



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October, 2020

Thank you

A huge thank you to all our wonderful clerical staff. In what can only be described as a most unusual year they have calmly and professionally kept us on track. We can guarantee you that you will never have a 1701 deadline like you just experienced ever again. Way to go!



Local Education Agreement

- The Board of Education and the Local Education Agreement Working Committee are extremely pleased to announce the signing of a joint Local Education Agreement.
- This important document is built on strong relationships and a commitment to improving the educational outcomes for First Nations students.
- Thank you to our elders, knowledge keepers and educators across our communities that have supported students, families and staff.



Out of Adversity comes Creativity

- Young or old, students across the district are flexing their creative muscles. Have you ever created "The Most Magnificent Thing"? Merritt Central students have.
- Tired of wearing that same old mask. If you are a Merritt Secondary School student you solve it by making your own – "Fashionable and functional"!



New Board of Education Chair

- SD58 would like to welcome Gordon Swan to the position of Board Chair.
- A big thank you to our previous Board Chair, Gordon Comeau for the outstanding service that he has and continues to provide to the SD58 Community.
- The entire Board would like to welcome new students and staff to the District and wish everyone all the best for the 2020-2021 school year.

Monday October 5th marked World Teacher's Day.

"In this crisis, teachers have shown, as they have done so often, great leadership and innovation in ensuring that #LearningNeverStops, that no learner is left behind. Around the world, they have worked individually and collectively to find solutions and create new learning environments for their students to allow education to continue".



Student Support

- SD58 is very pleased to have Pandemic Support positions in place across the district.
- These positions will help support students transitioning to remote learning, students who may have complex learning or medical needs and students who may be away from school with either a short term or long term illness.

Orange Shirt Day "Every Child Matters"

- Orange Shirt Day is observed annually on September 30th to honour Residential School Survivors and their families, and to remember those who did not make it.
- Schools across the District recognized this important day by wearing orange and by wearing our locally designed shirt in support of our local district and community members.



Outdoor Learning Spaces and Activities

- In an effort to support health/safety and in the spirit of "Build Back Better" more SD58 staff and students than ever before are learning and enjoying outdoor spaces.
- These new spaces and activities include traditional sports/recreation facilities; however, they include less conventional areas. This includes gardens, green houses, new climbing features, calming spaces, classrooms and even fire pits for storytelling.
- All our staff and students should be commended on their willingness to learn and explore.



Literacy 2021

- Literacy activities continue across the District
 - Joyful Literacy
 - Author Visits
 - Book Exchanges
 - Literacy Centres
 - Guided Reading



Mental Health

Did you know that being outdoors:

- contributes to a positive outlook on life;
- creates positive self-esteem and promotes vitality and meaning to life;
- gives a person a greater ability to cope with adversity and life issues.

https://dashbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/OC-Infographic_final.pdf

