



MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is here, and our daffodils are blooming! There have been many positive learning experiences at Mountain View during the month of March and into April. If you are in the school, please take a moment to walk around and observe the students' samples of learning on various classroom bulletin boards. I would like to thank our students for their continued effort on improving their learning and building positive connections throughout the year! The Grade 7's are showing leadership in their classroom learning, at recess, and rehearsing for our upcoming musical, Tom Sawyer!

A reminder that at big recess on Mondays, the library is open and Ms. Kirkpatrick is available to assist in helping students with their learning, students may also read and work independently. There are also other big recess opportunities, such as, Ultimate Frisbee, Games Club, Grade 5 Intramurals and Chess Club. Thank you Ms. Biernecki, Mr. Jorgenson, Ms. Waller & Mr. Thompson for providing these opportunities. Intramurals for Grade 5 students have been very successful. Our Recess Guardian program has now completed and the students trained will be on the playground to assist students in games and use their leadership skills.

Congratulations to the Bookie Wookie, Reader Deeder, Super Duper Page Eater team in participating enthusiastically in the Nanaimo Reading Link Challenge. The team had a close competition and won the Challenge. The team will participate in the Vancouver Island Challenge! Thank you to Ms. Kirkpatrick and to the team sponsor, Ms. Garrett!

Thank you to our PAC for their tremendous efforts and ongoing energy providing hot lunches, Wednesday dinners, and other opportunities. These funds provide many items for our school, such as, gym equipment, author visits, performing artists, classroom and school field trips, buses to track, and many other opportunities. Thank you to our dedicated executive and to those that participate on the committees.

We were excited to win second place in the NLPS District Energy Cup Challenge! Thank you to our students and staff for participating in our sweater & hat Fridays, Lights out lunches, and energy conservation assemblies. The prize of \$1000 will be used to support healthy, active play and learning at Mountain View!

We look forward to our track meet, and our musical, as well as many other school events!
Kathy Bergman, Principal

SCHOOL TRACK MEET – April 23 - VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED

Our school track meet for our Grades 3 – 7 students will be on Tuesday, April 23. Parking will be limited – please park at Serauxmen stadium parking. We require volunteers to assist with the events. The PAC also requires volunteers to assist in the concession. If you are able to assist us for the day or a portion of the day, please complete the form that was sent home. Please return the permission form to your child's teacher. We welcome you to join us and cheer our students on!

MUSICAL – TOM SAWYER – May 14 – 16

The students of Mountain View are presenting the play, "Tom Sawyer" on May 14 at 1:00 pm (Cast 1 & choir), May 15 at 1:00 pm (Cast 2 & choir), May 15 at 6:30 pm (Cast 1 & choir) and May 16 at 6:30 pm (Cast 2 & choir). Entry will be by donation to assist with set up costs. The choir consists of students from Grade 3 – 6. For the evening performances please have your child at school by 6:10 pm. We hope that you will come and enjoy the musical. Thank you to Ms. Hastings, musical director, Mr. Matthews, and assistance from Mr. Thompson & Mr. Bown. Thank you to our staff members and parents involved in costume and set design.

PAC NEWS

Thank you so much for all your support in our fundraisers. Our PAC executive and committee has been outstanding in providing funds for author visits, artists, performances, school field trips, class field trips, gym equipment and Spirit Club events. Thank you to each PAC executive member and to those that attend the PAC meetings and assist in organizing fundraisers! Thank you to our Hot Lunch committee for providing wonderful variety for our students! Thank you to the Dinner's Ready committee for providing an alternative to Wednesday night family dinners!

A message from our PAC Chair, Leah Johnston: *"My name is Leah Johnston and I am the chair of the Mountain View Home & School (PAC) Association. We are currently a team of 14 members on the executive with meetings held monthly that are open for all parents/guardians to attend. Our annual general meeting will be on **Monday, May 13 at 7:00 pm** where we will vote in the 2019/20 executive. There are snacks and coffee/tea served, and child minding is available. Meetings run for approximately an hour with our agendas covering such topics as Principal updates, upcoming school functions, funding requests, fundraising and volunteering needs. If you would like to be more involved in your child's education at Mountain View, I strongly encourage you come out. Meetings are open to all parents/guardians and while we are actively searching for new members, you do not have to be part of the executive to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the executive or you can email me at Leahj1002@yahoo.ca "*

LIBRARY NEWS – MS. KIRKPATRICK

Book fest

Book Fest 2019 is taking place Saturday, June 1 in downtown Nanaimo. The hub of activity will be in the Diana Krall Plaza, while the presenter sessions are held in the **Vancouver Island Conference Centre** and the **Harbour Front Library**. Tickets are \$10 per child for 3 sessions, to a maximum of \$25 per family. Featured books will be available for purchase and author book signing will be held at the end of the day. Read about our presenters and check out the Book Fest schedule at [Bookfest.ca](https://www.bookfest.ca/). Tickets will be available for purchase on the morning of the event, or buy your tickets in advance: <https://www.bookfest.ca/>

The Winning Reading Link



Team





DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15 PAC meeting 7:00 pm
 April 16 Class Photos & Grade 7 Group Photo 9:00 – 11:45 am
 April 16 Purdy's Orders to be picked up 2:25 – 4:00 pm in the library
 April 16 NDSS Information Night for Parents & Grade 7 Students 6:15 – 8:00 pm
 April 17 PAC Food share Buffet – Hot Lunch (by pre order)
 April 18 Orders for VIU Horticulture/STEAM hanging baskets due in
 April 19 SCHOOL CLOSED – Good Friday
 April 22 SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Monday
 April 23 Mountain View Track Meet (Grades 3 – 7)
 April 26 Hot Lunch (by pre order)
 April 26, May 3, June 7 Grade 7 Swim to Survive sessions
 May 7 Grade 7 students tour NDSS
 May 10 **SCHOOL CLOSED - School Professional Development Day**
 May 13 PAC AGM meeting 7:00 pm
 May 14 School Musical – Cast 1 1:00 pm
 May 15 School Musical – Cast 2 1:00 pm; Cast 1 6:30 pm
 May 16 School Musical – Cast 2 6:30 pm
 May 17 Hot Lunch (by pre order)
 May 20 **SCHOOL CLOSED – Victoria Day**
 May 23 Welcome to Kindergarten 9:15 – 10:45 am
 May 24 We Walk for Water Event
 May 28 Grade 6 Immunizations
 May 29 Zone 2 Track Meet
 May 31 Hot Lunch (by pre order)
 June 3 - 5 Grade 7 Camp Capernwray
 June 6 District Track Meet
 June 7 Hot Lunch (by pre order)
 June 17 PAC – 7:00 pm
 June 18 Entrepreneur Show
 June 21 Bike Jamboree afternoon
 June 25 Grade 7 Potluck & Swim Celebration
 June 26 Fun Afternoon (whole school) & Hot Lunch (by pre order)
 June 27 Last Day of School & Assembly, Final Report Cards
 June 28 **SCHOOL CLOSED - Administrative Day**

ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can become life threatening, causing airways to close, swelling, numbness, etc., and leads to a coma and death if not immediately treated. While anaphylaxis is usually brought on by insect bites, exposure to peanuts, tree nuts, dairy products and latex, there are many other triggers. An anaphylactic reaction can be tempered by the immediate injection of adrenalin in the form of an EpiPen. The classrooms with students with specific allergies have a notice sent home regarding the classroom being a specific peanut/nut aware zone. It is important to us at Mountain View Elementary School that all our students remain safe and healthy, so please take the time to speak with your student about the seriousness of anaphylaxis. For more information about Anaphylaxis, please go online to <http://www.anaphylaxis.org>

ARE YOU MOVING



Schools are now in the process of arranging school organizations for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are moving to another school and out of Mountain View's catchment area or to another district, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2019-2020 school year.

If your contact information has changed, please let us know, as it is important that we can contact you in a timely fashion.

SPLASH & DASH

Thank you to Ms. Letourneau and Ms. Miscavish for organizing our Mountain View participants for the Splash & Dash. Thank you to the parent and staff volunteers for their assistance and cheers. It was fun to be part of the enthusiasm, determination and smiles of joy upon finishing. Students swam and then ran on a sunny afternoon. Congratulations to:

Tyke Girls: *Talia Botting, Brooklyn Coulter, Sophia Gjelsvik, Aislyn Hill, Raya Kruse, Kaitlyn Letourneau, Macy Miscavish, Emilia Marshall, Angel May, Alexis Rennie, Kamma Romanik, Sydney Touhey, Avery Van Der Mark, Leia Wells, and Zoe Winder*

Tyke Boys: *Neven Bains, Jayse Bissenden, Victor Bjarnason, Eli Fisher, Preston Gaetz, Grayson Gingras, Ethan Graham, Carson Gunderson, Owen Hyde, Micah MacNeal, Brock Matheson, Boden Molfenter, Diego Nunez-Delgado, Mason Parrish, Grayson Prontack, Rylan Ruecker, Malyck Travers, and Oliver Van Bergen*

Pee Wee Girls: *Ava Gauthier, Kiana Jankovic, Abrielle Lange, Marley Matheson, Elsa Romanik, Madeline Seper, Sam Van Der Mark, and Emmalynn Van Eijk*

Pee Wee Boys: *Avery Beath, Kalem Chatlain, Bryan Currie, Blake Gadsby, Quinn Gadsby, Elliot Hosler, Troy Lam, Hudson Maguire, and Hunter Shurniak*

Bantam Girls: *Sabrina Bryce, Mikayla Jankovic, and Emily Stuart*

Bantam Boys: *Gavin Johnston, Kynan Shurniak, and Gordon Paisley*



Thank you to Michael Bortolotto – Being a Friend, Making the Perfect Pass – as he spoke to our Grades 3 – 5 students.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

The “Welcome to Kindergarten” orientation for children registered to begin Kindergarten at Mountain View in September 2019 is on **Thursday, May 23 from 9:15 – 10:45 am** in the gym. The Kindergarten teachers will share fun activities that you can do at home with your child to assist in being Kindergarten ready. Invitations will be going out by email at the end of April to students that are **in catchment and are registered in our centralized e-registration** for September 2019 at Mountain View. **Please ensure that you register prior to June 15, 2019 for September 2019 to ensure that there is a space.**

ELECTRONIC CENTRAL REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began on January 9, 2019. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child **new** to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019 that will be entering **Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion – students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)? Applications will be received until March 1, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by either lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2019.
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2019.**

For more information, please visit the district website www.sd68.bc.ca or email ereg@sd68.bc.ca

Community Events/News

MEASLES – Update from VIHA

The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families to ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office or a school-based immunization clinic with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment or school based immunization clinic. Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers. Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions. Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Gabriola Public Health is currently organizing immunization clinics for under immunized school aged children. Please watch for further information regarding the dates and locations of these clinics.

WALK & BOUNCE FOR AUTISM – APRIL 27

Join in on Saturday, April 27 from 10:30 – 12:00 pm at Caledonia Park in Nanaimo. To print your registration forms and for more information go to www.autismsocietyvi.ca

FLETCHER'S CHALLENGE – April 19

This is the tenth anniversary of Fletcher's Challenge. There is a 15 km long course to take runners to new heights. This race will sell out, and space is CAPPED. Do not miss this one! **6 km Family Cookie Run/Walk** - Gather up the kids, and come on out for the ever-popular cookie walk! This event is a blast for those of all ages. Entrants enjoy a single lap around Westwood Lake, and are treated to a cookie station along the way for some extra motivation. The main goal is to have fun. **Easter Egg Hunt** - If the thrill of running around the lake and eating cookies is not enough to motivate your kids to participate, then how about the lure of the post-run Easter egg hunt? There will be some excellent door prizes available from our sponsors, as well as awards for the top trail racer finishers in their age groups. The family run/walk will start from Westwood Lake at 10:00am. This running event memorializes Mr. Gavin Fletcher who died at too young an age. He was a well-known sports columnist, a member of ROC, a husband and father. His family values were paramount but his love of good fun competition in sports was unequalled. It is with this intent that we fashion The Fletcher's Challenge, held each year on Good Friday open to both runners and walkers. It is about participation, having fun and enjoying some physical activity with your family! For more information go to: <http://fletcherchallenge.blogspot.ca/>.