

April 2026



DPAC Pulse

Newsletter from the SD43 District Parent Council



Vice Presidents Corner

Hello Spring,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break!

As I write this we are in the middle of budget season and by the time you read this the budget will have likely passed.

I hope everyone took the opportunity to review the documents released by the District and sent us questions to ask on the 21st.

We thank everyone who came to the stand alone question and answer session with the Honourable Jodie Wickens Minister of Children and Families of BC.



NEXT DPAC MEETING



DPAC social followed
by
Ken Hoff, Assistant
Director of Communication
and then an open forum
April 29th
Social starts at 6:30 pm
Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
at the ELC
1080 Winslow Ave, Coq

From that, I would like to bring your attention to a few things:

We have the Foundry Tri-Cities opening in Port Coquitlam

At Foundry centres, multiple service providers and organizations work together to provide a variety of services to youth ages 12 - 24 and their families. This is a great resource that we are lucky to have in these times and I encourage all parents and caregivers to reach out for support anytime it is needed.

Now we're in the final stretch of the school year, where time flies by.

Let's find time to support one-another.

Warmly,
Chris Hilliker
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How can the DPAC help your PAC?

Is there any way you would like the DPAC to support the work that your PAC does? Please let us know by sending an email to office@dpac43.ca. Meanwhile, you can follow DPAC on Facebook at DPAC 43- District Parent Advisor Council to stay up to date on things happening with DPAC and the school district as a whole. Also check out our website at www.dpac43.ca for links to useful information.

Community Resources for Families



Family Smart - <https://familysmart.ca/>

A non-profit organization with a location in the Tri-Cities that 'supports parents and caregivers whose children are experiencing mental health and/or substance use challenges.' Free Family Peer Support is the core service Family Smart provides. Contact their main office at: info@familysmart.ca or (604) 878-3400. No referral is needed. All services are Free!

To compliment the Family Peer Support service they have a large selection of online resources. As well they host both online and in person workshops. Online Events in May include "When Our Children Hurt Inside: Nurturing Awareness and the Power of Relationships"; "ADHD - The Read Deal"; and "A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health". For More Info visit <https://familysmart.ca/online-events/>. Although no in person events are planned in the Tri-cities for April, check back at <https://familysmart.ca/in-person-events/>. Resources can be found at <https://familysmart.ca/resources/> and Video Resources at <https://familysmart.ca/videos/>

FRANCOPHONE SOCIÉTÉ DE MAILLARDVILLE

Société francophone de Maillardville - Summer Camps

'Maillardville's French Summer Camp is an opportunity for children 5-12 yrs old to practice their French while having fun! Featuring outdoor outings, outdoor games, sports, artistic workshops, scientific experiments, cultural activities and more. Each week is a different theme.'

Children 5-12 yrs - July-Aug 2026 - French understanding required - week days 8:30am-3pm.
Camps located at Ecole des Pionniers-de-Maillardville (1618 Patricia Ave, Port Coquitlam)

Cost is \$195/week/child + admin fee of \$25/registration/child. After Day Care is \$20/day/child.
Register at <https://maillardville.com/activities/french-summer-camp/>

Contact: 938 Brunette Avenue, Suite 200; Coquitlam, BC, V3K 1C9. Phone: 604.515.7070.



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Annual General Meeting Notice **May 27, 2026 - 7pm**



We welcome all DPAC reps to attend the AGM to elect the next DPAC executive board for the 2026/2027 school year. We encourage anyone interested in joining the DPAC executive to fill out a nomination form