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## 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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*Link Leaders at Westview Secondary welcomed the new Grade 8 students to the school in September.*

## BACK TO SCHOOL

# NEW YEAR STARTED WITH ART, CELEBRATIONS

### Fairview mural a collaboration between artist and students

**W**hen students arrived at Fairview Elementary for the first day of school in September they were greeted with a brand new mural courtesy of local artist Jason Craft.

Craft met with the kids during a school Zoom assembly in early 2021, where each class weighed-in on the design and discussed what the school means to them.

"We all did our own version of the mural and we mailed off each and every child's drawings," said Fairview Elementary principal Jenn Gallop. "Jason did a mock-up of

all the ideas the kids shared."

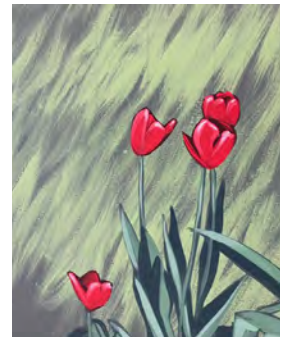
The school's code of conduct, R.O.C.K.S (respect, ownership, cooperation, kindness, and safety) is drawn into the mural, as well as images of the forest, river, and salmon, recognizing the natural beauty of the area.

The students' love of soccer is also reflected in the painting along with tulips, which the primary classes plant every year around the school in hidden places through the Bulbs for Kids program.

"[The kids] then look forward to seeing them pop up," Gallop added.

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Artist Jason Craft incorporated student input into the mural project at Fairview Elementary, along with the school's code of conduct, R.O.C.K.S (respect, ownership, cooperation, kindness, and safety).

## BACK TO SCHOOL

# 'I LOVED IT TODAY,' SAYS GRADE 8 STUDENT

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Fairview was not the only school to see some changes over the summer.

At Blue Mountain Elementary, students arrived to a brand new natural playground that was installed over the break.

The equipment was paid for thanks to a donation from the school's Parent Advisory Council.

Over at Westview Secondary, new Grade 8 students were welcomed by Grade 11 and 12 Link Leaders, who showed them around the building where they will spend the next four years of their academic life. Principal Darren Rowell said the students had a full day of high-energy activities that included orientation led by the older students.

"I loved it today," said one Grade 8 student. "My link crew leaders are amazing. I love Westview so much."

Students at Whonnock Elementary had a special visitor during their first few days back in class — a python.

Principal Stuart Richardson said a student, accompanied by a parent, brought their snake to the



Blue Mountain Elementary students started the school year with a new natural playground that was installed over the summer months.

school yard to show their class, "who were thrilled" with the encounter.

"Students are not the only ones happy to be back to school," he said. "Pythons are welcome, too."





*It was 31 years ago that Port Coquitlam resident Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope to raise awareness and money for cancer research.*

## MARATHON OF HOPE

# STUDENTS KEEP TERRY'S MEMORY ALIVE

**SD42 joined millions from around the world to raise money for cancer research**

**M**aple Ridge and Pitt Meadows schools joined millions of students across the country and around the world in participating in the Terry Fox School Run in September to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

And classes in School District 42 found unique ways of keeping Terry's memory alive.

Fairview Elementary kicked-off the effort with a run that saw hundreds of students race around the field on a warm sunny day.

At Pitt Meadows Secondary, more than 600 students and staff took part in a 3.2 km run/walk that raised \$700 for the Terry Fox Foundation, while Maple Ridge Secondary saw 350 students participate.

Students at Alexander Robinson Elementary raised \$2,700, breaking the school's \$2,300 goal. For their effort, students were rewarded with a showing of principal Adam Stanley having his hair dyed blue live on Zoom, while teacher Todd Oleksyn had his head shaved.

Golden Ears Elementary took in \$1,995 for the Terry Fox Foundation, while Laity View Elementary raised \$1,216.

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Many SD42 students participated in the Terry Fox Run in September, raising money and awareness for cancer research.

## MARATHON OF HOPE

# STUDENTS BRAVE RAIN TO TAKE PART IN RUN

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Meanwhile, Kanaka Creek Elementary students started their run after watching a documentary video on Terry Fox. The school raised \$505 through their online toonie campaign.

“Our run was a great success, even though it was a little wet to start out,” said Kanaka Creek principal Chad Raible.

Edith McDermott Elementary is another school that broke the \$2,000 mark, raising \$2,300 for the foundation and cancer research.

In past years, EME principal Alan Millar said he offered

to dye his hair the colours of the rainbow or shave his beard to create buzz to help bolster the fundraising effort. However, he added that this year students wanted to focus on giving to the cause without any incentives or rewards.

“We talked about that with the students and that donations to something as important as Terry Fox and the fight against cancer should be done because it is the right thing to do,” Millar said. “Our donations were very close to how they’ve been the last couple of years. Makes me proud of a community that gets what we’re trying to do.”





*Students at Yennadon Elementary hold their pumpkins during a pop-up pumpkin patch at the school's annex in September.*

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

# PUMPKIN PATCHES POP UP ACROSS DISTRICT

### Hundreds of students went home with big orange gourds in October

**F**all was in the air at Yennadon Elementary Annex in October when the front garden was transformed into a pumpkin patch.

More than 100 of the orange gourds were placed around the property and primary students got a chance to choose one of their very own to take home.

“We are trying to bring the pumpkin patch to our school,” said Pam Linde, a kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher at the annex. “They get to pick their own pumpkins and we do lots of pumpkin activities.”

While choosing a pumpkin is a lot of fun, Linde said it also presents a learning opportunity.

One pumpkin is chosen for the classroom and carved up by a teacher, giving the students a chance to see the pulp and seeds, which are planted back in the garden. The kids also got to measure and weigh their gourd, and find out if it sinks or floats.

“There is a huge learning component,” Linde said. “We



talk a lot about the lifecycles of pumpkins. All our artwork right now is drawing, painting, and creating things that are all pumpkin.”

In past years, classes would visit Laity Pumpkin Patch, said Yennadon Annex kindergarten teacher Michelle Ludeman, which was often the first field trip of the year for primary students.

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*Students grabbed pumpkins at one of the many pumpkin patches that popped up around the district in October.*

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN 400 PUMPKINS BROUGHT TO YENNADON

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But when the pandemic began and field trips were curtailed, she said she called the farm and found a way to bring the pumpkin patch to their school.

"This has always been the first trip of our kindergarten year," she said. "Students have always been so excited by this adventure."

Yennadon was not the only school to have a pop-up pumpkin patch this fall.

More than 400 pumpkins, several farm animals, and hot beverages were served up to students at Hammond

Elementary earlier in October.

"Every student who wanted a pumpkin received one free of charge courtesy of our wonderful PAC," said Wes Reamsbottom, the principal of Hammond Elementary. "We also had three llamas and finally finished off with a hot chocolate station to warm the students up in the rain. It was a wonderful day at Hammond."

Students at Davie Jone Elementary also got a chance to pick up a pumpkin when their school held its pumpkin patch. ċəsqənelə Elementary also held a pumpkin patch, which featured hay bales and scarecrows.





Tiffany Stone, author of *Little Narwhal, Not Alone*, led a presentation about her book with marine biologist Marie Noel and illustrator Ashlyn Anstee in October.

## BOOK TALK

# LEARNING ABOUT FRIENDSHIP UNDER THE SEA

Students get a visit from the author of *Little Narwhal, Not Alone*

What does a writer, illustrator, and marine biologist all have in common? They each played a role in the creation of a new children's book called *Little Narwhal, Not Alone* that was presented to students at   sq  nel   Elementary in November.

Marine biologist Marie Noel talked over Zoom about the narwhal's environment, while illustrator Ashlyn Anstee showed students how to draw the pointy-tusked mammals. Author Tiffany Stone led the presentation and explained how she came up with the idea for the story.

*Little Narwhal, Not Alone* is about a narwhal who sets off on an adventure and finds himself far from home, eventually befriending a pod of belugas. The book is based on a true story that introduces students to marine biology



and "the surprising friendships under the sea," according to publisher Greystone Books.

The presentation was made possible thanks to a donation from the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge and Black Bond Books.





*In November, heavy rains caused massive flooding in the Fraser Valley. Students in the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows school district pitched in to help out.*

## FLOOD RELIEF

# STUDENTS FIND WAY TO HELP FRASER VALLEY

### From table to farm, Garibaldi culinary students raise money for flood relief

**G**aribaldi Secondary culinary students know the importance of locally grown food. So, when the Fraser Valley — the breadbasket of the region — was struck by a massive rainstorm and flood in November, the up-and-coming chefs decided they had to help. The school announced that all proceeds from cafeteria sales and catering events would be donated to the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund to assist with the rebuilding effort.

“These farmers have been growing and producing the food that we serve at GSS,” said chef instructor Brent McGimpsey. “Now is our opportunity to help them in their time of need.”

Ahi tuna poke bowls, sourdough bread, and chicken donairs were just some of the items on the menu. The school was able to raise close to \$1,000 for the relief effort.

The fundraiser hits close to home for McGimpsey. He has an aunt and uncle who are life-long dairy farmers on the Sumas Prairie, and while their home escaped the worst of the damage, they did have to evacuate.



“[The students] know that this is something we need to do,” he said.

GSS was not the only school pitching in for flood relief.

Students across the district — including Yennadon Elementary, Eric Langton Elementary, Alexander Robinson Elementary, and SD42 Learning Services — scrounged up their change to help Fraser Valley communities devastated by flooding from the unprecedented rainstorm. All proceeds went to the Red Cross BC Flood Relief.

“We have got some little kids bringing in their piggy banks,” said Candace White, a librarian at Yennadon Elementary. “And then we have bigger kids who are not donating just a dollar, but \$20.”





*Garibaldi Secondary culinary student Cecilia Verdayes won sixth place at the B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Field to Fork Challenge in November.*

## COOKING CONTEST

# VERDAYES MEDALS AT FIELD TO FORK CHALLENGE

**Grade 10 Garibaldi student used recipe she perfected with her grandmother**

**G**aribaldi Secondary culinary student Cecilia Verdayes baked her way to a sixth-place showing in the province at the B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Field to Fork Challenge in November.

The Grade 10 student, who is originally from Spain, won over the judges with her chocolate cake made from a recipe she has perfected with her grandmother.

“I was delighted,” she said after winning the award.

Verdayes comes from a long line of cooks and said her favourite dish to prepare is biscuits. She took up the hobby with her best friend while living in Spain before coming to Canada and joining Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District 42 as an international student.

“I started cooking when I was very young because all my family likes to cook,” she said. “My grandmother helps me

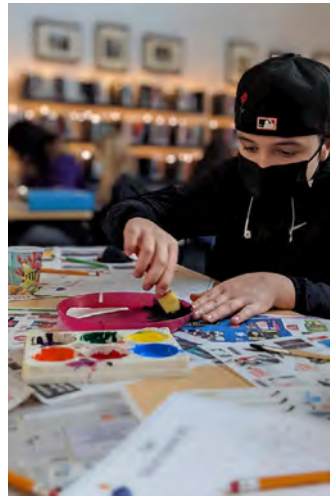


a lot with all things related to cooking.”

Chef educator Brent McGimpsey said Verdayes is the first Garibaldi Secondary culinary student to take home an award in the Field to Fork Challenge. He said she is incredibly focused in the kitchen and strives for perfection on whatever dish she is working on.

“It is incredible,” he said of her recent success. “It is so well deserved.”





*Students and teachers in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District celebrated Diwali with food and art in November.*

## SD42 CELEBRATES DIWALI

# TEACHERS EXPLAIN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN VIDEO

**S**tudents and teachers in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District celebrated Diwali with food, crafts, and clothing in November.

To help people better understand the annual event, SD42 English language learner teachers Sukhdeep Birdi, Kawaldeep Ghuman, and Harjit Chauhan prepared a [short video explaining the traditions and symbols of the South Asian festival of lights](#).

“We noticed the need for resources and that led to an exciting collaboration,” Chauhan said. “By putting ourselves and our families in the video, we wanted to create an educational experience that is authentic and relatable, and we hope that our personalized touch educates our schools and community.”

In the video, the teachers explain that Diwali means “rows of lighted lamps,” and is celebrated in mid-October to early November by Sikh and Hindu communities around the world. Shops, houses, and public places are decorated with lights and oil

lamps, called diyas, and people make rangoli, share sweets, exchange gifts, offer prayers, and enjoy festive fireworks.

“It is a joyful time of connecting with family and friends, and traditionally some families celebrate this festival over five days,” Chauhan said. “Each family celebrates this beautiful time in their own way.”

Some SD42 schools participated in the celebration.

Students and staff at Westview Secondary dressed up in bright, elegant clothes and spent the day enjoying Indian cuisine, learning about the festival, and painting diyas. Throughout the weeks leading up to Diwali, the school library also displayed books featuring Indian and South Asian authors and stories.

Westview teacher librarian Krystyna Doran-Eddy said the lessons and displays were a collaborative effort between student aides Ashmeet Panag and Parteek Gidda, student teacher Maninder Heer, art teacher Parminder Cruikshank, and IT person Aj Kular.





*Whonnock Elementary students raised \$272 for Coins for Kids and 18 boxes of food for the food bank.*

## CHARITABLE GIVING

# STUDENTS GIVE GENEROUSLY DURING HOLIDAYS

Thousands in cash and food donations given to those in need in December

**T**oy drives, food hampers, and fundraising initiatives were held across the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District in December as students and families gave generously to those in need.

At Harry Hooe Elementary, more than \$800 was collected for the annual Coins for Kids Campaign, helping the district get closer to its goal of surpassing the \$4,000 raised for last year's event.

Pitt Meadows Elementary students also got into the giving spirit, raising \$3,265 for Coins for Kids, while Whonnock Elementary raised \$272. All proceeds went to the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society.

Laity View Elementary took a unique approach to giving. The students made hand-crafted Christmas cards and



*Laity View Elementary students made toques and Christmas cards for residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.*

toques, which were distributed by Maple Ridge Secondary and Samuel Robertson Technical students to those in need in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

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*Clockwise from top left: Harry Hoope Elementary students raised more than \$800 for the annual Coins for Kids campaign. Staff at Eric Langton Elementary put together food hampers for families in need. Students at Maple Ridge Secondary held a successful food drive. Students at Alexander Robinson Elementary raised money and food for families in need.*

## CHARITABLE GIVING

# 'THIS WAS TRULY A SPECTACULAR YEAR'

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Maple Ridge Secondary (MRSS) had a successful food drive, where donors contributed more than 1,400 food items and cash donations totalled \$2,156.

"This was truly a spectacular year with amazing donations," the school said in a Facebook post. "Thank you once again Maple Ridge and a special thank you to student council for coordinating this wonderful annual event."

MRSS was not the only school collecting food.

Whonnock Elementary students donated 18 boxes of items for the food bank and Golden Ears Elementary students also collected a large amount of food.

At Eric Langton Elementary, staff gathered after school

to put together Christmas hampers for families in need and students made Christmas cards for seniors at local long-term care centres.

Highland Park Elementary students were able to support families in need with food hampers and gift-card donations.

"Our HPE family and community is very generous," said principal Brandy McIntyre. "Our student leadership team is also collaborating with the PMSS student leadership team in raising awareness for giving back through the food drive."

Alexander Robinson Elementary students raised \$575 for the Red Cross and over \$1,000 for the Friends in Need Food Bank. The school's Parent Advisory Council also donated \$1,200 split between the two charities.





## CHARITABLE GIVING

# KCE STUDENTS DONATE TO THOSE IN NEED

### Thousands in cash and food donations given to those in need in December

Kanaka Creek Elementary students found a unique way of enjoying their Halloween candy: by giving it away.

In December, the children pooled their Halloween haul and repackaged the sweets into 700 bags with hand-drawn holiday messages and decorations. The candy was then distributed to seniors centres, drug and alcohol treatment centres, and the food bank in Maple Ridge.

“People gave them candy for Halloween out of the goodness of their hearts and now they are reciprocating,” said Debby Moran, a teacher at the school and an organizer of the event. “[It’s] sometimes hard to give up candy for some, but they do it.”

Kanaka Creek has held the candy donation for the last 10 years and involves students from the whole school. Moran said it is a great way to give back to the community and show students how they can help people in need.



“Classes usually have discussions about the less fortunate,” she said. “This small gesture puts a smile on someone’s face, and this possibly is the only gift they received during the holidays.”

## SD42 schools found lots of time for festive fun in December

It’s was a busy December, but students and staff in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District managed to find some time for fun during the holiday season.

Yennadon Elementary got into the spirit with a gingerbread house contest. Staff divided into groups to create the delicious structures and students voted for their favourite.

Artwork was also a big part of the festivities at Yennadon, where a contest was held for best door decorations in the school, with winners chosen in the primary, intermediate, and annex categories.

A door-decorating contest was also held at Eric Langton Elementary, put on by student leaders, with awards given to classes with the most creative, festive, colourful, and unique doors in the school.

The competition was just one holiday-themed event at ELE, which held a holiday-clothing day and a pajama day in December.

Highland Park Elementary students received a visit from the Grinch on the last day of school before the



winter break. Principal Brandy McIntyre said the school held many festive and fun Grinch-themed events in the final week of December.

The Grinch was not the only celebrity to visit an SD42 classroom.

At Alexander Robinson, R2D2 and a Stormtrooper TC-1588 arrived to hand out candy canes and support students in their holiday fundraising efforts.



## BOOK TALK

# STUDENTS GO ON JOURNEY WITH *THE BUBBLE*

*Bubble* author Joseph Patenaude read to Hammond students in December

Hammond Elementary students were taken on a journey around the globe when local author Joseph Patenaude came for a visit in December.

The award-winning writer read his new book, *The Bubble*, during a presentation in the school library, telling the story of a bubble's adventures as it discovers the beauty of the world. Patenaude, who was born in the Lower Mainland, said he was inspired to write the book when he saw his son and daughter blowing bubbles in their backyard.

"It has an optimistic outlook with the message that the world is big and sometimes scary, but that the good outweighs the bad, that there is always something new to discover and that the sun will always rise again, even



Joseph Patenaude, author of *The Bubble*, visited students at Hammond Elementary in December.

after a storm," he said.

The book won the 2021 Impact Book Award in the children's inspirational category.

## SD42 TAKES HOME BUDGET AWARD FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR



**FLAVIA COUGHLAN**  
SD42 secretary treasurer

For the fourth year in a row, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is being recognized for its commitment to sound fiscal management and budgetary policies.

In December, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recognized the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District for excellence in budget presentation with the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the **2021–2022 budget year**.

"We are honoured to receive this award once again," said board chair Korleen Carreras. "To receive this recognition for the fourth year in a row shows the quality and consistency of our budget document. I congratulate secretary treasurer Flavia Coughlan, her team, and everyone who worked on the report."

SD42 was the only district in British Columbia and one of two districts in the country to earn the MBA this year. To be eligible for the award, participants submit their applications and budget documents to a panel of school financial professionals who review the materials for compliance with the MBA Criteria Checklist. ASBO then provides expert feedback that districts can use to improve their budget documents.

"We work hard to provide the community with comprehensive and easy-to-understand budget documents, and it is an honour to be recognized for our work," said Flavia Coughlan, the SD42 secretary treasurer. "I sincerely thank all staff who helped shape the final product."

The MBA Review Team noted that "The budget is an excellent document that includes a wealth of information in graphic and narrative form. It is user-friendly for the average taxpayer with abundant data to meet varied readers' needs. Many components are suitable as stand-alone documents. The Review Team congratulates the District for their budget submission to the Meritorious Budget Award."



**KORLEEN CARRERAS**  
SD42 board chairperson





*Students made signs and dog biscuits as part of their effort to raise money for the Maple Ridge SPCA.*

## ANIMALS IN NEED

# RAISING MONEY, ITEMS FOR MAPLE RIDGE SPCA

**Fundraiser was an opportunity for students to learn more about the SPCA**

A class at C̓əsq̓ənəl̓ Elementary is finding ways to help animals in need. Melissa Affleck's Grade 1 students collected 79 donated items and raised \$58.30 in support of the Maple Ridge SPCA earlier in January.

"They wanted to find a way to help the SPCA so we made flyers and collected donations," Affleck said. "We also made biscuits to take as well."

Students got a chance to learn more about the SPCA when they visited the facility to drop off their donation.

"We spent time learning what the SPCA was and how it helped and asked the Maple Ridge SPCA what they needed. It was an amazing experience to be able to go in

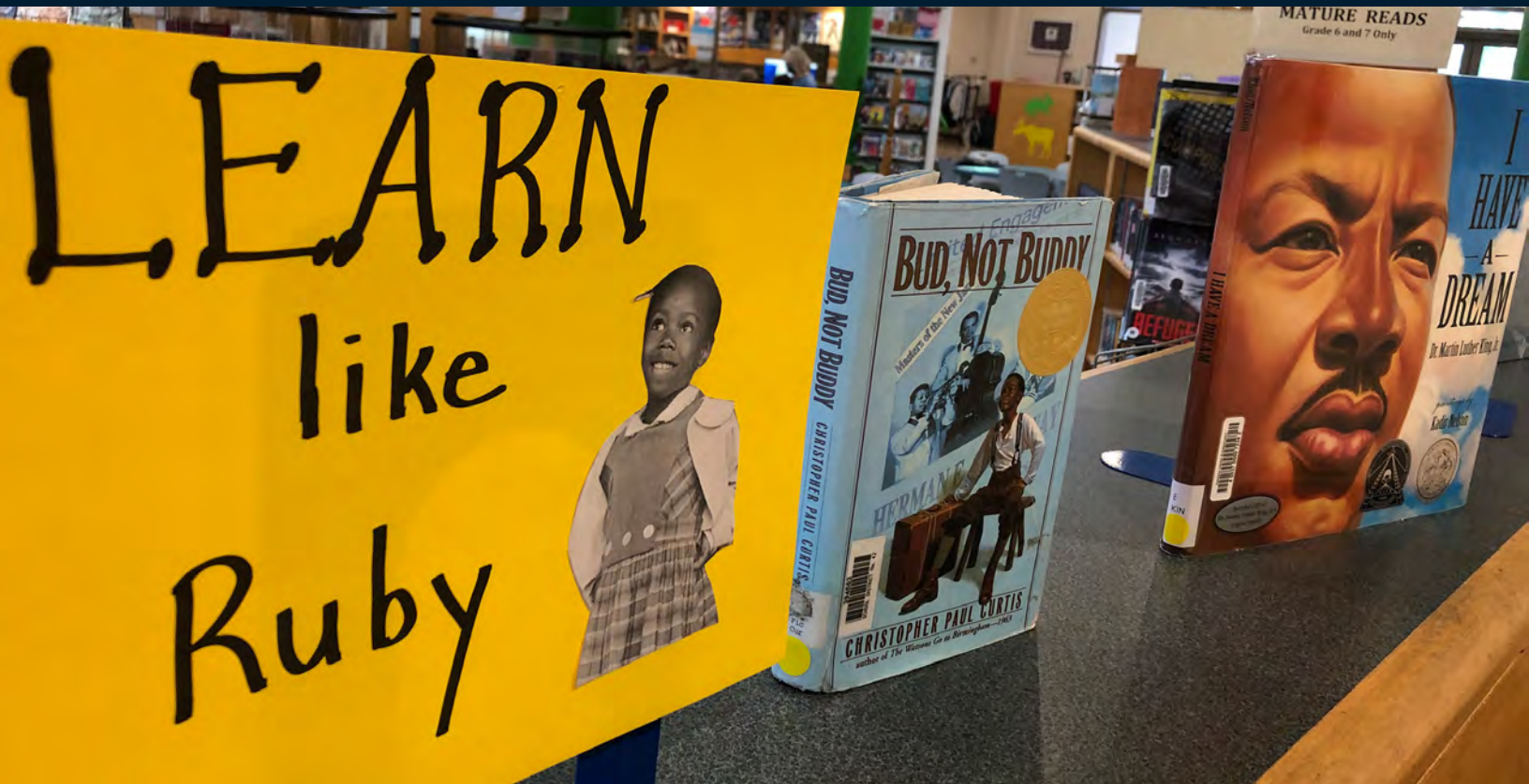


person and give our donation."

She added that her class has been inspired to find new ways of giving ever since the Terry Fox Run took place in September.

"My class has been very interested in figuring out ways to give and help," she said. "They did a candy store in the fall and raised close to \$300 in addition to our school fundraiser."





*Students honoured the legacy of Black Canadians with displays, walks, art, and discussions in February.*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# STUDENTS MARKED BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SD42 students honoured the legacy of Black Canadians with a variety of events and activities as part of February's Black History Month.

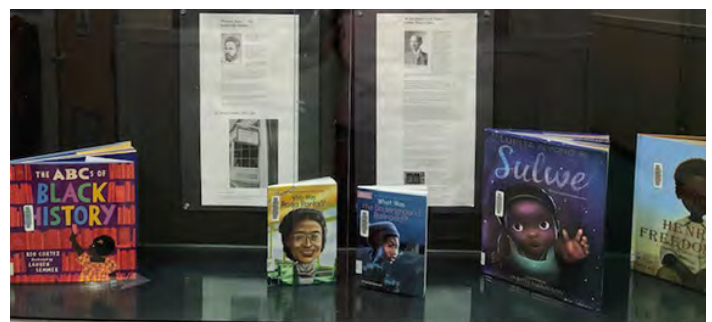
At Davie Jones Elementary (DJE), students learned about the accomplishments and contributions Black people have made to Canada during a Black Excellence Walk at Westview Secondary.

"They used posters and worksheets created by teachers at Westview," said Cathryn Blanco, principal of DJE. "The students walked through the school and learned about the achievements of Canadians with African heritage."

Students at DJE also learned about the symbolism behind African masks and the influence they have had on the works of artists like Pablo Picasso and Andre Derain.

At Yennadon Elementary, Grade 3 students read *Meet Viola Desmond* by Elizabeth MacLeod, learning about Desmond's fight for racial equality in Canada.

"Students learned that Viola Desmond is now on the \$10 bill," said Yennadon principal Lisa Lawrance.



"Students were tasked to design a flag, monument, stamp, or other item to people about her."

Kanaka Creek Elementary students kicked off Black History Month with an assembly, where students read *We All Belong* by Alex and Nathalie Goss. A display was also setup to learn about more prominent civil rights activists in the school library.

At Alexander Robinson, Whonnock, and Hammond elementary schools, students learned about Desmond and other civil rights activists, like Ruby Bridges.





## PINK SHIRT DAY

# FEBRUARY'S FOCUS WAS ON KINDNESS

### SD42 students spread anti-bullying message as part of Pink Shirt Day

Students, teachers, and staff in School District 42 celebrated Pink Shirt Day in February in support of inclusive initiatives in B.C. that foster children's healthy self-esteem.

For the second year in a row, Hammond Elementary held an assembly to mark the day, with students and staff sharing messages of kindness.

"For the days leading up to it, we are going to be collecting kindness messages submitted by staff and students," said Megan Olynyk, vice-principal at Hammond Elementary, at the time of the assembly. "We'll draw messages out of a box, and students read the messages during morning announcements and at our assembly."

At Kanaka Creek, students started the day with a special assembly put on by the WITS Foundation (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help) before going outside to hold up signs with positive messages for people passing along Kanaka Way.



Students celebrated Pink Shirt Day by spreading messages of kindness.

"Our classes have made pro-social signs that they will be displayed outside the school," said Chad Raible, the principal of Kanaka Creek Elementary school, before the event. "We will have RCMP support as up to four classes display their signs

for 20 minutes each."

At Yennadon Elementary, Pink Shirt Day was part of the February-long Kindness Month. To kick things off, students were given a strip of paper where they could write or draw a message of kindness along with their name.

Teachers stapled the slips together into a giant chain, which has been displayed in the school library.

Each day in February, a random act of kindness was read over the morning announcements, and students were encouraged to accomplish the act throughout the course of the day.

"February is Kindness Month at Yennadon," said Lisa Lawrance, the principal of Yennadon Elementary, at the time of the event. "We are planning a variety of weekly themes to promote our theme of kindness and then end with Pink Shirt Day."

At Webster's Corners Elementary, students filled out a heart saying why they love Webster's Corners, which was displayed on a wall at the entrance of the school.

"They can write a word or a short sentence," said Ramin Mehrassa, the principal at Webster's Corners Elementary. "Then once all students and staff have had a chance to share, we put the hearts on the big board by the foyer for the month to celebrate."

At Fairview Elementary, students will participate in a buddy-reading while at Alouette Elementary students will wear pink and join in a Zoom assembly.





*Musashi Baillie, a Grade 6 student at Laity View Elementary, portrayed Brian McKeever in a Toyota ad that was broadcast during the 2022 Super Bowl in March.*

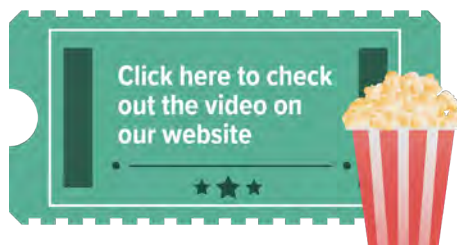
## SUPER BOWL AD

# STUDENT TAKES ACTING SKILLS TO WORLD STAGE

**Grade 6 student starred in a Toyota ad that was shown during Super Bowl**

**M**usashi Baillie is ready for his close up. This year, the Maple Ridge student was cast in a Toyota Super Bowl commercial portraying the life of Canadian Paralympian cross-country skier Brian McKeever, who lost his eyesight to Stargardt macular degeneration. Baillie plays a younger McKeever in the advertisement, which depicts the relationship between Brian and his older brother and skiing guide Robin.

"I have never been in a commercial before," said Baillie, who is a Grade 6 student at Laity View Elementary. "That was my first time."



In the first part of the ad, a young Brian, played by Baillie, is guided by older brother Robin as he learns to ski and bike around their neighbourhood. Later, when 19-year-old Brian finds out he will lose his eyesight, the older brother continues to work with him and guide him as he does running exercises through the trees.

Baillie plays Brian in the early scenes.

"I was riding bikes down the hill," Baillie said of the shoot. "That was the scene where Brian, which is the main character, was practicing following his

brother."

With Robin's help, Brian eventually went on to win 17 medals, including 13 gold in six Paralympic Winter Games. He is also competed in the 2022 Paralympics in Beijing in March.

Baillie got the acting job after his mom saw the casting call online. He tried out for the part and after two rounds of auditions was chosen for the role.

"It felt weird being on TV," he said. "But I was excited because it was my first time being in a commercial."

He added that a lot of friends from school have seen the commercial and that he is hoping to get more acting work.

"It's fun because there is a lot of food you can eat on the times when you're not working," he said. "There's lots of candy and a lot of good things."





## SUSTAINABILITY

# TEACHER RECOGNIZED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK

Van Der Pauw  
featured in *Today  
With Science World*

A School District 42 teacher is getting some attention for her environmental sustainability leadership.

Earlier this year, Carla van der Pauw was featured in the *Today With Science World* online publication for her work as sponsor of the Eco-Action Group at Thomas Haney Secondary. The article, which is part of BC Hydro's Power Smart for Schools initiative, recognized her effort to help students develop power smart practices and a clean-energy mindset.

"It is very humbling," she said. "I am passionate about it and it is something I believe in and believe is valuable to the students who are interested in it."

Van der Pauw has been the teacher sponsor for the Eco-Action Group for close to 13 years. During that time, she has helped many students pursue their interests in environmental sustainability.

Whether it is finding ways to reduce plastic consumption or limiting electricity use in the school, van der Pauw has given a helping hand to students



Carla van der Pauw was featured in *Today With Science World* in an article that outlined her environmental sustainability work in the district.

looking to make change in their community. She said it has been rewarding to see her students continue their work after graduation and into post-secondary.

"The results are long term when you are in education," she said. "Four years later, you see the students you taught and... the amazing things they are doing."

During the interview with *Today With Science World*, van der Pauw was asked about her family life and how it drove her toward the environmental

sustainability movement — questions she had not previously considered.

The article outlines her life growing up in El Salvador during a civil war 30 years ago when her family had to deal with frequent rolling blackouts in their community.

"From a very young age, I knew the importance of electricity," she told *Today With Science World*. "And its unpredictability only made me appreciate it more."

Realizing the impact the

early experiences had on her sustainability views, she has now incorporated the line of questioning into her teaching. The results have led to some wide-ranging discussions, she added.

"When they come to the club, we've started to ask what has brought them here," she said. "How has your history influenced you? We have had some really rich conversations about that."

• [Click here to read Appreciating Power with Carla Van Der Pauw.](#)





*Pitt Meadows Secondary science teacher Kelvin Dueck added to his list of teaching awards this year when the Canadian Association of Physicists recognized his work in the classroom.*

## SCIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

# DUECK TAKES HOME CAP TEACHING AWARD

### Canadian Association of Physicists recognizes PMSS science teacher

**K**elvin Dueck calls himself a nerd, but his teaching methods are getting some attention from the cool kids.

The Canadian Association of Physicists awarded the Pitt Meadows Secondary instructor with the 2021 Excellence in Teaching High School Physics award, recognizing his passion and dedication to science instruction.

“The universe is cool,” said the 25-year teaching veteran. “If I do my job right, I just need to get out of the way, and the universe will be cool on its own.”



Dueck has spent his entire teaching career at Pitt Meadows, starting out as a math instructor in 1997. But after a retirement in 2003, he moved over to the science department and says he hasn't looked back.

“Teaching physics, there are always moments when the kids will say ‘Wow, I didn’t know that’s how it works,’” he said. “If I am lucky, I can get every kid a bunch of those throughout the year.”

This year was not the first time Dueck has been recognized for his teaching abilities.

In 2019, he received the Prime Minister’s Teaching Excellence in STEM Award for his creative use of technology in the classroom.

His enthusiastic teaching style is garnering some online fame, and he now boasts a YouTube channel with nearly 3,000 subscribers and over 680,000 views. He also encourages students to learn on their own time, uploading his teaching materials to [www.pittmath.com](http://www.pittmath.com).

Dueck said he still enjoys watching students light up when they unravel a problem or see the universe from a new perspective.

“You can’t get enough of that,” he said. “You see that little light go on and they realize they are understanding the universe differently. You live for that. It is just the best.”





*'This is an Abacus' was unveiled in April and is now on permanent display at the entrance to Thomas Haney Secondary.*

## THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY

# ARTISTS LEAVE MARK WITH MÉTIS LEGACY PROJECTS

**'This is an Abacus' is a student-led art project that was unveiled in April**

**T**homas Haney Secondary students learned the art of patience when they created a new Métis legacy project beadwork display, which was unveiled at the school in April.

Titled 'This is an Abacus,' the piece features intricate floral beadwork dotted in a spiral around a leather hide. The artwork is now on permanent display in the main entrance of the building.

"The Métis are the flower beadwork people," said Lisa Shepherd, who helped lead the students in the project, which was supported by teachers Natalie Robertson and Nicole von Krogh. "It is a really big part of who we are."

Crafting the individual flowers is time-consuming work, she added. First, a single bead is placed at the centre of a piece of fabric and then circled by seven more beads, each accompanied by a stitch. Once the base is established, the students add circle after circle of beads until the piece is filled out.

"It is quite a long process," Shepherd said.

But the students had time. Work began on the art project in 2020, just as the Covid-19 pandemic was beginning and many activities were curtailed to prevent the spread of the virus.

The project gave the students a creative outlet during a difficult time, she added.

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Students and teachers participate in the Métis Legacy project art unveiling at Thomas Haney Secondary in April after spending months working on the intricate beadwork for their flowers.

## THIS IS AN ABACUS 'GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF IT'

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"I am just so proud that they persevered," Shepherd said. "I think it is really a tribute to an inner strength our young people have, and I am just so proud of them."

Miranda Currie, a THSS student who worked on the art project, said it was nice to connect with her fellow classmates through the creation of the beadwork display.

"I am very grateful to have been a part of it," she said. "It is just a great family I got to spend time with."



She said her flower, which featured red and copper petals with a bright yellow centre circled with light-blue beads, reflected the connection she has to her family.

"I didn't want to just choose my favourite colour," she said. "I come from a family with a lot of strong

women and so those colours in my mind are reds and kind of a copper. That just showed strength to me."

Alex Couture, another contributor to the project, said he chose pink and blue for his flower because the colours worked well together.

"It feels great," he said of contributing his work to the permanent school display. "I am glad that I have something that I have made that is going to be on the school wall that students will come and see well after I have graduated."





Maple Ridge Elementary student Daniel Paczola launched the MRE Kids 4 Kids fundraising campaign in April to support youth in Ukraine through the Save the Children charity.

## MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY STUDENT FUNDRAISER TO HELP KIDS IN UKRAINE

**Students raised more than \$2,100 through the MRE Kids 4 Kids campaign**

**W**hen Maple Ridge Elementary student Daniel Paczola saw images of war-torn Ukraine on the news, he felt he had to do something to help.

With his mom and fellow students in his Grade 4 class, he launched the MRE Kids 4 Kids fundraising campaign in April that raised more than \$2,100 to support youth in Ukraine through the Save the Children charity.



“We collected money in my class... and we are going to donate it to Ukraine,” he said. “Everybody has helped out.”

The students went from class-to-class with a blue and yellow bucket to collect coins and set up an online fundraising webpage.

They have also been making bracelets in the colours of the

Ukrainian flag, which they have been exchanging with teachers and students around the school for donations.

Paczola said he first became aware of the situation in Ukraine after seeing television newscasts and talking about the war with his family.

“I wouldn’t like it if my house would be blown up and turned into rubble,” he said. “I would lose my bed, my food, and clothes, and lots of other things.”

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## MRE KIDS 4 KIDS

# MCCLAIN: 'I JUST FELT SO BAD FOR THE KIDS'

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Classmates Mason Beaune and Holly McClain assisted with the effort, making bracelets and asking for donations around the school.

"Kids our age have had to leave their homes," said Beaune.

"I just felt so bad for the kids," added McClain. "Kids our age and some even younger."

Marita Haavisto, the students' Grade 4 teacher, said most of the kids in her class are aware of the war in Ukraine. They discussed the issue and read an article in class to try and understand what kids who live in the conflict zone are going through.

"We were just talking about the fact that there were a lot of kids who had been displaced from their homes who had to leave in order to find safety, and of course emphasizing all the time that the kids here are safe," she said.

Hearing the stories inspired the students to make signs



Maple Ridge Elementary Grade 4 students Holly McClain and Mason Beaune helped raise money for children in Ukraine.

and bracelets to raise money for the fundraising effort, which they promoted over the morning announcements.

"They took it on thinking about how they would feel if they were in the same shoes," Haavisto said. "So, they were aware of it to a degree and got quite enthusiastic about helping these kids in Ukraine in any little way that we can."

## Students across SD42 celebrated Earth Day in April

Yennadon Elementary recognized Earth Day in April with a book swap, giving new life to old books while emphasizing the importance of reusing — one of the three Rs.

"All students in the school were invited to bring in gently used books for the swap and receive one ticket for each donated book that can be used to select a new book at the exchange," said Yennadon principal Lisa Lawrance. "Our school's book swap event not only provides students with an opportunity to share and upcycle books, but also gives students a chance to choose a good book and immerse themselves in their book choices."

Yennadon students also took part in a bee inquiry project. Through their own research, Caroline Williams' Grade 3 class was tasked with answering an inquiry question about the winged insects, like which bees live in Maple Ridge and why are bees so important?

"It's been a great opportunity to engage in place-based learning involving something the kids really care about," Williams said.

Students at Harry Hooge held a neighbourhood litter



pickup, while Mrs. Harmston's Grade 2/3 class made Earth Day seed paper.

Garibaldi Secondary expanded Earth Day into an entire week of activities, starting with Flora and Fauna Day on Tuesday, Zero Footprint Day on Wednesday, Cleanup Day on Thursday and Green Day on Friday.

Students held cleanups, bike-to-school rides, and discussed ways of reducing their environmental footprint.





*The grand opening for a new 59-space childcare facility at Davie Jones Elementary was held in May.*

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

# 59 NEW CHILDCARE SPACES OPEN AT DAVIE JONES

**\$2.1 million facility built in partnership with School District 42 and province**

**M**ore families in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District will have access to childcare spaces after a new facility was opened at Davie Jones Elementary earlier this year.

The centre has 59 spaces, including 25 for children aged three to five, 10 for preschool, and 24 for before- and after-school care. Fundamentals Childcare has been operating the site, which was constructed in partnership between School District 42 and the province.

“Our district understands the integral role accessible and



affordable childcare plays in allowing parents and guardians to work, study, and participate in community activities,” said board chair Korleen Carreras. “We are excited to welcome this new facility, which will complement the 10 existing childcare centres that currently operate on school grounds across the district.”

She added that with the opening of the new site, half of all elementary schools in the district now have a childcare facility.

Minister of Education and Child Care Jennifer Whiteside said during the May grand opening that the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District was an “excellent example” of what can be achieved when districts build childcare spaces on school grounds.

“This is a really exciting development,” she said. “Half of the schools in this district having childcare is such a benefit for the families and something we are looking to scale up in other districts.”

The Davie Jones Elementary childcare centre is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the district. It features a new playground with water feature as well as a bay door connecting the interior and exterior areas.





Pitt Meadows Grade 11 student Lena Meszaros and teacher Helen Donnelly teamed up to publish *Magpie Mischief*.

## MAGPIE MISCHIEF

# STUDENT, TEACHER TEAM UP TO PUBLISH BOOK

A student and teacher in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District have teamed up to write a new children's book, published in May.

*Magpie Mischief* is set in the forested area behind Edith McDermott Elementary, where author Helen Donnelly once taught, and illustrator Lena Meszaros was once a student. The pair have stayed connected over the years as they both moved on to Pitt Meadows Secondary, where they began talking two years ago about collaborating on the story.

"Helen and I met in Grade 5, and I've been friends with her ever since," said Meszaros, who is now in Grade 11.

"It's been perfect," Donnelly added. "It has been great growth for the both of us."

Donnelly first got the idea for the



book more than four years ago. After reading it to some students, they encouraged her to find a way to get the story published.

To layout the book, the pair turned to Justin Cardas, another School District 42 student, who put together the text and art into the final package.

Now, Donnelly and Meszaros visit libraries and classrooms around the district, reading the story to students and talking about the process of coming up with the book. *Magpie Mischief* tells a story of friendship and how our connections with other people are

more important than material things, Donnelly said.

So, when it came time to find an artist to illustrate the book, it was only natural for her friendship and connections to lead her to Meszaros, who was happy to share her talent.

In coming up with the illustrations, Meszaros spent a lot of time in the forest around Edith McDermott, getting a sense of the birds and the natural environment. She closely studied Donnelly's text, building a deep familiarity with the story and its elements before putting her pencil to paper.

"I mostly just read it over and over until I got a base for how I was going to draw it," Meszaros said. "I am really happy with how the book came out. I'm proud of how my illustrations came out. I'm very proud of them."





*Students at Albion, Harry Hooge, Hammond, and Fairview elementaries created a video to share what Ramadan and Eid means to them.*

## VIDEO PROJECT

# STUDENTS SHARE STORIES OF RAMADAN, EID

### Teachers helped put together the video project to educate students

A group of Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District English language learner teachers and their students put together a video in May explaining their personal experiences observing Ramadan and Eid.

Teachers Sukhdeep Birdi, Kawaldeep Ghuman, Moona Tyers, and Harjit Chauhan reached out to families to learn more about their traditions. Parents and guardians responded with stories and photos of traditional food, clothing, and festive decor, which students shared in a video project.

“By recognizing and discussing cultural diversity within

our classrooms, students feel welcomed,” said Harjit Chauhan, a teacher at Fairview Elementary. “It fosters positive self-identity, and peers gain further understanding of each other.”

Students from Albion, Harry Hooge, Hammond, and Fairview elementaries used the video project as an opportunity to share what Ramadan and Eid means to them. They explained the significance of the celebration in the hopes of building more awareness of diverse cultures within their school community.

“For millions of Muslims across the world, Ramadan is a very important time of the year,” said Aahil, a student at Albion Elementary.

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## VIDEO PROJECT

# 'IT FOSTERS POSITIVE SELF-IDENTITY'

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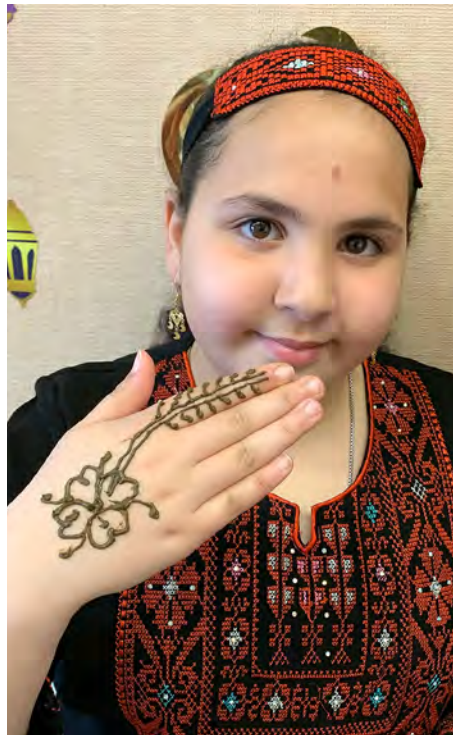
“[Ramadan] is celebrated in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It begins on the first sighting of the crescent moon.”

“Ramadan is a month of good deeds, a month of charity, a new beginning for almost all Muslims,” added Bahar, another student.

Sukhdeep Birdi, an ELL teacher at Albion Elementary, said many of the students celebrating Ramadan answered questions from their classmates in a school-wide assembly.

“There was a high level of engagement and curiosity from the students and staff and for many it was their first-time hearing about Ramadan and Eid,” she said.

Moona Tyers, a teacher from



Hammond Elementary, said this is the first time she has shared some



of her personal experiences of Ramadan with her students.

“It is my sincerest hope that my students also felt this, and judging from their engagement and excitement, I believe they did,” she said. “As educators, we want to create safe spaces, so students can be who they truly are. As a child, I was a minority and did not feel comfortable sharing about my culture with my school. It is gratifying to live in a time, and work in a field, where kids can not only share, but do so with great enthusiasm.”





The Little Einsteins are Reading Link Challenge grand champions after winning the trivia-style contest in May.

## LIBRARY CHALLENGE

# LITTLE EINSTEINS TAKE TOP PRIZE AT READING LINK

A group of Albion Elementary students are Reading Link Challenge grand champions after besting students from across the Lower Mainland in the trivia-style contest in May.

Called the Little Einsteins, the team took home medals and a trophy after an intense tie-breaking final match, capping a months-long journey that started with a victory in their school-level competition. The team is made up of Aria Holland, 9, Michaela Hendrickson, 9, Reid Wishlow, 10, Aarnav Arora, 11, and Aubrey Silva, 9.

"It is a really big reading competition," said Arora. "We are the team — the Little Einsteins — that just won the whole thing."

After their victory at the school level, the team won again at the library-level challenge earlier this



year. After that, they came in second place at the Fraser Valley challenge, punching their ticket to the grand championship, where they took first place against the best teams in the Lower Mainland.

"You basically read six books ... in six weeks," said Hendrickson. "And when you are done you get to do projects on them."

The team has been working together since December. To win, they had to read *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami, *The Case of the Missing Auntie* by Michael Hutchinson, *Inkling* by Kenneth

Oppel, *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris, *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman, and *A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry and answer detailed questions about each one.

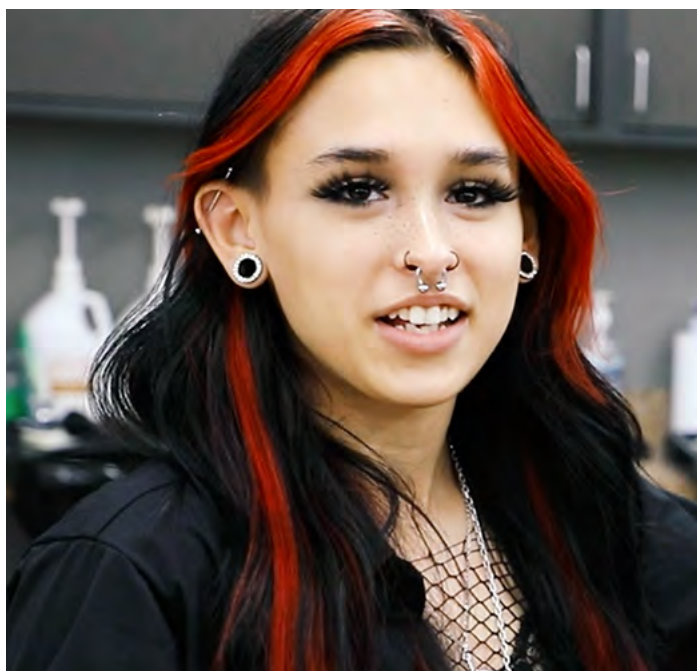
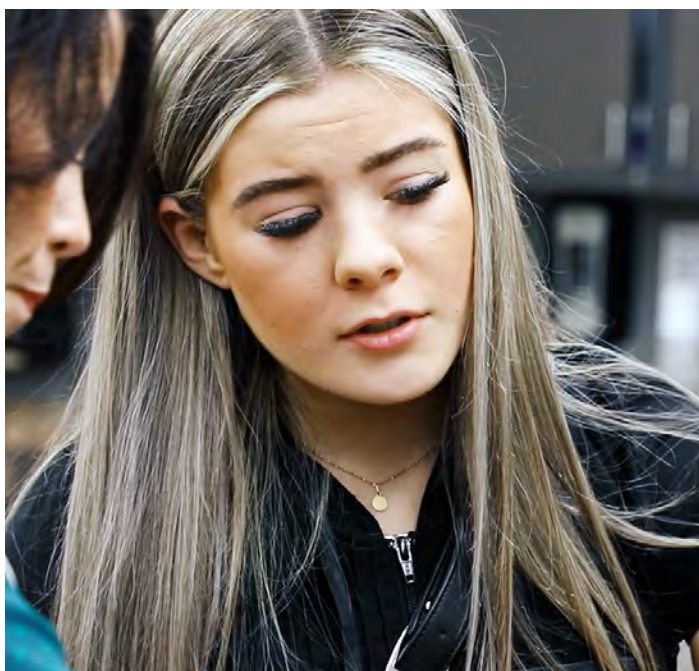
"You really have to study, care, think," said Wishlow. "You have to read, get your mind into it, and become an expert."

Teacher-librarian Jennifer Hughes said the Little Einsteins are a focused group of readers who were thrilled to compete in a contest that emphasizes their strong memory skills.

She added that after the victory, the team ran around the school to Queen's We are the Champions to celebrate the win.

"It's just fun," Hughes said. "It has been really rewarding because they are so passionate about what they are doing."





Grade 12 Samuel Robertson Technical student Brooke Martin, left, took second place at the Skills Canada National Competition in May. Classmate Kyra Mohammad, right, also attended the event, after both students won the regionals earlier this year.

## SKILLS CANADA

# SALON STUDENTS REPRESENT SD42 AT NATIONALS

**T**wo students in the Samuel Robertson Technical hairstylist program went to the national hairstylist skills championship after taking home medals at the provincial competition in May.

Kyra Mohammad won gold and Brooke Martin took silver in their event before going up against some of the best secondary school stylists in the country at the Skills Canada National Competition in Vancouver. Martin ended up taking silver in the national contest.

The duo explained their love of hairstyling ahead of the Skills Canada event earlier in the spring.

"I was in dance my whole life and I always did my own dance hair," said Mohammad, who is in Grade 12, while practising on a mannequin head named Lisa. "I guess the competitiveness probably comes from



dance as well, so a hair competition kind of sounded right up my alley."

She added that having a program like the hairstylist school at SRT has greatly improved her hair-styling ability.

"It is surreal to go to school every day and just cut hair," she said. "I love hair. It's super cool. I never thought I'd be doing this in Grade 12."

Martin said she was nervous going into the regional contest and worried she would not be able to complete her looks on time. But on competition day, she said she was able to relax and enjoy herself while demonstrating her hairstylist skills to the judges.

"I had a lot of fun with it," she said, while colouring her friend's hair at the salon at SRT. "I was really stressed out about it, but in the end, I was like I am just going to have some fun... It came out really well."

Crystal Pray, one of the instructors at the SRT hairstylist program along with Gary Franceschini, said competitions are a great way for students to build their skills and have fun.

"The training that they get through doing the skills competition is incredible," she said. "It just takes them to the next level in terms of their ability and what they are able to do."

She said the hairstylist program mimics the types of situations students will encounter in a professional salon and gives them the skills they need to get into the field.

"It is almost identical to the salon world," she said. "They just have me to fall back on if they need it."





*Students from across the district converged on the Garibaldi Secondary cafeteria for the 2022 district chowder competition.*

## COOKING CONTEST

# CULINARY STUDENTS SHINE AT CHOWDER FEST

**C**ooking contestants from across the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District sliced, diced, and stirred their way through the annual SD42 Chowder Competition in May.

Equipped with sharpened chef's knives and finely-honed recipes, more than a dozen teams competed for the admiration of their culinary colleagues and the coveted Chef Daniel Lesnes Award.

"It is absolutely incredible the variety that we have," said Garibaldi Secondary chef instructor Brent McGimpsey, whose school hosted the event. "The different kinds of seafood, meat chowders, we have vegan chowders, vegetarian chowders — they really run the whole gamut."

The contest has been held for more than 16 years and is a chance



for students from the various SD42 culinary programs to meet each other and share ideas, he said. McGimpsey added that what the judges taste at the competition is the end product of weeks of hard work, creative thinking, recipe design, and constant refinement.

"We practiced making the chowders a few different times and we improve it each time," he said. "We taste, we comment and see how to make it better to prepare for today."

Picking a winner is not easy. Chowders are graded on a scale of 1 to 10, with judges accounting

for taste, appearance, aroma, texture, creativity, among other variables.

"You want most of the flavours they're using from the different ingredients to be fore-fronted without anyone overpowering the next one to a point," said Mike Steele, a chowder judge Vancouver Community College culinary arts instructor. "A good creamy smoothy finish to it is also acceptable."

The students brought a range of recipes to the contest. One team had a smoker and was busily preparing fresh salmon for their chowder, while another team had a tuna miso chowder garnished with fresh fish.

But the winners were Team 8, who wowed the judges with a more traditional take on the chowder.

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## COOKING CONTEST

# 'I REALLY DIDN'T THINK WE WOULD WIN'

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“We are really happy,” said Megan Tan, who took gold with Garibaldi Secondary teammate Mason Timmins Smith. “I really didn’t think we would win.”

“I’m really proud of what I made,” said Erin Fukuda, a Thomas Haney Secondary culinary student, who took second place with a tuna miso chowder that was popular with the judges. “I am happy to be here.”

Declan Lee-Chin, another Thomas Haney Secondary culinary student, won bronze in the contest.

Maple Ridge Secondary chef instructor Trevor Randle said the level of competition at the chowder contest gets higher every year.

“I’m seeing so many different takes and the chowder,” he said. “There’s always the traditional type of



*Garibaldi Secondary students Mason Timmins Smith, left, and Megan Tan celebrate after winning the 2022 SD42 Chowder Competition.*

chowder —that the rue-based creamy soup with potatoes — but nowadays with all the fusion you get so many different ideas.”

While the contest can be stressful, Randle said instructors try to emphasize the fun and networking

opportunities that come with gathering with fellow cooks.

“It really gets them creative, but at the same time having fun,” he said. “Just getting into the kitchen and cooking in a really fun and safe and positive environment.”





## PRIDE MARCH

*Student at Maple Ridge Secondary celebrated Pride Month in June with a march around the track. The event was put on by the school's Rainbow Connections students with hundreds of kids attending to show their support.*





## WORLD CULTURE DAY

# HIGHLAND PARK CELEBRATES ITS DIVERSITY

A group of students at Highland Park Elementary organized a World Culture Day assembly to showcase and celebrate the diverse traditions and cultures at their school.

The event was inspired by Grade 7 student Dewa Qarar, whose family is originally from Afghanistan. She said the assembly was a way for students to share their traditional dances and clothing, while learning about the deeper meanings behind each other's cultures.

"It was really nice," Qarar said outside her school after the assembly had taken place. "There was a lot of great showcasing of people's cultural heritages."

With her friends and sister, Qarar did a dance called an Attan in front of the school. The Attan is the national dance of Afghanistan, she added, noting that it is a tradition that dates back more than 3,000 years.

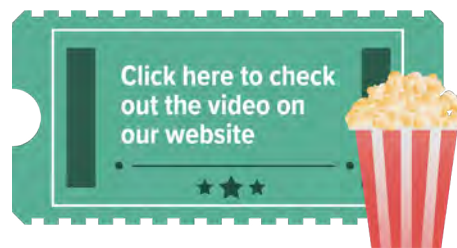
For the event, she wore a traditional orange dress that belonged to her great grandmother, which was adorned in ornate patterns and designs.

"This may seem a little extra right now, but girls in Afghanistan, this is what they wear on a daily basis," she said.

Qarar's friend Lia Haeun Kim also showcased her culture in front of the school, where she did a Korean fan dance. For the performance, she wore a red and white dangui.

"For me to participate and be able to see this kind of assembly was just absolutely amazing," Kim said.

The program also included welcomes in 24 languages, a poem written and recited by Grade 5 student Desiré Lindeque, and an



*World Culture Day at Highland Park Elementary was inspired by Grade 7 student Dewa Qarar, whose family is originally from Afghanistan.*

Edward T. Hall's Cultural Iceberg, which explains that people tend to focus on aspects of culture they can see, touch and taste.

However, Leah Kitamura, an English language learning specialist teacher at Highland Park Elementary, said there are many aspects that reside under the surface that can influence a person's outlook and attitude. The assembly was a great way for students to bring their backgrounds to the surface in a fun and educational environment, she added.

"It's wonderful to hear from students about what culture means to them as they build their understanding," she said. "It was wonderful to see the kids say, 'next year, I would like to be in the fashion show, next year I would like to do a presentation.' I think it is important to give students that platform for their voices."

Indigenous song, Ode'min Giizis, performed by the intermediate band students and their music teacher, Sarah Bondi. The song was written by singer-songwriter Tara Williamson from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation and Gaabishkigamaag.

Fareha Khushal, a Grade 7 student, said the World Culture Day assembly was a great way to see the diversity of the student population at Highland Park Elementary.

"I felt really great because I was representing my culture and other people were representing theirs," she said. "I could see all the beautiful clothing, all the beautiful cultures and it made me really happy."

In the lead up to the assembly, students spent time learning about





Eric Langton Elementary teacher Paula Gross built a hobbit display made of natural materials she foraged while on walks in nature.

## ART IN SCHOOL

# HOBBIT HOUSE DISPLAY TURNS HEADS AT ELE

When Eric Langton Elementary teacher Paula Gross walked by an empty display case outside the school's library, she was struck with an idea.

"I thought it would be magical for children to see a little world to get their imagination going," she said.

It started with a bridge made out of little sticks over water, in this case some broken glass. As she continued foraging for material, she kept finding new pieces to add. Before long, a tiny hobbit land began to evolve.



"When you are out looking in nature sometimes for the right sticks and stones, you find things people threw out that are broken, and then you look at them with a different purpose," she said.

To highlight the fact the piece was made from natural material and re-purposed items, it was officially

unveiled in April, just in time for Earth Day. Since then, the display has garnered a lot of attention from teachers and students, and was featured in *The Maple Ridge News*.

Gross said she has plans to expand the display, possibly adding some pieces underneath. She added that she hopes the piece will inspire children to learn how to create with nothing.

"Their lifestyle isn't necessarily done when it is thrown away," she said. "You can re-envision it and create something beautiful and enjoy it further."





## CROSS COUNTRY

*Elementary students from across the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District took part in the Cross Country running race. Intermediate grades ran around Alouette Lake, while the primary grades ran at the Albion Sports Complex.*







Left to right: Jasmin Biln, Zayda Tahid, and Zarina Ahmedjonova encouraged students at Eric Langton Elementary to walk, cycle, scooter, or take transit to school to reduce their carbon footprint as part of the Go Green Together campaign.

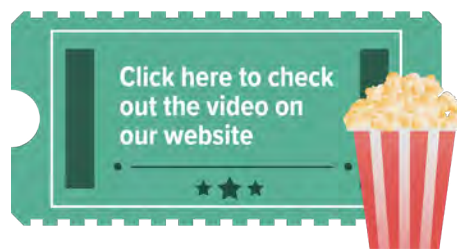
## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

# STUDENTS GO GREEN TOGETHER IN SD42

Students and teachers in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District found new ways to reduce their environmental footprint as part of the Go Green Together Campaign.

Alexandra Tudose, the district's manager of energy and environmental sustainability, said for the month of April students reduced packaging in their lunches, found alternative ways of commuting, and shut off unnecessary lighting to conserve energy.

"It encouraged staff and students to think a little bit differently about their actions, whether it is waste, or the way they use energy in the buildings, or the way they commute to school," she said. "The purpose of the campaign was to become a little bit more sustainable as a school district."



Tudose added that she hoped new habits were forged during the campaign that will carry over to the rest of the school year.

Students at Eric Langton Elementary, one of the nine schools that participated, focused on finding energy-efficient ways of get to and from school every day.

"We put posters around the school and we encouraged everyone to walk, bike, scooter, or take

transit to school," said Zarina Ahmedjonova, a Grade 7 student, who with Zayda Tahid and Jasmin Biln promoted the campaign at ELE.

"A lot of the primary classes especially were really enthusiastic," said Tahid. "They were trying their best to come to school in a different way other than just cars."

Tudose noted that the small initiatives can go a long way toward reducing the school district's carbon footprint.

"They can even take it home and show their parents and their neighbours how we can all be a little more sustainable," she said.



## Garibaldi Secondary became a full accredited IB Middle Years Program school in 2022

**G**aribaldi Secondary is now fully certified to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP), an innovative curriculum that gives students the chance to think critically and direct their own learning.

The designation follows a five-year accreditation process and makes Garibaldi one of only three schools in the province to offer both the MYP for grades 8 to 10 and International Baccalaureate certificate and diploma for grades 11 and 12.

“The day-to-day standard of instruction is incredibly high,” said principal Ian Liversidge. “To go through the authentication process gives validation to all the work we have done and to go through it with such positive feedback speaks very highly of the professionals that work in this building.”

The MYP was first introduced at Garibaldi in 2017, launching the five-year review process that saw outside IB observers review and guide the school through the implementation of the program. Liversidge said having the MYP will better prepare students to meet the rigorous academic challenges of the IB certificate and diploma programs, which the school already offers to students in Grades 11 and 12.

“We are looking to develop global thinkers who are exceptionally well rounded,” Liversidge added.

Founded in 1968, International Baccalaureate is a non-profit foundation headquartered in



Switzerland. The program is built around the IB learner profile, which emphasizes global thinking and eases the transition to high levels of education and post-secondary institutions.

“Traditionally, in school we would give the student the lab with all the directions, and they would just follow it and see what happens,” said Helen Carelse, a biology teacher and MYP coordinator at GSS. With the MYP, “there is a focus more on making it so that students are doing the thinking themselves. So, they will observe something, ask their own questions, and then design a lab around that question.”

“It’s like being able to apply the principles in a real-life context,” said Assunta Budd, another science teacher and MYP coordinator.

The learning method extends to all kinds of subjects, she added. For example, in PE, students come up with their own workout plans at first for themselves and then for someone else in a more client-based setting.



In math, students plan a simulated trip on a fixed budget, working out what they can and can’t afford and ways of saving money as they outline the details of their journey.

“It’s not like read a book and then write a test,” said Saleh Shan, a Grade 10 student. “It’s more like you are actually engaging with the material that is given.”

Nethmi Jayakody, another Grade 10 student, said the critical-thinking skills developed with the MYP will help her as she begins the IB diploma program next year and eventually moves on to university.

“It really helps to develop and strengthen the core skills that are necessary for post-secondary,” she said.





# Curriculum meets latest tech at CyberSchool

Students with an interest in technology are increasingly turning to the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District CyberSchool for their final elementary years.

The program gives self-motivated, independent learners in Grade 6 and 7 the opportunity to conduct a portion of their schooling online, learning how to utilize the internet when collaborating on projects with their peers.

“CyberSchool has taught me important skills for high school,” said Leah, a Grade 7 student in the final year of the program. “I know how to manage my own time independently and I am more confident with sharing my own ideas and work with others.”

Students begin the program in September working in class at Alouette Elementary five days a week. Program instructor Neysa Dew said students learn how plan their schedules and prepare for their lessons before moving online for one day a week in October. By November, the students are online two days and in class for three days, which is the format for the duration of the year.

“September is there to make sure the kids are setup for success,” Dew said. “We teach them the things



*Students in the SD42 CyberSchool program utilize Schoology to do their course work.*

they need to know at the beginning of the year.”

The flexible online format ensures parents are in the loop when it comes to scheduling and assignments. Grading rubrics and feedback are all posted online and a list is sent home every week outlining the projects and tasks that are coming up.

“Everything is available to both students and parents,” Dew said. “They don’t have to wait to see how their kid is doing. They can see every comment that comes back to the kids.”

While the program follows the standard curriculum, it offers some courses that are not always available in the general elementary school stream.

For example, instructor

Mark Smeed said film techniques is a popular class, giving students the opportunity to meld their story-telling abilities with the latest video equipment and editing software. Photography is another popular course, he added, teaching composition and editing of high-quality images.

He noted that being at home gives students new settings and environments beyond the schoolyard where they can hone their camera abilities.

“At school, the settings don’t work,” Smeed said. “With access to these other places, they can explore and use some of the techniques that we teach them.”

SD42 CyberSchool students spend three days

a week in class and two days at home doing online learning.

No matter the course, students are challenged to find creative ways to problem solve and work together online. Dew said she has seen students “find their voice” over the course of the program and develop close connections with their peers.

They also get more regular one-on-one time with their instructors, she added, and kids are often more comfortable communicating with teachers directly, rather than in a classroom setting.

“We can work with them individually,” she said. “They aren’t in front of their peers asking the questions... We get to connect with students one-on-one on something they are specifically working on.”

CyberSchool prepares students with the skills they will need for high school, post secondary, and beyond, Smeed said. Dew added that as work increasingly moves online, the program equips young people with the tools necessary to be good and discerning digital citizens.

“The kids are online a lot,” she said. “There is a lot of conversation and teachable moments around how to use the internet safely,” said Dew.





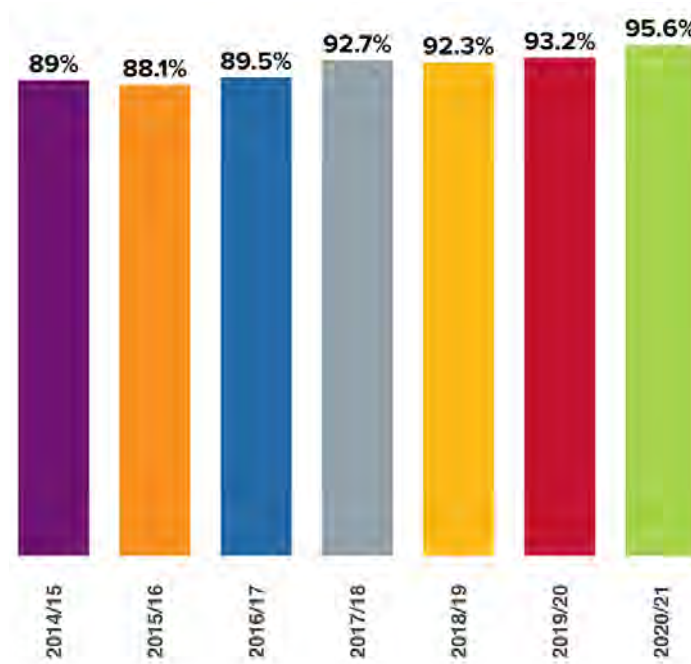
# SD42 graduation rate hits new high in 2021/22

**G**raduation rates in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District reached new heights last year.

According to the latest B.C. Ministry of Education 2020/21 data, 95.6% of SD42 students completed Grade 12 within six years of enrolling in Grade 8, up from 93.2% in 2019/20.

“The results are phenomenal,” said Board Chair Korleen Carreras. “The year-over-year increase shows the hard work and commitment of our dedicated teachers and staff.”

Students with diverse needs also saw their graduation rate hit a seven-year high of



85.3% in 2020/21, while the graduation rate for students with Indigenous

ancestry fell slightly from the seven-year high of 86.2% in 2019/20 to 84.1%

in 2020/21.

The number of students graduating with honours is also on the rise, with 71% receiving the recognition. Among Indigenous students, 60% graduated with honours in 2020/21, up from 47% the year before, while students with diverse needs also saw an increase from 53% to 59%.

“Students are not only graduating at higher rates, but they are doing it with distinction,” said SD42 superintendent Harry Dhillon. “The rise in honours graduates is the product of hard work and focus, and everyone in the district should be proud of these results.”

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION UNDERWAY AT RIDGE MEADOWS COLLEGE



**WILL CARNE**

*Manager, Ridge Meadows College*

Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows residents do not need to travel far if they are looking for employment-focused post-secondary educational opportunities.

Ridge Meadows College is increasingly the school people are turning to for a variety of programs and hands-on industry experience designed to get students into the work force, said RMC manager Will Carne.

“We will work to find the right fit for you,” he said, noting registration is currently underway for several course offerings. “All of our programs are designed with employment in mind so that our graduates are able to go right into the work force and be successful in whatever it is they choose to do.”

RMC offers a number of certificate and trades programs as well as individual courses for professional development and general interest.

Carne added that the college is an ideal choice for anyone looking for training as an administrative office specialist, a building service worker, an early childhood educator, or an education assistant. He noted that the college partners local organizations and industry leaders to promote job placement for most of its programs.

“We have a lot of students who are coming to us straight out of high school,” he said. “Others are looking to get back into school after a break. Some are thinking of us as a bridge to larger colleges in Metro Vancouver.”

Visit [rmcollege.sd42.ca](https://rmcollege.sd42.ca)  
for more information





## SD42 EQUITY SCAN

# DEEPENING INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND EQUITY

In August 2016, the BC Ministry of Education and six pilot school districts created a project to help ensure equitable experiences and educational activities for all Indigenous learners. Now in its fifth year, the Equity in Action Project is proving to be a powerful tool in supporting Indigenous learners across the province.

Central to the Equity in Action Project is a framework based on a five-stage process for assessing the educational experiences of Indigenous learners in schools. The process aims to go deeply into the culture and norms of each district to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement and enables districts to respond strategically.

In July 2020, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District, along with 14 other districts in the province, received the request to complete its Equity Scan process in order to identify both promising practices and barriers that impact the achievement and success of Indigenous students.

In response, our school district secured the services of Dr. Amy Parent in November 2020, requesting that Dr. Parent lead this work at a deeper, more comprehensive level than what was outlined in the ministry requirement.

To prepare the report, Dr. Parent and her team of researchers included extensive public engagement that included Katzie First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation, Golden Ears Métis Society, Fraser Valley Indigenous Society, the Board of Education, senior management team, managers, teachers, principals/vice-principals, students, support staff, caregivers, and community members.

Dr. Parent completed her work in June 2022. Her research findings are captured in a 200-page report, titled [\*Deepening Indigenous Education and Equity: Supporting the Wholistic Success of Indigenous Learners, Families, and Communities in Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42\*](#). The report includes a comprehensive list of recommendations for next steps.

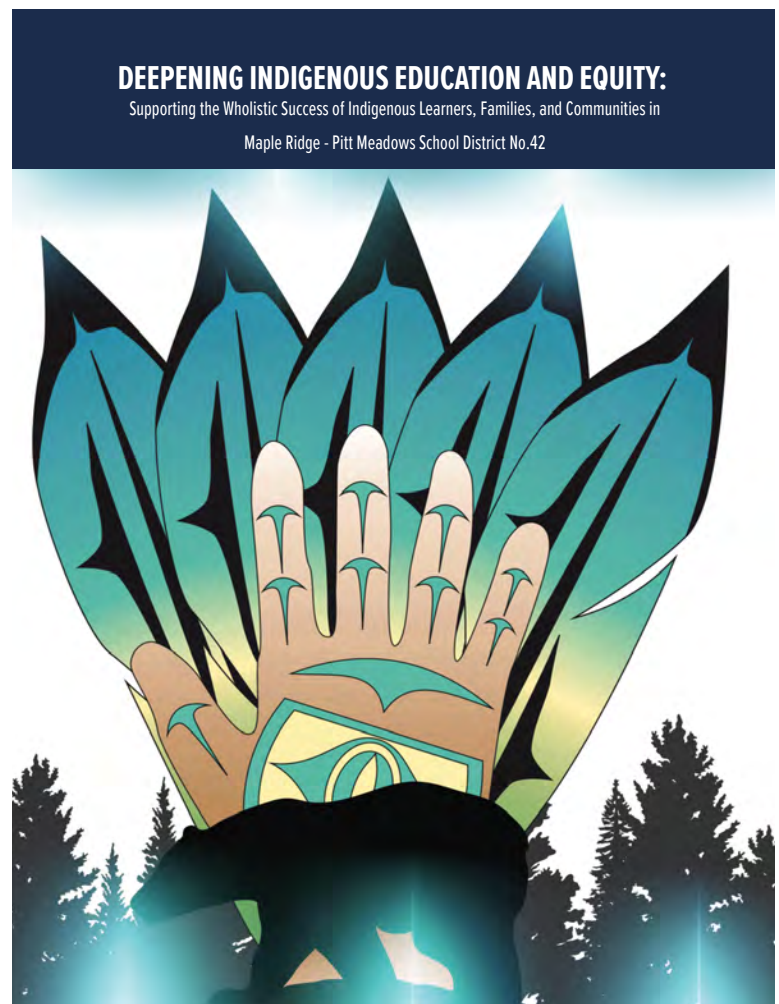
The full report was presented to the Board of Education at the June 15, 2022, public meeting, at which time the board approved the recommendation to develop an action plan that will give consideration to the recommendations set out in Dr. Parent's report.

We look forward to the important work that lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Harry Dhillon

Superintendent of Schools





# SD42 ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENTS

## SENIOR STAFF PLACEMENTS

- **Cheryl Schwartz**, Principal, Maple Ridge Secondary School to **Assistant Superintendent**

## PRINCIPAL PLACEMENTS

- **Grant Frend**, Principal, Thomas Haney Secondary School to Principal, **Maple Ridge Secondary School**
- **Darren Rowell**, Principal, Westview Secondary School to Principal, **Thomas Haney Secondary School**
- **Cathryn Blanco**, Principal, Davie Jones Elementary School to Principal, **Westview Secondary School**
- **Jen Simon**, Principal, Eric Langton Elementary School to Principal, **Pitt Meadows Elementary School** (including district leadership of the French Immersion and FSL programs)
- **Brandy McIntyre**, Principal, Highland Park Elementary School to Principal, **Eric Langton Elementary School**
- **Wes Reamsbottom**, Principal, Hammond Elementary School to Principal, **Whonnock Elementary School**
- **Adam Stanley**, Principal, Alexander Robinson Elementary School to Principal, **Hammond Elementary School**
- **Ramin Mehrassa**, Principal, Webster's Corners Elementary School to Principal, **Alexander Robinson Elementary School**
- **Laureen Hickey**, Principal, Blue Mountain Elementary School to Principal, **Webster's Corners Elementary School**
- **Nicole McKenzie**, from Vice Principal, Fairview Elementary School to continuing Principal, **Environmental School**
- **Jennifer Walker**, Vice Principal, Yennadon Elementary School to continuing Principal, **Highland Park Elementary School**
- **Julie Clarke**, Vice Principal, Alouette Elementary School to continuing Principal, **Blue Mountain Elementary School**
- **Jennifer Beveridge**, Vice Principal, Pitt Meadows Elementary School to continuing Principal, **Davie Jones Elementary School**

## VICE PRINCIPAL PLACEMENTS

- **Kathleen Anderson**, Vice Principal, **Aboriginal Education**
- **Lisa Kania**, Vice Principal, Harry Hooge Elementary School to Vice Principal, **Thomas Haney Secondary School**
- **Laura Bruce**, Vice Principal, cəsqənele Elementary School to Vice Principal, **Fairview Elementary School**
- **Jugana Bikic**, Vice Principal, Kanaka Creek Elementary School to Vice Principal, **Pitt Meadows Elementary School**
- **Andrea MacInnes**, Vice Principal, Glenwood Elementary School to Vice Principal, **Yennadon Elementary School**
- **Diane Wadden**, acting Vice Principal, International Education/ELL to continuing Vice Principal, **Riverside Centre and ELL**
- **Christina Crump**, acting Vice Principal, Golden Ears Elementary School to continuing Vice Principal, **Golden Ears Elementary School**
- **Meghan Murden**, acting Vice Principal, Harry Hooge Elementary to continuing Vice Principal, **Harry Hooge Elementary School**
- **Melissa Ferris**, Elementary Itinerant Counsellor to continuing Vice Principal, **Alouette Elementary School**
- **Julie Ashley**, District Helping Teacher, Learning Services to continuing Vice Principal, **Highland Park Elementary School**
- **Daniel Katz**, Elementary Itinerant Counsellor to continuing Vice Principal, **Glenwood Elementary School**
- **Tara Tait**, Teacher, Safe & Caring Schools to continuing Vice Principal, **cəsqənele Elementary School**
- **Andrea Munro**, Teacher, Kanaka Creek Elementary to acting Vice Principal, **Kanaka Creek Elementary** effective July 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023.





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Dear Students, Parents, and Caregivers:

As we approach summer break, I want to express my heartfelt congratulations for your many accomplishments this year.

Since the return from spring break, I hope you have found joy, belonging, and accomplishment in your school community. I heard from many who were excited about the return to in-person events, such as concerts, science fairs, field trips and the BC School Sports Championships that were hosted with fans in the stands, safely, this year.

Now, with summer in our sights, it is time to relax and recharge, do the things you love, and spend time with the people who bring you joy. Whether you are preparing to move on to a new grade in September, or transitioning to middle or secondary school, know that the challenges you have faced with courage, grace, and compassion have helped shape you for what is ahead.

To the graduating class of 2022, you are taking exciting steps toward your new chapter. No matter where life takes you, I encourage every graduate to keep learning, to keep asking questions, and to never settle for the status quo when you know things can be better. Follow your conscience, follow your passions, with an open heart and an open mind, and you will live full and rewarding lives.

We live in a province full of opportunity, and those in the graduating class of 2022 have become educated citizens who are thoughtful, creative, and capable. You are prepared for your next steps in life, and the future is yours for the taking.

As you look forward to what is to come, this is a time to celebrate.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I wish you all a full and fun-filled summer, with time to refresh and prepare for an exciting school year in 2022/23.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whiteside  
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## **I Need My Monster series by Amanda Noll**

Albion Elementary teacher-librarian Jennifer Hughes

I love this monster-under-the-bed series by Amanda Noll and illustrated by Howard McWilliam. It all starts with *I Need My Monster*, where Ethan discovers that his monster, Gabe, has left to go fishing. Ethan can't possibly go to bed without his monster. But for most children, monsters under the bed are not things we discuss. They don't exist. Oh, but they do, in full colour, in full scariness and silliness. And each with a unique voice and personality suited to a specific child.

These stories are so wonderful to read aloud to children. I often see young ones with a small look of hesitation in their eyes when I start reading, but by the end they are giggling, and I like to believe they are imagining what their monster would look like. Children go from shivers to laughter by the end of the story, and I can't keep this series on the shelf.



## **Borders by Thomas King**

č̓əsq̓anəł̓ Elementary teacher-librarian Janet Smith

I first read this graphic novel during the summer of 2021 when I saw this CBC blurb. As a non-Indigenous person, Thomas King's works have been a source of understanding and insight for me into Indigenous culture, storytelling, and worldview. Growing up on the prairies, I too travelled into the United States using the same border crossing described by the Blackfoot family. An authentic resource helping students wonder about freedom of travel, land rights, and citizenship, this book is a timely reminder that current political boundaries continue to limit traditional connections. Natural water paths are reminding us that the line on the map has only been there for a brief time and that we have a lot to learn about traditional land use, familial ties, and the stories that connect us. This graphic novel is based on a short story by King of the same name.



## **Red and Lulu by Matt Tavares**

Yennadon Elementary teacher-librarian Candace Kibbins

This story of two bonded cardinals that get separated, and the frantic search for Lulu by Red, culminates in the magic of the Rockefeller Christmas tree. I love everything about this book! I love the bird's eye views, the incredible artwork, and the story of the persistence of Red while he searches for Lulu. I also found the back matter fascinating as the author, Matt Tavares, explains the choosing of the Rockefeller trees.

I love that the cardinals stay in the city after the holidays are over because it shows that sometimes unexpected things can lead to new opportunities and that resilience abounds. An absolutely beautiful book with a sweet feel to it.





## Lift by Minh Lê and Dan Santat

Blue Mountain Elementary teacher-librarian Amanda Terris

Lift is a story about sibling rivalry, an elevator button, and imagination. Have you ever been annoyed by a younger brother? Iris has. Iris' job was to push the buttons in the elevator, and then one day her little brother does: Betrayal! Iris finds an old elevator button in the trash and puts it beside her bedroom door. She pushes the button, walks through the door, and the adventure into her imagination begins.

I love this picture book graphic novel by Minh Lê and illustrated by Dan Santat because you can see Iris's imagination come to life and her vivid adventures. You also get to experience how Iris feels about her little brother, along with the ups and the downs of their relationship. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to use their imagination to take them on an adventure or a vacation. After all, we could all use one!



## Aggie Morton Mystery Queen series by Marthe Jocelyn

Eric Langton Elementary teacher-librarian Debra Vermette

Do you love solving mysteries? There's a young new detective just dying to meet you!! Twelve-year-old Aggie Morton (inspired by real-life Agatha Christie) and her friend Hector Perot always seem to be in the wrong place at the right time. They have an uncanny knack for becoming involved in murder cases, and a great deal of snoopiness to help them solve the crime. I loved trying to figure out "whodunit" along with these two adventurous sleuths. Author Marthe Jocelyn has written this engaging series of real page-turners, keeping you guessing right to the end!!



## Pony by R.J. Palacio

Alouette Elementary teacher-librarian Jennifer Waterman

We all know that the path to a lifelong love of reading is through amazing books – the ones that capture your heart and mind forever. An author who has captured my heart with many wonderful books has done it again! R.J. Palacio's Pony is a beautiful, heart twisting story that starts in the dead of night when twelve-year-old Silas watches powerlessly as three strangers ride onto his farm and take away his dad. Silas is left afraid, shaken, and alone except for his companion, Mittenwool, who happens to be a ghost. When a mysterious pony shows up the next day, Silas decides that he is going to search for his dad. Silas' journey to find his father connects him with his past, his future, and the unknowable world around him.

I learned so much from this book and could not put it down. If you like R.J. Palacio or historical fiction (the story setting is 1880s America), you will love this book. And maybe, like me, you will slow down reading as you near the end, because with every page turned you know that the story is closer to finishing. And maybe like me, when you turn the last page, you will go right back to the beginning and start all over again!







## **The Smart Cookie by Jory John and Pete Oswald**

École Laity View Elementary teacher-librarian Natalie Clark

I fell in love with Jory John and Pete Oswald's The Good Egg and the rest of The Food Group Team series years ago, and I have been collecting all the books for my libraries at school and at home ever since. You can imagine my delight when they released their newest book, The Smart Cookie! As much as I love all books from the series, I believe this one is my new favourite. The Smart Cookie tells the tale of an adorable cookie, who has some struggles at school, doesn't get the best grades, and is last to finish most assignments. Cookie often feels lost, confused, and unable to keep up – many of us have experienced these feelings at some point in our lives.



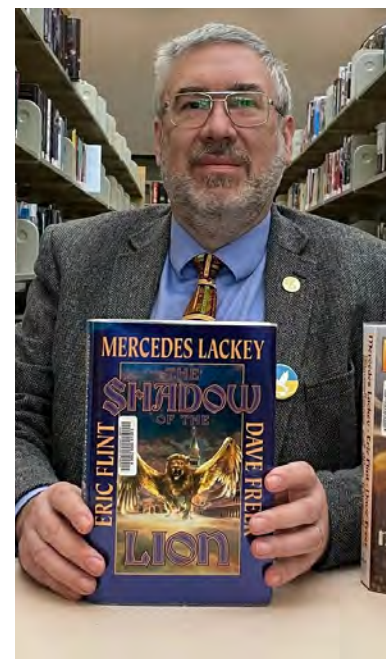
One day Cookie's teacher assigns a project where students are invited to create anything they want. With this freedom, Cookie begins to explore a variety of options and discovers a new love of poetry. With the support and encouragement of the teacher and friends, Cookie finds a new passion and learns that we are all smart in our own way. With this positive experience at school, Cookie begins to feel confident and brave, willing to raise a hand and try, saying "sure, some things still don't come as easily for me as they do for others. But now I know that you can be smart in many different ways." This is such a powerful message delivered in such a sweet package. Supporting a growth mindset and a love of learning, I can't recommend this book enough. Oh, and if you are a fan of this series as much as I am, it might interest you to know that John and Oswald have just announced their latest friend to join the Food Group Team – a grape! I wonder if he will be sour.

## **The Shadow of the Lion by Mercedes Lackey, Eric Flint and Dave Freer** *Garibaldi Secondary teacher-librarian Keith Thomson*

The most difficult thing about #FridayReads is which author and which book to choose. There are so many good ones amongst the thousands on offer in the library! It is not an easy choice, and I must confess that I really could not decide on an author, so I selected a book created by three authors. The Shadow of the Lion is written by Mercedes Lackey, Eric Flint and Dave Freer, all award-winning authors of fantasy and science fiction books. Any of their books is worth reading, but when the three of them get together, it results in a truly great book.

The Shadow of the Lion is the first book in the Heirs of Alexandria series, so if you enjoy it there are another five waiting for you. An alternate history, the story is set in Renaissance Venice. But it is a different world, one in which the Library of Alexandria was not destroyed, and its secrets of magic were not lost. In the murky canals of Venice, a terrifying monster lurks while members of two of Venice's oldest families struggle to survive and defeat this evil. But the monster is only a servant of a greater evil that has plans for destroying Venice and much else. Who will control this jewel of the Mediterranean?

I loved exploring this interesting alternate world, while learning about real historical characters and locations. It's a fascinating mix of history and fantasy. Enjoy!





## ALL TOGETHER NOW SUMMER READING CLUB 2022

**T**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 2022 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 All Together Now, and there are clubs for all ages, including Kids (0 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](http://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.).



Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal! Visit [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca) to register.





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## HANNAH MACQUARRIE

**F**or Hannah MacQuarrie, secondary school was a constant balancing act between academic deadlines and the rigid practice schedule that comes with being a high-level volleyball player.

So, when she discovered that she could take her high school courses at her own pace through the School District 42 Continuing Education program, it was a game changer.

"It was about flexibility," she said of the online course offerings. "I was able to focus on myself and what worked best for me at the time."

MacQuarrie played for several high-level club teams when she was in secondary school and found that

the Continuing Education program allowed her to set her own schedule. When she graduated, she was offered several collegiate opportunities in her sport, but decided to stay in the Lower Mainland and work in the health care field.

Today, the 22-year-old SD42 grad is finishing up nursing school, which she started in 2018, and began her first job at BC Children's Hospital.

"I really enjoyed it," she said of her time in the program. "I continued to do well academically, but it just opened up all these other aspects."

She said her education path may not be for everybody, but she encouraged anyone juggling a sport and schooling to consider the Continuing Education program.

"You are working independently, so you kind of take on the role of teacher and student," she said. "You need to be self-motivated and discipline."

*"It was about flexibility. I was able to focus on myself and what worked best for me at the time."*





## DESIREE BARTELS

**A**fter years of working various odd jobs in retail and the restaurant business, Desiree Bartels wanted to make a change.

There was just one problem: She never finished Grade 12 and many of the career programs she was looking at required a high school diploma.

"I knew I had to go back to school," she said. "I just never thought I could graduate. I didn't think I had it in me."

That is when she discovered the School District 42 Continuing Education program.

After sitting down with an instructor, she said she was able to get the confidence she needed to take the next step in her academic career.

"From the first meeting, I knew it was going to be great," she said. "Nobody ever made it that easy for me."

The 35-year-old was initially concerned that it would take years of course work for her to get her diploma. However, Bartels was pleased to learn that much of the work experience she garnered over the years could count for school credit. She was also amazed at how much her career experience helped her with her courses.

Bartels liked school so much, she kept going after receiving her high school diploma last December. She is currently enrolled in a program to become a medical office assistant and said she will be looking to enhance her education with more courses.

"I definitely want to go further," she said. "There is going to be more schooling after this. [The Continuing Education program] really helped me. I can't say enough good things about it."

*"From my first meeting, I knew it was going to be great. Nobody ever made it this easy for me."*



# JOIN OUR TEAM!

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

**A**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](https://sd42.ca/teaching-application-process).***





# CELEBRATING THE **CLASS OF 2022**



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 2022,

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your lives. Your secondary school experience has taken place during truly unprecedented historical times, and I continue to be impressed with your resilience and tenacity. I hope you remember these days and use these experiences as you go forward and face new challenges in your lives.

While graduation celebrates the end of your time in the school district, it also marks a new beginning in your journey. In your 13 years in the classroom, you have witnessed technological innovations and societal changes that will shape your generation for years to come. You have the opportunity to help create the world in which you want to live, and I know you leave here equipped with the tools and the talent to help guide you in these endeavours.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your hard work during your time with us and congratulate you on this tremendous accomplishment. We will always remember your contribution to our schools and community and look forward to seeing what you achieve in the next phase of your life.

Harry Dhillon,  
*Superintendent of Schools*



### Congratulations to the class of 2022!

This is such an exciting time for you and your families as you graduate from high school and look forward to your next journey. We know these last few years with us has looked very different from what you were hoping for, but you have been extraordinary in showing us how compassionate, creative, and resilient you are. And as we transition into a post pandemic world, we need those attributes now more than ever before.

Your voice is powerful, and you have a unique opportunity to use it to build a better and more just world — a world that values and champions, inclusion, and equity. We have listened to you and learned from you, and we have no doubt that you are up to this challenge!

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 2022.

Korleen Carreras,  
*Board Chairperson*





## Congratulations Garibaldi Secondary 2022 grads!

Devyn Adams	Emma Gushue	Sereena Namu-Kelley	Emma Wamboldt
Arabella Alegria	Christopher Haehnel	Kairi Nishimiya	Braiden Weger
James Allaby	Alyx Hawrysh	Jasmine Olynk	Maeve Whalley
Emma Anderson	Tyler Hillman	Arabella O'Shea	Rebecca Wheeler
Owen Anderson	Laura Hodgins	Lorenzo Pacheco	Arianna Wilson
Sydney Anderson	Kylie Holme	Nabi Park	Julia Wilson Rique
Eric Aslan	Nicholas Hughes	Kodi Paton	Jeffery Wu
Cory Bai	Xelena Clarisse Ilon	Anna Pattie	Jasper (Duo) Xu
Arden Baumgartner	McKenna Jarrett-Becroft	Trina Pham	Sam (Seungmin) Yuh
Jordan Beadell	Rachel Jo	Alexis Piso	Zachary Yurisich
Connor Blake	Dimitri Katsionis	Shelby Poole	Luis Zavala Hernandez
Grayson Block	Llondolyn Kelly	Alexander Preocanin	Susie Zimmerman
Brett Blower	Jack Kenny	Isa Rahman	
Danika Booth	Christina (Nahyun) Kim	Jake Rasmus	
Connor Bradley	Justin (Joongyoon) Kim	Tianna Read	
Taryn Cannon	Mitchell Kinley	Alayna Redford	
Isabella Cerros	Keisha Kisen	Taryn Redmond	
Keshav Chand	Natosca Kolebaba	Avery Redder	
Adishvar Cheema	Umay Gunes Koseoglu	Zachary Regnier	
CiCi Chen	Channpreet Kular	Keira Renaud	
Wing Sze Chen	Shimon Kupershlak	Logan Rindero	
Cassie Chia	Jillian La Pensee	Brett Rychkun	
Tyla Cholewka	Jaiden Laquitar	Jina Ryu	
Alex Cihelka	Emma Lara	Sumaia Sadat	
Amelia Clutche	Brieanna Launder	Rozey Saeed	
Haydon Crampton	Preston Leahy Page	Recce Selvey	
Leela Cruikshank	Harden (Minwoo) Lee	Ka Ming Jaden Shum	
Bob Cui	Nick Lee	Keerat Singh	
Danica Custance	Tyler Lindgren	Eric Skinner	
Tovi Davis	Brianna Logan	Jacob Smith	
Trinity Dees	Willa Ludeman	Nolan Smith	
Gianni Dickinson	Ethan Lui	Noah Speer	
Natasha Doss	Owen Lyons	Anthony Squeo	
Alan Eikelenboom	Marc Lyotier	Derrick Steeves	
James (Daecham) Eom	Logan MacDicken	Madison Stewart	
Ma Yessa Estella	Lucas Machula	Haruto Takagi	
Katelyn Evjent	Shaelen Mahboubian	Zya Tale	
Jeanice Fabian	Maxwell Mahoney	Megan Tan	
Regina Fang	Colby Makinen	Lexi Tanaka	
Luc Fitkall	Alexis Mallais	Chiara Teal	
Steele Flintermann	Payten Marfleet	Maya Timmins	
Bryce Fontaine	Elis McCallum	Mason Timmins-Smith	
Maxwell Fowle	Trevor McCallum	Caelan Timms	
Jaelyn Frend	Harley McFarlane	Sam Trenciansky	
Claire Frew	Alana McKay	Katrina Van De Kerhof	
Aiden Fuchs	Shane McKay	Jakob Van Zuthem	
Sydney Fulton	Josiah McKenna	Tyler Vargas	
Logan Geisler	Jacob McPherson	Connor Vilas	
Emily Gervan	Chiara Melloni	Lane Viscount	
Setareh Ghotbi	Todd Miller	Bronson Volker	
	Karma Morris	Elizaveta Volkova	
	Karly Mortimer	Sebastian Wagner	
	Seth Murdoch	Klara Wallocha	



## Congratulations **Maple Ridge Secondary** 2022 grads!

Ryan Adam	Jaida Clancy	Kaitlyn Hetherington	Ryland McWilliam	Jordan Schulz-Russell
Wahed Ahmadi	Ben Coghill	Genji Hirano	Keenan Medford	Violet Seaman
Zachary Aitken	Ryan Colpitts	Autumn Hoelscher	Mya Melquist	Samuel Selcer
Abby Alain	Cameron Cooper	Lukas Hokanson	Juliana Middleton	Lola Sella
Tristan Allan	Gabi Cordeiro	Ayden Holmes	Jordan Mitchell	Braeden Severinski
Corrina Altwasser	Teegan Coreau	Evan Horstman	Tyler Mitchell	Nicholas Shaw
Angelica Amado Cantor	Dara Coulter	Sayer Horton	Emma Moon	Elizabeth Sinow
Shelby Armour	Alicia Craig	Kian Hosseinmardi	Julian Morales	Isabella Skjerpen
Mathew Ashley	Jessica Creasey	Ashton Howard	Izaiah Moreno-Lee	Gavin Smith
Madisyn Ashton	Alec Croft	Erynn Hucul	Riley Morrison	Asher Solonyinka
Nargis Azizi	Landon Croft	Carter Hugill	Emiliano Mortazavi	Jason Soo
Brayden Badesha	Alexander Curtis	Brendan Hyland	Presley Moyer Hall	Abdiel Sosa
Jenny Balaban	Reece Daciuk	Badr Ibraheem	Clara Murley	Jesse Sousa
Gavin Banman	Rees Dailey	Ashley Iddon	Tyler Mustvedt	Branden Stott
Hayley Barbour	RJ DePaiva	Anna Jackson	Arsh Muti	Neve Stott
Matilde Barilli	Amanda Deakin	Jodi Jackson	Ana Beatriz Muzeti	Luke Sturgeon
Tyler Barteski	Angelo Deck	Emily Jakeway	Peres	Andrew Sun
Gabrielle Bastiaanssen	Barleen Dhillon	Sierra Jarocki	Caden Myrdal	Magdaline Surbey
Aislin Bates	Alexandra Didicher	Kylee Jarvis	Shriya Narayan	Zoltan Szabo
Renee Bayer	Kayla Donaldson	Ella Jennings	Aryan Navjee	Jordan Tait
Beckham Bell	Ben Doucette	Hailey Jeong	Balkees Nawabi	Vashaun Temple
Ryan Bell	Djoeke Catharina	Nathan Jiang	Erin Neufeld	Jacob Therrien
Emily Bentley	Douma	Paige Johnson	Summer Nickel	Tyson Thomas
Tiana Bikic	Melania Drozdowski	Brook Johnstone	Wyatt Nicol	Daniella Thompson
Noah Bil	Cade Eiri	Cealan Josephine	Lola Onifade	Ella Todd
Alec Birnie	Hannah Ekman	Chelsea Karsten	Japhet Oyewale	Bobby Todorov
Tayah Bitter	Rida El-Masri	Quinten Katrynuk	Tommaso Pairone	Martina Togno
Cole Blake-Boyne	Kaelyn Elliott	Bryant Kelleway	Kelly Park	Dylan Toledo
Rachel Boles	Maya Elliott	Jackson Kenney	Tamyka Paul	Ellie Townend
Elisa Bonaldo	Melike Erenli	Jaden Klynsoon	Ethan Peever	Emily Trinh
Rhys Bowden	Jessica Fang	Momoka Komiya	Chloe Pepper	Anthony Tsigensky
Brandon Brauer-Voros	Jacob Feil	Savannah Kozak	Gustavo Perez Guti- errez	Danny Turmel
Sophia Briggs	Tristan Fernandes	Andrew La Grange	Patrizia Peroni	Catherine Verlaan
Ashlyn Brown	Ty Fisher	Angela Lang	Jayne Perry	Reid Verrier
Maryanne Brownsword	Gabe Fitzpatrick	Kiana Lazarus	Riley Pierce	Matthew Wade
Jackson Buchan	Shanesse Floyd	Joshua Ledo	Ben Pitcher	Georgia Wagner-Stiles
Kristen Burke	Aurora Fontana	Kaiya LeFloch	Ella Podulsky	Jace Weisser
Monica Bzowski	Hailey Forster	Thomas Li	Alvin Ram	Tianna Whalen-Young
Amanda Cambridge	Ella Frazao	Jared Lindgrin	Alex Reid	Kiara White
Maeve Campbell	Jasmine Fuller	Cole Lindsay	Christian Reid	Meghan White
Jordan Canavan	Sadie Gaden	Jane Liu	Robynn Reid	Alivia Wicklund
Evander Carlson	Katrina Gonzales	Jeffrey Liu	Hannah Rekdal	Kenzie Wikene
Kyla Carlson	Jacob Gossen	Maya Larena	Dylan Richardson	Norah Wilkes
Ryan Carr	Colin Gordon	Wisstar Lu	Laiken Richardson	Cara Williams
Christopher Carter	Joshua Gordon	Ranniel Macasaet	Anna Robertson	Kaeleigh Winchester
Emma Sara Casoni	Marvin Granale	Riley MacDonald	Geraldine Ruiz	Tylor Wojdak
Paige Champagne	Maya Greenough	Ella MacKinnon	Patrik Rytir	Marcus Wong
Isadora Chan	Chelsea Groves	Cody Malawsky	Erin Ryu	Lidia Wood
Ting Chen	Nayan Gurm	Lana Malik	Nicole Sabatino	Iain Worobey
Sahil Chhokar	Kaia Haintz	Peyton Mangat	Chavisa Sae Ung	Joshua Yensen
Suneh Chhokar	Sophia Halas	Bridgid Maylor	Parisa Salar-Arefi	Jake Young
Ethan Choo	Brett Hamaliuk	Seamus McCauley	Aiden Sanderson	David Zhang
Micaela Churchill-Browne	Maggie Hampton	Dylan McCuaig	Pavandeep Sandhu	Haoliang Zhao
	Steven Hanover	Ella McCue	Jakob Sawyer	Lana Zhukovskaya
	Daniela Hanzlik	Quade McDonald	Maya Say	Tyler Zytnyk
	Mitchell Haynes	Liam McGaughey	Sarah Schild	
	Madeleine Headley	Jessie McKinney	Shianne Schill	
	Kirsten Henson	Mariah McKinney		





## Congratulations Pitt Meadows Secondary 2022 grads!

Owen Adagbonyin  
Fatima Al-Aukabi  
Zachery Amschl  
Faith Angeles  
Sydney Apfelbaum  
Caden Arden  
Jack Armstrong  
Alexis Aujla  
Alexandra Baker  
Peniel Baldiconza  
Kesler Bandringa  
Layla BaObaid  
Mikhail Basco  
Darman Basra  
Jaskiran Bassi  
Allison Baust  
Ethan Beard  
Dawson Beatty  
Shawn Bonner  
Paige Bourgeois  
Amritpaul Brar  
Manraj Brar  
Jayden Burrows  
Parker Campbell  
Jalem Canjura  
Fallon Carson  
Logan Carter  
Simona Cela  
Sarah Clark  
Kaleb Contreras  
Naomi Cooke  
Ella Darlington  
Garrett Darts  
Drew Davies  
Ethan Dawson  
Maxene De Chavez  
Denzel De Villa  
Preston Desilets

Arshdip Dhothar  
Reet Dosanjh  
Audrey Dougan  
Liam Doylend  
Franz John Paul Dreu  
Torben Duyvestyn  
Ali El Massri  
Annika Ellinson  
Jordyn Ellis  
Sara Farhang  
Camille Finnie  
Austen Fitzmaurice  
Hannah Fraser  
David Gautam  
Braeden Gibb  
Jenna Gossen  
Donald Green  
Trent Green  
Malcolm Griffis-Simpson  
Mikayla Haffend-  
en-Braithwaite  
Deegan Hall  
Avery Halliday  
Ryan Hamilton  
Nicholas Hatherly  
Anaka Haycock  
Ronin Heath  
Finn Hess  
Kevin Ho  
Taryn Hoffman  
Taya Hokanson  
Jordyn Hopia  
Kayla Howell  
Emma Hunter  
Kai Hussein  
Annika Hyde  
Lainy Jacobsen  
Erinn Johnson  
Lynn Kim  
Daylen Kirkham  
Caleb Kito  
Grant Leuvekamp  
Braiden Lewis

George Li  
Rachel Lindenbach  
Paige Lofthaug  
Libby Loria  
Mason Louie  
Mitchell MacDonald  
Ethan Mackie  
Nickolas Malone  
Kiana Manke  
Mudasser Mashal  
Allie Matijiw  
Marley Maxwell  
Gavin McAuley  
Max McCarron  
Sarah Meaden  
Michael Medeiros  
Gabor Miklos  
Ana Milos  
Lauryn Mitchelson  
Nusaiba Morshed  
Gursheen Nahal  
Prabhnoor Narwal  
Ethan Negraeff  
Zeena Oday Al-Jumaili  
Justin Osborne  
Cameron Owen-Paulus  
Anna Patrakova  
Austin Pattenden  
Mackenzie Paugh  
Chaylynn Pomfrey  
Pierce Radke  
Damion Ram  
Edward Pascual Ramos  
Alessio Reale  
Camille Redoblado  
Owen Rex  
Maia Richard  
Parker Rilcoff  
Olivia Rittich  
Braya Robertson  
Nick Robson  
Elizabeth Roemer  
Adam Rokman

Reanna Rousseau  
Hannah Ruzyski  
Xavier Salonga  
Manav Sandhu  
Hailey Savard  
Alexander Scott  
Benjamin Seers  
Spencer Shaw Jaworek  
Amanda Simms  
Aidan Simpson  
Danica Smit  
Alex Smith  
Sophia-Rose Snelgrove  
Nicholas Sobolewski  
Elisha Southcott  
Ella Southcott  
Payton Stanford  
Delaney Stolth  
Owen Sweet  
Emily Taylor  
Noor Tehmoor  
Ayden Thane  
Nicole Turgeon  
Anjeli Upper  
Josh Ursel  
Odeta Uwimana  
Shantel Vadina  
Talisa Vairo  
Dylan Van Bemmelen  
Riley Vandelaar  
Matthew Wallace  
Zijun Wang  
Claire Wedel  
Joshua White  
Avery Williams-Peter  
Charlotte Williams  
Alexandra Woodburne  
Kaden Worley  
Lyle Francis Yap  
Karen Zhou



## Congratulations Samuel Robertson Technical 2022 grads!

Ali Rezo Abdul Ahad	Claudia Drzewicki	Brooke Martin	Vincent Savenkoff
Ali Husain Abdul Saboor	Shaemus Dureau	Alexis Masibag	Tycen Sayers
Mitchell Alcinay	Ahmad Ehsani	Mackenzie Mate	Jessica Sharpe
Shamim Ali Akbari Sisan	Kathleen Ellis	Vegas McCarville	Caden Sheffer
Liam Anderson	Andrew Eros	Aidan McCormick	Kelty Sheridan
Aidan Ansdell	Alicia Fernandez	Shane McKay	Ryann Sheridan
Tavis Armour	Gabrielle Fiddler	Alexander McPhie	Tavian Shillingford
Jacob Bader	Colton Fink	Cassidy Miller	Jaiden Smith
Braden Bayne	Lucas Fink	Hussin Mohammad Ali	Parker St. Germain
Joseph Bennett	Chloe Follett	Abas Mohammad Ali	Adam Stark
Jaden Blakeway	Jackson Fotheringhame	Kiera Morris	Andrew Steen
Joel Blanco	Lakai Gilbert	Isabella Moys	Mya Stewart-Parsons
Erica Brown	Taigan Godin	Rayne Myers	Charles Stoneson
Emilie Bruce	Jenna Gosling	Thomas Neufeld	Dilyn Stretch
Colton Brydges	Sydney Gray	Justin Nielsen	Brienna Taylor
Andre Bulosan	Canyon Gudaitis	Gabriel Noriega	Naya Thomas
Logan Burwell	Zenki Guray	McKenna Noton	Cassidy Tran
Emily Buzza	Bella Gushue	Tenzin Nyman	Jessica Tran
Bryce Campbell	Jade Hill	Jenna Ogilvie	Jenna Tuckey
Maegan Campbell	Katy Hill	Magee Paine	Lola Ureta
Maycen Campbell	Allyse Hing	Dante Payne	Lucia Valencia
Trevor Carnegie	Brayden Hogarth	Charlize Peragine	Ashley Vandenberg
Jack Causey	Aoibhin Holton	Benjamin Peterson	Olivia Vandenberg
Karl Chenard	Brady Howlett	Kai Phaneuf	Madison Wahl
Peter Corrin	Liam Jones	Jessica Porritt	Noah Wahl
Graeson Craik	Alexander Karpetas	Joey Price	Jacob Wall
Destiny Dalrymple	Mya Keeney	Andrea Primera	Blake Walton
Dylan Dandrea-Sound	Alishba Khan	Ian Noel Rafols	Jenna Ward
Max De Grandis	Kylie Kilby	Evan Robinson	Frankie Whiteway
Bryanne De Sousa	Karma Kooistra	Liam Robson	Hailey Williams
Godriele Dela Cruz	Carson Lammi	Sofia Romero-Wong	Thomas Williams
Gurbir Dhaliwal	Erik Law	Anna Rossiter	Gavin Wilson
Gurshan Dhaliwal	Ella Lay	Nicholas Rusnak	Devon Wojtun
Jude Dieckmann	Genica Legge	Parsa Saadat	Filip Wolczyk
Ophelia Dixon-Lawless	Diego Llarena	Maya Saffari	Cameron Wood
Dylan Doucette	Ayden Lowe	Jaskaran Sahota	Eli Wright
	Thomas Luitingh	Jaiden Santos	Ethan Wylie
	Palesa Malakoane	Maya Sass	Reece Young
	Sebastian Mallmes	Nana Sato	Taylor Zachow





## Congratulations **Thomas Haney Secondary** 2022 grads!

Alexandra Acosta  
Isabela Acosta  
Cassidy Affeldt  
Fawod Ahmad Shikeb  
Zahra Ahmad Shikeb  
Tawhid Ahmadi  
Gabriella Ahmed  
Jenny Sumin Ahn  
Diego Aliling  
Darrin Allen-Fisher  
Ali Almorihil  
Tianna Alves  
Michael Amerasinghe  
Eleanor An  
Kenneth Ancheta  
Braelyn Andrews  
Jaelin Andreychuk  
Devon Antalek  
Belle Archibald  
Daniel Archibald  
Gurjina Bains  
Connor Banning  
Nicole Bauer  
Rebecca Baxter  
Amelia Belsey  
Emma Benoit  
Layo Bessette  
Madalyn Bioules  
Kylie Birnie  
Drew Black  
Hudson Bonneau  
Celina Boserup  
Jasmine Bouey  
Bostin Bourassa  
Kaela Brandson  
Kurtis Brown  
Mikah Bruins  
Finn Brunken

Solana Bucknell  
Jason Bui  
Nene Burarat-  
tanawong  
Cole Bzowy  
Chiara Calabrese  
Ben Cant  
Maraya Casey  
Carly Cavalaris  
Mollie Clarke  
Alex Couture  
Bryce Cummings  
Charlize Davis  
Alexandra DeCola  
Mikeilla Dionisio  
Caleb Dobie  
Riley Du  
Jayda Dunsmore  
Lucy Dykeman  
Jacob Dyrmore  
Kaveh Ebrahimi  
Hamedani  
Ethan Evans  
Alyssa Flores  
Abigail Fortin  
Brea Franklyn  
Jaelyn Frend  
Erin Fukuda  
William Fysh  
Taylor Geofroy  
Jorgia Gobeil  
Yod Golshani  
Estelle Gonzales  
Mia Gorton  
Sophia Gosche  
Brayden Gridzak  
Hailey Grostad  
Anthony Gwizd  
Kai Haikonen  
Jack Hamilton  
Gabby Hankey  
John Hanning  
Kevin Hao  
Jack Hayhoe  
Katryna Heidenreich

Jarid Heinrich  
Kylie Hendricks  
Courtney Holland  
Bianca Hombrebueno  
Noah Horn  
Madison Horvath  
Anna Huber  
Brooke Jansen  
Rachel Jansen  
Brenna Johnson  
Miranda Kahlert  
Neehaa Kannamreddy  
Hailey Kataro  
Dale (Electrical) Kennedy  
Cathy Kingsman  
Shay Knight  
Vlad Kolosov  
Liam Kompa  
Shane Kotzer  
Woraseth Kraiweeradechachai  
Dominic Krivtchoun  
Kyle Kuelle  
Sayana Kuga  
Arden Kuligowicz  
Luke Kuligowicz  
Lauren Larbalestier  
Taylor Laurence  
Brody Lay  
Sarah Lee  
Declan Lee-Chin  
Adam Leitch  
Elyssa Linde  
Myah Luhman  
Marc Mailed  
Comet Manns  
Brooklyn Marchand  
Nikolas Martin  
Seth Martin  
Alexander Mate  
Alysha Maynard-Beall  
Reese McCambley  
Kevin McConachie  
Brenden McConnell  
Inaya McCormack  
Grace McDiarmid

Matthew McDonald  
Larae McElroy  
Riley McIntosh  
Lynden McLaren  
Mikey McManus  
Morgan McNicol  
Benjamin McPhee  
Maggie Milaney  
Carly Miller  
William Mohr  
Corey Mongrain  
Madison Mudry  
A. Mundy  
Krystal Mundy  
Evan Nawfal  
Sebastian Newman  
Cole Nightingale  
Joshua Noel  
Jordan Novota  
Evangeline Ojo  
Taisei Otsuki  
Derek Ouellette  
Shyanne Owen  
Edwin Page  
Rhys Pashley  
Jackson Payeur  
Gabriella Pazos  
Lucas Peaker  
Allister Peden  
Deston Pehar Sands  
Sarah Penner  
Faith Petti  
Megan Picard  
Jessica Pire  
Megan Potter  
Xavier Power  
Ansh Pramod  
Zoe Price  
Noah Raposo  
Dylan Razzell  
Evan Renter  
Dominic Rousseau  
Davin Sadler  
Kalem Schofield  
Phoenix Schultz  
Tasha Seminoff  
Avery Sharpe  
Talisa Sharpe  
Hanna Sheridan  
Amelie Shypilova  
Ary Simpson  
Corey Sjogren  
Kelsey Sullivan  
Evan Swan  
Isabella Taylor  
Alexander Thorburn  
Brianna Tonks  
Brooklyn Turvey  
Reya Tutt  
Nathan Van Der Mey  
Emma Vasarhely  
Vika Vasylenko  
Adriaan Vermerris  
Nicholas Verones  
Emma Vorlop  
Tess Waddell  
Sebastien Wakeling  
Evelyn Wang  
Jada Westerlaken  
Riley Whalen  
Brianna Wheeler  
Maddy Wilcott  
Tessa Wilding  
Ella Williams  
Ashley Yap Xuan Yue  
Madaline Zambolin-Jeans  
Daniel Zarei  
Tatiana Zhandarmova



## Congratulations **Westview Secondary** 2022 grads!



Kyeran Abbott-Hilliard

Ian Alexander

Caden Arden

Hassan Baadarani

Molly Ballinger

Shaphal Baniya

Julianna Bellantoni

Samantha Bergmann

Alexander Biamonte

Evan Biles

Nicky Boroevich

Kate Boyes

Logan Brown

Justin Burzynski

Brennen Canales

Nicholas Carruthers

Austin Cleaver

Jacob Cook

Owen Corbould

AJ Cowan

Jesse Crockett

Marissa Dalman

Isaiah Demeule

Tylor Desch

Vernon Dionisio

Andrea Disho

Alex Dunbrack

Connor Dyk

Diana Eichler

Aleksa Fabbro

Colm Fennelaw

Tyla Foster

Adair Francis

Jordann Fruin

Christopher Gibson

Parteek Gidda

Ben Gigliotti

Harris Gilmore

Taylor Gormley

Cailyn Gottfried

Jayme Graff-Regan

Max Hajum

Kanki Hashimoto

Ali Hassan

Andrew Hodgson

Matthew Hollingshead

Noah Hope

Shamus Horobec

Peyton Horswell

Leo Hsiang

Daylena Ibediro

Daniel Jachimowski

Tyler Jackart

Mateo Jakus

Youngjae (Leo) Jang

Sierra Jarocki

Dillon Kaiser

Ethan Kanders

Subin (Bella) Kang

Samantha Kelly

Quentin Kennedy

Omar Khalid

Alpay Kilic

Yota Kimura

Dominik Kiss

Payge Klein

Julien Klynsoon

Toby Knight

Daicia Kremmer

Reasha Kumar

Brandon Landreville

Keegan Langenhaun

Xander Lessard-Fowler

Jinhan Li

Samantha Li

Samantha Low

Camryn Lowney

Trinity Lucy

Haley MacKenzie

Matthew Makela

Joshua Mandseth

Marissa Marion

Ida Masih

Mitchell McCutcheon

Sahil Mehmi

Evan Mertz

Keegan Milroy

Kyra Mohammed

Braedon Monts

Vicky Montti

Erin Muljani

Ashley Mulligan

Yuto Nakata

Hailey Newcombe

Gabrielle Nguyen

Marissa Nguyen

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