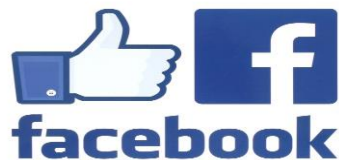


April 20, 2020

Happy Monday!

We have had a busy week in School District 5! So nice to hear about the wonderful learning opportunities for our students that are happening around the district. A special thank you to the teachers and support staff who are making this happen. It is not easy to go from a “brick and mortar” school to offering learning to students from home. I am very proud of the good work that is being done by everyone to make learning happen!



As I continue to get more examples of the wonderful work being in our district, I will post them on our new Facebook Page. This page will be a place where we can celebrate the good things that are happening in School District 5! We are working on putting the link on our website so even if you do not have Facebook, you can go onto our website and be able to see the good things that are happening.

In order for you to get the updates on your own Facebook page, please “like” our Facebook page so you can keep up to date.

Please continue to send any photos or videos you would like to share to our CBO email at cbo.mailing@sd5.bc.ca and we will post these on our Facebook page [here](#). We would love to have some examples from parents who are working with their children at home that we can share as well!

Below you will find an update in each area:

- 1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees.**
Our secretary treasurer, Alan Rice and his team have provided an excellent document supporting school care protocols in our school. Please see the document [here](#).
- 2. Provide services to support children of essential workers.** We wanted to give a special thank you to the schools who are providing school care for our children of Essential Services workers. We appreciate all that you are doing for our kids. Here are some of our students at Pinewood Elementary School!





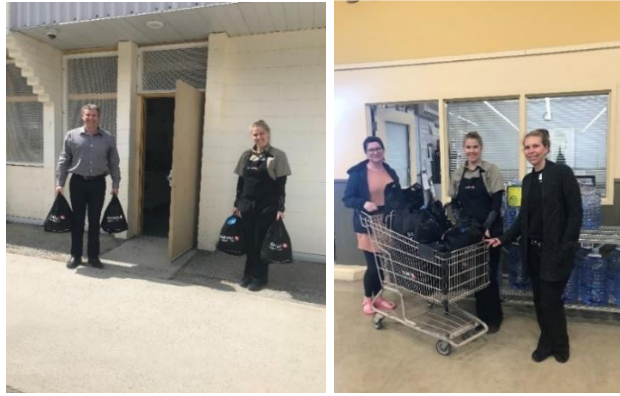
If you are a Tier 1 or 2 Essential Services worker, please fill out the form on our [website](#) and contact your school principal.

- Tier 1 families include those employed in Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Emergency Response.
- Tier 2 families include those employed in all other occupations not included in Tier 1 that are in the Essential Services workers list. See list [here](#).
- Children aged 0-5 (pre-K): Essential Service workers can fill out a new form to identify their need for urgent child care. The “Temporary Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers” sign up form is available on our website or by calling 1-888-338-6622 and selecting option 4.

3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.

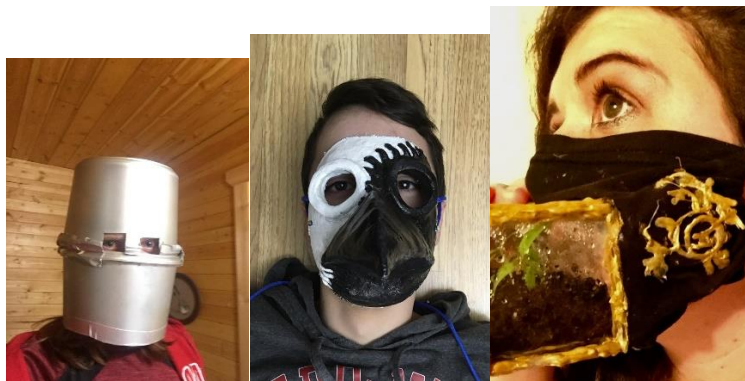
Principal Chris Catherall from Steeples Elementary School and Youth Care Worker Lori Garson from TM Roberts Elementary School picking up supplies for our students from Safeway.





4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

We are starting to receive examples of the learning for our students. Check out some of these 3D masks from the Studio Art 12 class at Mount Baker Secondary School:



The staff from Isabella Dicken did a drive through town to wave and connect with their students (while social distancing of course) and the video was sent to me. This is a very emotional time for staff and students as they miss each other, but they know that they are there for each other.

<https://www.facebook.com/freepressbc/videos/807087436449413/>

Please check out our website for updated documents:

- [Teacher Planning Guide](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control \(Caring for Children with COVID 19\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [PHO Technical Briefing, April 17](#)

Parents, here is the link to Microsoft Team App if you are using teams with your teachers.

<https://products.office.com/en-ca/microsoft-teams/download-app>

Parents of grade 12 students, the deadline for many of the School District 5 scholarships are May 1st, 2020. Please click [here](#) to download the application forms!

Take care of yourselves during this time,

Silke

