physical-distancing restrictions. The toys will go to children in need.

Davie Jones Elementary students collected coins and food for vulnerable families, while Golden Ears Elementary's food drive brought in more than 7,275 donations as well as socks, mittens, toques, and scarves for people in need.

At Eric Langton Elementary and Maple Ridge Elementary, students crafted personalized holiday greeting cards for people living in long-term care facilities.





Maple Ridge Secondary band students held a physically-distanced recording session in the school gym as they prepared for their live-streamed holiday concerts in December. (SD42 Photo)

WINTER CELEBRATIONS

SD42 FINDS UNIQUE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS

Zoom sing-alongs, streaming concerts & much more

hysical distancing did not stop Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District 42 students from finding unique and creative ways to celebrate the holiday season.

Teachers and students at Samuel Robertson
Technical (SRT) kept the festivities going with a series of events and celebrations in December.
Members of the school community donned their favourite team's jerseys during Jersey
Day, while staff member
Steve Damos' class wore red and green as part of December's Spirit Day.

"Staff love to get involved at SRT and the



Samuel Robertson Technical teacher Steve Damos wore red during the school's December Spirit Day. (SD42 Photo)

kids like seeing teachers dressed up as much as their peers," said vice principal Michelle Allen.

Band students at Maple Ridge Secondary were busy getting ready for their live-streamed holiday concerts. The class held a physically-distanced recording session in the school gym ahead of their Jingle Bell Rock Winter Showcase and the Concert Holiday Special.

MRSS was not the only school that turned to webstreaming to celebrate this year.

Eric Langton Elementary held a series of school spirit days, which culminated in a sing-along over Zoom organized by student leaders.

Decorations and festive art displays were also an important part of celebrating the season.

At Pitt Meadows
Secondary, students held a
Countdown to Christmas
calendar puzzle that students
and staff participated in
each day. Classes at Pitt
Meadows Elementary and
Davie Jones Elementary held
door-decorating contests,
while students Alexander
Robinson Elementary
posted hygiene reminders
as part of a holiday advent
calendar.

DECEMBER 2020

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GIVING & RECEIVING

DONATION GIVEN TO HIGHLAND PARK STUDENTS

Shoppers gives \$725 for HPE students in need

hile schools were busy giving back to the community in December, the community has also been busy giving back to schools.

Shoppers Drug Mart raised \$725 for students in need at Highland Park Elementary (HPE), funds that will be used for helping vulnerable families. The school also receives supports from Stirring Church and VRC Church.

"The donations will help multiple families have a better holiday this year," said HPE principal Nicole Neggers, during a cheque presentation in December. "Our motto at Highland Park is 'Together We Soar.' I think this is pretty fitting for a time like this where we can wrap our support around families in need in Pitt Meadows."



Highland Park Elementary principal Nicole Neggers, left, receives a cheque from Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacist/associate owner Angel Luo, right. (SD42 Photo)

SD42 TAKES HOME BUDGET AWARD FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR



Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is once again being recognized for its excellence in budget presentation.

In December, the district received the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2020-21 fiscal year after the documents were reviewed by a panel of school financial professionals with the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). The honour is issued annually to school districts that excel in clearly presenting their goals and objectives while demonstrating a commitment to upholding nationally recognized standards.

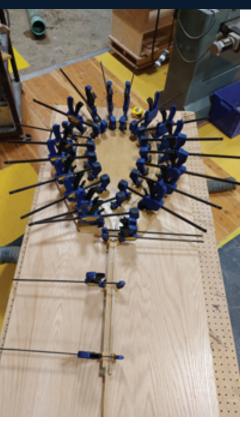
"The quality of the budget documents in our district is truly outstanding. This recognition is well-deserved and I congratulate everyone who worked on the document," said board chairperson Korleen Carreras at the time the award was announced.

This is not the first time the district has won an award for its budget presentation. During the 2018-19 budget year, the district was the first in British Columbia to receive the MBA, after successfully meeting the program requirements. It received the award again the following year for its work on the 2019-20 budget.

"We work hard to prepare fulsome and easy-to-understand budget documents for our community, and are proud to receive this formal acknowledgment of our efforts," said secretary treasurer Flavia Coughlan. "A sincere thank you to all the departments – including finance, education, and communications – who helped shape this document."

JANUARY 2021









Pitt Meadows Secondary woodwork students crafted fishing nets out of wood from scratch this year. "It has been really great," said teacher Matthew Mikes. "The students have gone through the whole process." (SD42 Photos).

ON THE WATER

CRAFTING FISHING NETS, ONE AT A TIME...

Pitt Meadows Secondary students combine love of fishing with woodwork

group of students at Pitt Meadows
Secondary combined a love of angling with
their skills in the wood shop this year.

With pieces of quarter-sawn white oak, water, heat, and lots of trial and error, teacher Matthew Mikes and his students created their own custom fishing nets.

"It has been really great," he said during an interview in January. "The students have gone through the whole process."

Mikes was gifted a fishing net from a local maker and decided he and his students would try to recreate the final product. After some experimentation, they settled on a process that has been producing some impressive results.

First, a ten-foot-long cut of wood is soaked overnight in a piece of PVC piping filled with water. In the morning,

the oak is placed in a steam box for several hours until it is bendable enough that it can be shaped. Students must then act quickly to get the wood into a form and clamp it into place before it cools and hardens. The piece then stays in the form until it is completely dry.

"We did a lot of research and experimenting," Mikes said. "With just the moisture, it is not bendable enough. You add the heat, and it changes the molecular structure."

After the oak is shaped, an inlay is glued into the handle, varnish is applied, and the netting is threaded through holes in the wood.

Most of the students that have participated in the net-making project are members of the Pitt Meadows Secondary fishing club, which is also run by Mikes.

He said it has been fun to watch the students research the best process and troubleshoot issues with the design.

"I'm really proud of them," Mikes said. "We all learned it together and I think it was great they were able to experience this."



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

GRAD RATES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

Rates top 93.2%, besting the B.C. average

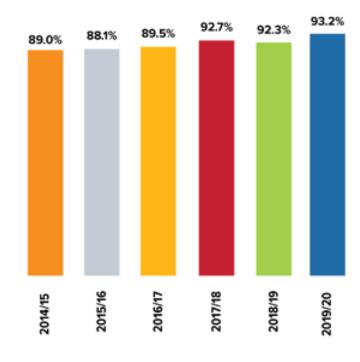
raduation rates continued to soar in Maple Ridge
— Pitt Meadows School
District No. 42, exceeding the provincial average and reaching the highest levels in close to a decade.

B.C. Ministry of Education data shows the percentage of resident students that completed Grade 12 within six years of enrolling in Grade 8 reached 93.2% in 2019-20. The rate is an increase over the 92.3% seen the previous school year and is higher than the provincial average of 89.6%.

"The numbers show a steady improvement across all areas of SD42," said board chair Korleen Carreras. "They are phenomenal results and highlight the great work that is going on in the district."

SD42 superintendent Sylvia Russell said at the time the results were announced that staff have worked hard to provide important interventions and supports for students, which has led to significant increases in graduation rates.

"As a school district, we can be proud of the professional learning and



* 2019/20 Provincial average: 89.6%

commitment to students that our staff demonstrate daily," she said. "These great results are the product of all of our staff being focused on who we are here to serve – our students."

Graduation rates for Indigenous students continued a five-year positive trend, with a six-year completion rate of 86.2%, up from 81.2% in 2018-19 and higher than the 71.1% provincial average.

Six-year completion rates for students with special needs also increased to 84.3% in 2019-20 from 82.5% the previous school year. The provincial average graduation rate for

students with special needs is 73.9%.

"Our secondary school staff have been reviewing the progress of each of our students, with particular attention and support for those who face challenges in their lives, which have made the goal of achieving high school graduation more difficult," Russell added. "These supports are making a significant difference."

The number of students graduating with honours in SD42 is also on the rise.

In 2019-20, 55% of first-time Grade 12 students received the distinction, up from 50% the year before, while 62% of eligible Grade 12 students graduated with honours, up from 60% the year before.



SD42 superintendent Harry Dhillon. (SD42 Photo)

Dhillon takes over as SD42 superintendent

arry Dhillon was named
Maple Ridge-Pitt
Meadows School District
42's superintendent in
January after previously
holding the deputy
superintendent post.
Dhillon, who has been with
the district for more than 32
years, took over the job over
for previous superintendent
Sylvia Russell, who retired.

"I am proud to serve this incredible community in which I have lived much of my adult life and where I have spent my career," Dhillon said at the time.

Dhillon started with SD42 in 1988, teaching Grade 7 at Glenwood Elementary. Over the course of his career, he has taught kindergarten to Grade 10 and served as both principal and vice principal of several elementary schools.

He has also served in a number of senior district leadership roles, including as district principal and acting director of human resources, director of instruction overseeing learning services, and assistant superintendent.

FEBRUARY 2021





Chef and Maple Ridge Secondary culinary instructor Trevor Randle filmed a live virtual cook-along in February. (SD42 Photo)

IN THE KITCHEN

RANDLE'S CULINARY SKILLS HIT VIRTUAL STAGE

Thai chicken & blueberry compote are on the menu

Maple Ridge Secondary culinary arts instructor took his teaching skills to the biggest virtual classroom of his cooking career.

Chef Trevor Randle held a free online cook-along as part of Canada's Agriculture Day in February and everyone looking to hone their skills in the kitchen tuned in.

"I am super excited," he said ahead of the virtual show.

Ordinarily, Randle can be found holding cooking demonstrations at big Lower Mainland events, like Surrey's Fusion Festival and Vancouver's PNE. However, when



Baked lemon pudding with blueberry compote. (SD42 Photo)

those shows were put on hold due to COVID-19, he had to move his lessons online, filming live classes in his kitchen at home.

With his wife working the camera, he has held a half-dozen smaller virtual events, with audiences ranging in size from 10 to as many as 40.

"After a little trial and error, we have the perfect placement for the cameras," he said. "We have a light we put in and a path to get her to and from the stove as seamless as possible."

February's cook-along was Randle's biggest audience by far, he said. He was joined by farmers Lovella Schellenberg and Mickey Aylard, who provided insights into B.C. agriculture and answered questions about sourcing local food.

With people tuning in from their home, Randle said audiences learn they do not necessarily need the latest and greatest cooking tools to make great food.

"You don't need special equipment for this," he added.

Choosing a menu for a virtual cook-along takes some thought.

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Shae Laing (left), a Grade 12 student at Garibaldi Secondary, and Gabriel Fitzpatrick (right), a Grade 12 Maple Ridge Secondary student, each won the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Masonry in February. (SD42 Photos)

TRADES PROGRAM

STUDENTS WIN OUTSTANDING MASONRY AWARD

wo School District 42 (SD42) students earned the Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Masonry in February.

Garibaldi Secondary's Shae Laing and Maple Ridge Secondary's Gabriel Fitzpatrick, both in Grade 12, were recognized for the skills they honed in the Kwantlen Polytechnic University trades and apprenticeship program at Thomas Haney Secondary.

"Shae and Gabe not only achieved the program standards for the level one curriculum, they exceeded all expectations by completing projects that are normally required of apprentices who are in their third year,"

said Brad Dingler, SD42's trades and apprenticeship coordinator, as the time the students won their awards. "Their work exemplifies the dedication and professionalism required to be experts in their trade."

As part of their work, Laing and Fitzpatrick designed and built brick entrance ways that Dingler said impressed the judges. He noted that the students were guided by the helpful tutelage of KPU instructor Tim Brotherston, who Dingler said has done a great job of helping the young masons take their skills to new levels.

"His expertise, coaching, and instruction always bring out the best in his students," Dingler said. "He is an asset to our Youth Train in Trades masonry program."

'FINISHED PRODUCT SHOULD ALSO BE TASTY', SAYS RANDLE

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First, Randle said the meal must be possible to prepare within the allotted time and the recipes should appeal to a diverse audience with a range of experience.

The finished product should also be tasty, he added.

"It needs to be different enough that it will attract the foodie but not so difficult that a person who is scared to turn the stove on can't pull it off," Randle said.

For the recipes, he settled on a delicious B.C.-inspired Thai chicken curry with a vegan option for the main course.

For dessert, students learned how to make a baked lemon pudding with blueberry compote.

"A lot of chefs are adapting," he said at the time. "It just seems like the easiest way to reach a lot of people at once."





Grade 8 students at Thomas Haney Secondary School spent the winter training outdoors as part of the school's Peak Performance program. (SD42 Photo)

ON THE FIELD

THSS ATHLETES STRIVE TO HIT THEIR PEAK

Grade 8s brave tough weather to meet fitness goals

old temperatures and pouring rain were not enough to keep a group of highperformance Grade 8 athletes at Thomas Haney Secondary from their workout regimen this year.

The students are part of SD42's Peak Performance program, a specialized curriculum designed to guide student artists and athletes to an increased level of personal





Coach Paul Franco (left) and Josh Carriss (right) guide the Grade 8 Peak Performance athletes through their workout routine. (SD42 Photo)

performance in their area of interest.

For coach Paul Franco's Grade 8s, that means Crossfit-style training three times a week — and rough weather is not going to get in their way.

"They don't complain," he said, while standing on a rainy field in February. "We don't opt out if the weather is bad. Even if it is raining, they don't want to miss

their workouts."

Ordinarily, the class is held in a high-end weight room. But due to physicaldistancing protocols, the students had to conduct their workouts in the elements this year.

Because they are limited to weights they can carry outside, Franco, who coaches with fellow instructor Josh Carriss, said the athletes have become extremely well-versed in their modified routine.

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Clockwise from top: Grade 8 student Taylor McCambley takes part in a Peak Performance workout at Thomas Haney Secondary; Max Lochhead comes up from a goblet squat; Alexander Weeks does a kettlebell swing; Kaylee Di Santo comes up from a goblet squad. (SD42 Photos)

COACH: 'THESE KIDS ARE BECOMING REALLY PROFICIENT'

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Students start with a 400 metre run, 40 kettlebell swings and 40 goblet squats, and decrease the number of reps over the course of the hour-long class.

"These kids are becoming really proficient," he said.
"We are seeing incredible improvements because of all the consistency."

With workouts geared toward improving core strength, students come from a variety of athletic backgrounds. Figure skaters, swimmers, lacrosse players, soccer players and hockey players all find the workouts beneficial to their respective sport, Franco added.

Students join their specific pod in Grade 8 and build on their skills over the course of their secondary school career. Franco said Grade 12s Dylan Smail and Ben Fontaine help coach the younger athletes, showing the new students the progress they can make if they stick with the program.

The Grade 8s are already seeing major improvement since the beginning of the year, Franco added, noting the speed with which they complete their sets has decreased significantly since the fall.

"The workouts are pretty grueling," he said. "But they have such great attitudes."

MARCH 2021





Students can learn how to ride and care for horses with the Thomas Haney Equestrian Program. (SD42 Photo)

EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM

STUDENTS LEARN TO RIDE & CARE FOR HORSES

tudents are learning how to ride and care for horses while earning high school graduation in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42.

Even those with limited experience are welcome to join, said Heidi Gawehns, an instructor with the program, which runs out of Thomas Haney Secondary School.

"Owning a horse is not a requirement for any of the courses and you can be a serious competitor or a complete novice," she said. "The only requirement is a passion and desire to learn more about horses and all things equestrian related."

Horse owners achieve the practical components of the IDS 12 course by working with a coach or riding independently. Non-horse owners can attend scheduled barn lessons (not mounted) or may opt for riding lessons at their own expense at affiliate equestrian facilities. They also have alternate guided inquiry options.

The Thomas Haney Equestrian Program first launched in 2008. Fast-forward 13 years and the program has seen a team of students become successful farriers and coaches.

Grade 12 students may opt for concurrent studies through the University of Guelph distributed learning diploma and many graduates have moved on to attend post-secondary equestrian programs at Kwantlen University, the University of the Fraser Valley, and Olds College in Alberta.

The Thomas Haney Equestrian Program is open to all School District 42 students (pending space in the program) and consists of four courses worth up to a total of 16 credits.



YOUTH CONFERENCE

BABIKER SEEKS TO LIFT BLACK VOICES

THSS Grade 12 student speaks at youth conference

homas Haney Secondary's Selma Babiker spoke at the virtual Lifting Black Voices Youth Conference earlier this year.

The Grade 12 student presented online in front of 3,000 participants from across the region and discussed her experiences as a person of colour living in the Lower Mainland.

"I am glad I was able to get my message out," she said, later adding: "Seeing a group of racialized students from across Vancouver talk about their experiences and knowing I am not alone meant so much to me."

The Lifting Black Voices Youth Conference was organized by the Burnaby School District. The event featured Jean Augustine, Canada's first Black Member of Parliament, Anti-Racism Coalition of Vancouver chairperson Kamika Williams, and author and poet Cecily Nicholson, who shared excerpts from her book Wayside Sang.

As part of her presentation, Babiker talked about how colourism has affected her in her daily



Anti-Racism Youth Conference Honourable Jean Augustine Black History Month Officially recognized in Canada in December 1995 (25th Anniversary)

 First African-Canadian woman to be elected to Canada's House of Commons as the Member of Parliament

· Educator, Activist, Organizer



Thomas Haney Secondary Grade 12 student Selma Babiker spoke in front of 3,000 people during the virtual Lifting Black Voices Youth Conference in March. "I am glad I was able to get my message out," she said during an interview shortly after the event. "Seeing a group of racialized students from across Vancouver talk about their experiences and knowing I am not alone meant so much to me." (Submitted Photos)

life and the impact it has had on her mental health.

"Her response was articulate, powerful, and helped many students across the Lower Mainland ... navigate this complex question," said Kenneth Headley, a vice-principal at Maple Ridge Secondary who saw the presentation.

Babiker said that while discussing such a personal topic was "nerve-racking," she hopes telling her story will change the way people think about living as a person of colour in a predominantly white city.

"It opens up minds," she said of conferences like Lifting Black Voices. "This is a world where race is something super important and affects our lives...
There is a lot of work that we need to do."

And Babiker is helping to do that work.

At her school, she started an anti-racism club called Diverse Your Narrative and was part of bringing a safe-space room to Thomas Haney Secondary where students can talk about their experiences.

"A lot of racism comes from miseducation," she said. "As a racialized student with people in a white-dominated school, I think it is important that we speak out."

At the district-level, SD42 recently launched the Anti-Racism Committee, which began meeting last fall. The group includes representatives of B.C. Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association and is providing resources and learning opportunities for staff and students. It will make recommendations on implementing district policy around racism and equity issues.

APRIL 2021





Students learned about sustainability as they competed to reduce waste, cut down electricity consumption, and limit greenhouse gas emissions during the Energy Cup Challenge in April. (Freepik Photo)

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

ALEXANDER ROBINSON WINS ENERGY CUP

tudents at Alexander Robinson Elementary (ARE) took home the coveted Energy Cup in April after winning a contest that saw schools compete to reduce their environmental footprint.

ARE had the most green initiatives of all the contestants and even tried to start producing power from the wind, said Derek Oppedisano, School District 42's manager of facilities planning, who is oversaw the 2021 challenge.

He added that while ARE may get a trophy, all schools that participated in the month-long event were winners in their effort to save the environment.

"All schools really did an awesome job," he said at the time. "I was super happy to see such great events and participation."



Alexander Robinson Elementary won the Energy Cup in April. (SD42 Photo)

The contest was neck and neck for most of the month.

Webster's Corners Elementary won the first week, which focused on electricity consumption, when students managed to reduce their lighting by an average of 342 hours per division.

The second week's theme was

emissions, which Eric Langton Elementary (ELE) won by avoiding nearly 22 tons of CO2. ELE won again in week three, when students reduced their garbage consumption by an average of 240 pieces per division.

ARE led the final week, where students and teachers shared what they learned during the challenge through social media and virtual presentations. When all the points over the four-week contest were tallied, ARE led all the other schools.

"A huge shout out goes to Eric Langton Elementary, who put up some pretty amazing numbers," Oppedisano said. "But they just got edged out by the huge amount of green initiatives that Alexander Robinson hosted."





In April, Fatima Oday Al-Jumaili was recognized by the City of Pitt Meadows when she received the Community Service Youth Award for her work at with the Grace Community Church Friends in Need Food Bank. (Submitted Photo)

YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

PMSS STUDENT WINS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

'I like to help people,' says award recipient Fatima Oday Al-Jumaili

Pitt Meadows Secondary student is being recognized for their volunteerism and leadership. Fatima Oday Al-Jumaili received the City of Pitt Meadows' Community Service Youth Award in April for her hard work with the Grace Community Church Friends in Need Food Bank. Since joining the church group several years ago, she has assisted more than 2,500 people per month from across Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge in getting food and other essentials.

"I like to help people," said the 17-year-old student after receiving the recognition. "It has been a very nice experience."

Fatima moved to Canada from Dubai 11 years ago and said she initially got involved with the food bank to give back to her new community. She said the experience has introduced her to new people and helped her improve her English-speaking skills.

After she graduates this year, Fatima is planning on attending college, where she hopes to eventually work in early childhood education.

"She has a lot of patience," said Penny Griffin, a teacher at Pitt Meadows Secondary.

While students are required to have 30 hours of volunteer time before graduating, Griffin said Fatima has quietly clocked hundreds of hours at the food bank.

"She is a very low-key kid," Griffin added. "She is definitely not a kid who will ever brag."

Fatima is one of a handful of people to receive the annual award, which recognizes the achievements of individuals, organizations, and businesses in the City of Pitt Meadows. Mayor Bill Dingwall said the contributions from community members was particularly noteworthy in this year given the public-health challenges associated with COVID-19.

"I am extremely proud to celebrate the role models and leaders who have stepped up in extraordinary ways during an especially challenging year," Dingwall said at the time. "We have the best community for a reason. People are the heart of Pitt Meadows and our nominees and recipients deserve special recognition for their outstanding commitment to enhancing the wellbeing of our community."



B.C. AWARD

PRINCIPAL RECEIVES MEDAL OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

'I was shocked,' said Laity View principal Blakeway

School District
42 principal will
receive one of
British Columbia's highest
honours for organizing a
student-driven initiative
that helps connect homeless
people with their friends
and family members.

Kristi Blakeway, the principal of Laity View Elementary in Maple Ridge, is one of 13 people who will receive the province's Medal of Good Citizenship in a virtual ceremony next month.

"I was shocked," she said of receiving the phone call informing her she would receive the honour. "I had no idea I had been nominated. It was really emotional to realize a team of kind and supportive people had worked together to make this happen."

Blakeway was recognized for her work with Project HELLO, which started out as a one-day field trip in 2009 for her leadership students who wanted to make a difference in their community. It has since grown into a year-round initiative, helping





Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District principal Kristi Blakeway and her students hand out cards to homeless people in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside in an image taken before the COVID-19 pandemic. Project HELLO launched in 2009 as a way of helping homeless people connect with their friends and family. (Submitted Photos)

hundreds of homeless people reconnect with loved ones.

As part of the program, students approach residents on the street in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and ask them if they would like to send a card to a friend or family

member. The students then work diligently to track down the card recipient, scouring the internet, phone book, and social media pages for any information that could lead to an address.

"We wanted the homeless community

to also experience the joy of giving," Blakeway said. "I had an excess of scrapbooking supplies so I invited my students to make blank Christmas cards. We headed to the streets and invited people to take our cards and write to others."

More than a decade later, the students have sent well over 1,000 cards to cities across North America and even recently to England.

"This award reflects the kindness and compassion of hundreds of students and staff who have volunteered with Project HELLO and Beyond HELLO over the last 11 years," Blakeway said. "I am grateful to the men and women on the streets who have trusted us with their stories. Everyone has a story worth hearing."

B.C.'s Medal of Good Citizenship started in 2015 and to date more than 90 citizens and two communities have received the award. According to the provincial government, the honour is given to individuals who have made contributions to their community without expectation of remuneration or reward.





Davie Jones Elementary has some new trees after the Grade 6/7 class planted cedars on school grounds. (Submitted Photo)

DAVIE JONES ELEMENTARY

PLANTING TREES TO COMMEMORATE GRADE 7

tudents at Davie Jones Elementary (DJE) are making their mark on the school.

The Grade 6/7 classes — many of who will be moving on to secondary school next year — are commemorating their transition by planting trees on school grounds. Ola Cholewa, a teacher at DJE, said students wanted to do something significant to mark this important milestone in their academic careers.

"We knew we couldn't hold a traditional grad ceremony this year, so we wanted to think of something meaningful that each Grade 6/7 class could do," she said. "Each of the classes got to plant one tree, so in the end, four trees were planted."

Cholewa said cedars were chosen because the species holds cultural significant with local First Nations. Planting the trees is a way for students to not only give back to their school community, she added, but also leave a legacy of taking care of the lands where they learn.

"The students have been busy caring for the trees and are responsible for the daily watering of the trees," Cholewa said. "We are so happy with how it all turned out in the end."

ALEXANDER ROBINSON STUDENTS SPEAK UP FOR 'SHEROS'

tudents at Alexander Robinson Elementary received a Certificate of Appreciation from B.C. Premier John Horgan earlier this month for their effort to acknowledge the achievements of women.

Fen Hsiao's Grade 1/2 class created a bulletin board in the school hallway with posters highlighting the contributions of people like Rosa Parks, Viola Desmond, and Anne Frank. The display was part of their larger push to make the word "shero" more commonly used among their fellow students.

"Several students then decided to write letters to Premier Horgan advocating for him to use the word shero," Hsiao said. "They hope that his usage would encourage citizens across the province to say shero, too."

Earlier this month, the students were presented with the certificate during a Zoom meeting with Maple Ridge-Mission MLA Bob D'Eith.

Hsiao said her class has been learning about what it means to be part of a community since the beginning of the year. The students have had discussions about their civic responsibilities and how to behave in ways that keep each other safe and happy, she added.

"I hope that our class community members will continue to stand up and speak up for fairness and equality in the world," Hsiao said.

JUNE 2021





'The students want to get the word out,' says Environmental School's Cholewa

group of Environmental School students are raising awareness about the need for a fish ladder on the Alouette River.

They have formed a new club — the aptly named Fish Ladder Awareness Team — and are taking their message to politicians, BC Hydro and the broader community in the hopes that salmon will one day be able to go home to Alouette Lake.

"The students want to get the word out," said Ola Cholewa, a teacher with the Environmental School. "Some of them are all avid anglers and they care deeply about their local rivers."

Before the Alouette Dam was built in the 1920s,

Alouette Lake provided important habitat for spawning salmon. However, when the construction project was completed, it blocked access to the waterway and led to dramatic declines in the local salmon population.

Still, more than a century later, a small number of fish continue to make their way up the river, with 84 counted at the base of the dam last year, Cholewa said.

Malia Ashby, an Environmental School student and Fish Ladder Awareness Team member, said the fish ladder would help bring back salmon to the Maple Ridge area.

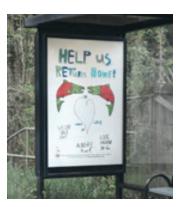
"Over the last few years, the sockeye salmon have been returning in greater quantities," Ashby added. "The fish ladder would allow the sockeye to return home and spawn in grounds that would be safe for their eggs and give them a better chance of survival."

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Students created posters to raise awareness about the need for a fish ladder on the Alouette River, which were used in several bus-stop advertisements. (SD42 Photo)

'THE FISH ARE IN DANGER AND NEED SUPPORT'

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To raise awareness, the students have created posters with messages like "Save Our Salmon" and "Help Us Return Home," which have been hung up around town. Earlier this year, Pattison Outdoor Advertising provided billboard space at several bus stops in the area, which now feature several of the posters.

The students have also launched a vigorous letterwriting campaign.

They have received responses from local, provincial and federal politicians, including the Prime Minister's Office, in their effort to draw attention to their cause.

"The fish are important to me and all organisms," said Rylee Hayes, another student at the school. "The fish are in danger and need more support to help them thrive."

Nicholas Burbacher, another club member and student at the Environmental School, said a fish ladder would not only benefit the salmon, but help improve the health of the tributary and surrounding environment.

"The fish ladder would help multiple generations of sockeye salmon in Maple Ridge and possibly other animals that need salmon to survive... like bears, birds, insects, and the forest itself," Burbacher said. "We need this fish ladder if we want the sockeye to come back."







Students at Maple Ridge Secondary painted an emblem representing the colours of both the SOGI and BIPOC flags along with a message of inclusivity at the front door of their school. (SD42 Photo)

MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY

ARTWORK PROMOTES DIVERSITY, ACCEPTANCE

New emblem lets students 'know they are safe to be who they are'

aple Ridge Secondary (MRSS) is an inclusive learning environment that promotes diversity and acceptance — and members of the school's Rainbow Connections Club want everyone to know it.

The students painted a new emblem at the entrance of the building representing the colours of both the SOGI (sexual orientation, gender identity) and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of colour) flags along with the words "None of us are equal until all of us are equal."

Teacher Maria Trudeau, who oversees the Rainbow Connections Club, said the artwork serves as an important reminder to anyone walking through the doors that racism, homophobia, and transphobia are not permitted at the school.

The artwork lets students "know they are safe to be who they are," Trudeau said. "It makes them feel recognized and included. Those are all things that are important for students to learn."

The paint and supplies were donated by a former MRSS class of 1991 graduate Lorna Seip, who runs a painting company in Chilliwack. She also provided some direction and assistance in bringing the students' vision to the wall.

"We played around with different images using those colours," Trudeau said. "This is the one the whole group chose as the perfect one to do."

The new emblem is being acknowledged outside of Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42.

B.C. Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside sent a letter to the school earlier this month, congratulating the students "on this pivotal artwork," noting that diversity and inclusion are important priorities in B.C.'s education system.

"The mural... is an important symbol of acceptance for students as they enter the school each day," she wrote. "Promoting diversity and inclusive education ensures each student has equal opportunity to take full advantage of their education regardless of their ability or disability, past academic performance, language ability, refugee status, family socioeconomic status, race, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation."



CELEBRATING PRIDE

SD42 CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH

School communities across Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42 came together to celebrate diversity and LGBTQ communities during Pride Month in June.















The theme was inclusivity and acceptance, as students and teachers dressed up, held discussions, and created artwork for Pride Month in June. Top: Staff at Pitt Meadows Elementary got into spirit with colourful clothing, decorations, and welcoming messages. Second row: Rainbows were all the rage at Hammond Elementary, where teachers showed off their colourful socks and clothing. Bottom row: Students at Samuel Robertson Technical used creativity and colours to create their pride messages. (SD42 Photos)



ED COATES FOUNDATION

LORDCO DONATES METAL LATHE TO SRT

This is not the first time Lordco has donated to SD42

Robertson Technical are machining metal with a brand-new lathe thanks to a generous donation from Lordco Auto Parts and the Ed Coates Foundation this year.

Candace Gottschalk, the vice president of human resources with Lordco, said the foundation, which is named after her late father, is always looking for ways to support automotive and trades education.

"This was a great way to help support the community," she said. "We want to help fund them and help make a difference in the education system."

Gottschalk's father, Ed Coates, opened his first Lordco location in Maple

LORDCO



From left to right: The late Ed Coates' daughters Candace Gottschalk and Samantha Coates, SD42 trades and apprenticeship program instructor Steve Wiebe, Ed Coates' wife Marlyn Coates, and son Ian Coates. The Coates family launched the Ed Coates Foundation in 2015 following the passing of Ed in 2014. (SD42 Photo)

Ridge in 1974. When Coates passed away in 2014, the family launched the foundation in his name, with the goal of promoting educational opportunities in the automotive industry.

"The automotive industry is overlooked a lot,

especially when it comes to new machinery, equipment, and tools," she said. "It costs a lot of money and some of these programs are in dire need of new tools and equipment."

This is not the first time Lordco and the Ed

Coates Foundation have donated equipment to Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42.

In the last couple of years, the foundation has given hoists to Pitt Meadows Secondary and Maple Ridge Secondary, updating important equipment at those two schools, said Steve Wiebe, principal of alternate education & trades and partnerships program.

He added that the new equipment gives students real-world experience with the tools they will see in an actual machine shop or automotive garage.

"We can see the results because we are getting an increasing number of students in our automotive Level 1 BCIT partnership program," he said. "We are just so happy that they have been able to support us."

GLENWOOD SPIRIT CAPTURED IN BEAR MURAL

lenwood
Elementary is
unveiling a new
mural next week.

The painting, which was created by Ravens Vision artist Jillian Currie, features the school's mascot grizzly in white on blue and will be prominently displayed in



the building.

"This beautiful bear does embody our Glenwood

way," said Glenwood Elementary principal Anelma Brown. "We believe in a kind, wrap-around approach. We practice and support First People's Principles of Learning. We value resilience."

She added that the mural was a legacy gift paid for by

the fundraising efforts of the Grade 7 Class of 2020 and thanked the students for their contribution.

Currie, the artist, said the presence of the grizzly bear is prominent in all Indigenous cultures and the animals are seen as symbols of wisdom and strength.



Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42 is looking for teachers and support staff

re you looking for an exciting and rewarding long-term career in education?
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42 (SD42) is looking for teachers and support staff as it gets ready for the busy upcoming school year. Join a growing district that has not seen a layoff in four years and has supportive working relationships with labour groups and teacher organizations.

"We are a growing district," says Gwyneth Dixon-Warren, SD42 district principal for human resources. "There are definitely opportunities for experienced teachers leaving other districts as well as teachers new to the profession looking for employment. We've got positions we are looking to fill."

SD42 is home to more than 15,000 students of all ages in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. The district has developed numerous skilled trades training partnerships with college and university, and is committed to educational choice and a philosophy of inclusion and supporting all learners.

Staff are a tightly connected community, Dixon-

Warren said, noting the district offers plenty of support for employees looking to grow into their careers.

"The Maple Ridge Teachers' Association and the district are very collaborative and supportive of each other," she said. "It is a strong working relationship."

Dixon-Warren added that employees are provided with a personal growth plan facilitator, who offers guidance and mentorship for both new and experienced teachers.

"We have a very strong mentoring philosophy in our district," said Dixon-Warren. "We have helping teachers who mentor both new teachers and teachers moving to new assignments."

• The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is committed to promoting and supporting employee growth and learning, and offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes a pension plan, dental, medical insurance, and much more. If the district sounds like the right fit for you, download an application today at sd42.ca/teaching-application-process.







Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is located on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation. We recognize all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and families in our schools and community, and celebrate the many different cultures of which our school district is composed.





Dear graduating class of 2021,

We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and want to congratulate you on achieving this important milestone. The final years of your education journey have taken place during unprecedented historical times, and you have faced these tests with grit and determination. Remember these days and use this experience as you go forward and take on new challenges.

The world has seen significant technological and societal changes since you first entered the classroom 13 years ago. Your remarkable ability to adapt to adversity and new styles of learning will serve you well as you help create the world in which you want to live. I know our future is in good hands.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your hard work and congratulate you on this tremendous accomplishment. You are exemplars of strength and resilience, and we will always remember your contribution to your schools and the community.

Harry Dhillon, Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to the class of 2021!

Your Grade 12 year has looked very different from what you were expecting, and you missed out on many of the traditional ceremonies and celebrations. Graduating during a pandemic presented extraordinary challenges, and you showed such strength and resiliency in overcoming those obstacles and reaching this important milestone.

Your grace and kindness during this time was inspiring to witness and the generation following in your footsteps have remarkable mentors. These valuable attributes will serve you well as you enter the next stage in your journey.

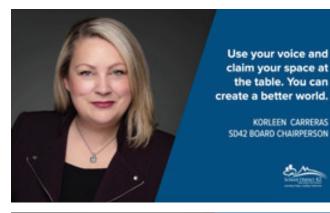
You are an impressive group, and we look forward to you using the courage you've shown over the course of your academic career to create a better and more just world. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see all that you achieve. Graduates – you deserve every congratulations and well-wishes shared over the coming days and weeks. On behalf of the entire board of education, congratulations to the class of 2021.

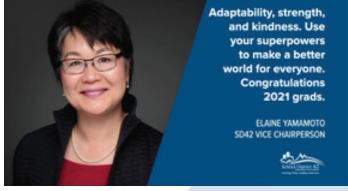
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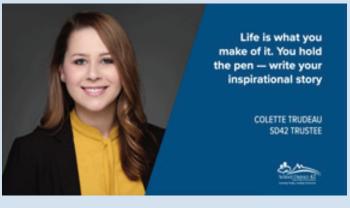














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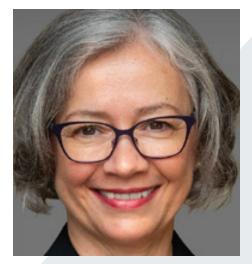
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"All of us at Public Health have been cheering you on and marveling at your resilience and strength during this most challenging year."

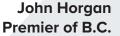


"[Graduation] is an enormous milestone and I want you to be proud of what you have been able to accomplish this extraordinary year."



"To all the graduates, congratulations. From all of us in the provincial government, we are very proud of you and your accomplishments."

Dr. Bonnie Henry Provincial Health Officer



Jennifer Whiteside Minister of Education





Congratulations 2021 grads! Your resilience given the pandemic is truly inspiring. Our future is bright wishing you all success in your futures.

> MIKE MORDEN MAYOR OF MAPLE RIDGE



Be bold. Follow your dreams. Reach for the starts. In your lifetime, you may literally be able to do just that.

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Congratulations Garibaldi Secondary 2021 grads!

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Damer, Lucas
Desjarlais, Dominic
Diotte, Jake
Dorey, Dylan
Dow, Shannon
Dunn, Emma
Duran, Selena
Encarnacion, Mikayla

Custance, Regan

Flett, Quentin
Forster, Caitlin
Forster, Kelsey
Fowle, Teegan
Frobisher, Mackenzie
Gallagher, Jessica

Garcia, Priscilla Gaucher, Ethan Gill, Karmdeep

Pablo Gomez Ochoa, Juan

Goodpipe, Bo
Green, Ashlee
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Haas, Emilee
Haji, Dana
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Harley, Emma-Lynne
Harman, Eric

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Hawke, Dominick Hawke, Tristen Hepperle, Jenna Her, Ashley Hirayama, Kaoru Hryciuk, Dominik Jancey, Filip

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Sage-Brownlow, Kayleigh

Sam, Donovan

Saravanakumar, Shravinya

Seo, Jack Shaw, Alexandra Shaw, Amanda Shim, James Shin, Chloe

Siewierski, Michelle Sinclair, Leona Smith, Joseph Smith, Sydney Somogyi, Kaelen Soo, Jodie Squeo, Nicolas Swash, Jordan

Temple-Swindells, Paris

Thach, Nicholas
Thai, Andrew
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Tierney, Jesse
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Wan, Barry
Wells, Jaden
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