



# MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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<https://mv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

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## ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***

We are excited to start a new school year! We have a collaborative staff, keen students with a learning mindset, and a connected community. Our staff is keen to provide diverse learning opportunities for our students, and we look forward to continuing to connect with our families to establish a positive community of learners at Mountain View. Our students started the year learning about the BC Education Core Competencies, Communication, Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, and Personal and Social competencies, connected to the Six Cedars book with the notion to “Notice it (core competency), Name it, and Nurture it”. This will be an ongoing learning for all of us throughout the year. Students were also engaged in various forms of inquiry – many exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) and other explorations.

Thank you to our custodians, Mr. Blackmore & Mr. Grenchuk for our bright, clean school – to start the new school year. Thank you to Ms. Tammy Orr and Ms. Laura Dalton for their cheerful welcomes in the front office and their ongoing organization.

I encourage you to support your child's learning by reinforcing that:

- Each new year brings a new class, a new teacher, and a new learning opportunity.
- Change is part of life, and allows our brains to respond and grow more neural pathways.
- New classes mean new relationships, new friends, and new challenges.
- Blended or combined classes are a reality in all school organizations and have far smaller impact on learning than the expertise of our staff in providing positive and appropriate learning experiences for their students.
- The staff at Mountain View work very hard to provide a calm, and stimulating opportunity to learn.
- Being positive and working together makes a huge difference!

Our enrolment is at 410 students.

We hope that you will join us at the PAC organized Fall Fun Fair in September. We are also looking forward to participating in Tour de Rock, on September 30.

We are committed to providing an inclusive and connected learning environment.

*Kathy Bergman, Principal*

## ***NEW STAFF***

We welcome the following new staff members:

Mr. Brent Blackmore, Custodian, Ms. Rosanna Cowie, Child & Youth Family Support Worker, Ms. Hailey Fielden, Educational Assistant, Ms. Gaber, teaching Grade 5/6 and in Student Support, Ms. Blanca Gonzalez, counsellor, Ms. Cindy Haack, our Vice Principal and teaching Grade 5/6, Ms. Rika Spence, teaching Grade 6/7, Ms. Lynn Tissington, Speech and Language Pathologist and Ms. Geraldine Turner, Educational Assistant.

### ***TOUR DE ROCK – September 30***

We are privileged to be part of the Tour de Rock on September 30. The team will be stopping at Mountain View in the back parking lot. Tour de Rock raises monies for pediatric cancer research and treatment. Thank you for supporting our school donation events to support the Tour de Rock! There will be three events to support donations to the Tour de Rock: Bracelet sales for \$5 after school on Tuesday, September 10 and 17, and popcorn sales for \$2/bag on Friday, September 20. After the Tour de Rock visit, our whole school will participate in the school wide Terry Fox Run!

### ***PAC FALL FUN FAIR – September 26***

We hope that you will come and have fun in the annual Mountain View PAC Fall Fun Fair on **Thursday, September 26 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm**. There are many great events planned. Thank you in advance for volunteering and for your donations. Donations for new or gently used items for prizes are welcomed (there is a drop off bin at the front entrance). We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the Fun Fair. Please contact Selina Ward at [Selina.Ward@shaw.ca](mailto:Selina.Ward@shaw.ca) if you have silent auction items.

### ***PAC MEETINGS***

We appreciate all of the fundraising and assistance with school activities our Mountain View PAC does. New members are always welcome! Please join us on the third Monday of each month (with some exceptions) from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

PAC meeting dates are September 16, October 21, November 18, January 20, February 10, April 20, May 11 (AGM), and June 8.

*“Warm welcome to Mountain View Elementary from your Home & School Association. We are a group of 14 parents that form the executive that host monthly meetings open to our Mountain View families. These meetings are attended by our Principal Kathy Bergman and Vice Principal Cindy Haack where we work on ways to enrich the lives of our students through fundraising, discussion on upcoming school policies, changes and just general involvement in our school. Our meetings are on the third Monday of the month with the few, exceptions due to stat holidays/spring break noted\*. Meetings begin at 7pm and we try to keep our meetings close to the one-hour mark. Some of the grade 7 students will provide childcare during the meetings for you if you need to bring children along. We hope you will come and join us!”*

*Hot Lunch-a day without making lunches-sign me up! The hot lunch days are on Fridays (generally every second one) and you will be able to order on the Munch a Lunch website. Krista Neumann and her group of parent volunteers work hard to provide healthy options for us to order for our children. Stay tuned for when the menus are uploaded.*

*Dinners Ready-Did you know Wednesday nights could be your night off from cooking? It has quickly become my favourite day of the week! We have cultivated a great working relationship with COCO Café where you can order meals online through the Munch a Lunch website and have your dinner ready to pick up at the school lobby on Wednesdays after school. Cost to you is \$30 for a fresh meal for a family of four with the school making \$5 per meal. There are also fresh salads for a side and frozen soups and lasagnas. They have some delicious options each week including vegetarian and gluten free. Watch for more info to come when these will be available to order.*

*Lots more info to come as the year progresses. Watch for updates from us in the monthly newsletters and on the school website <https://mv.schools.sd68.bc.ca>*

PAC Executive 2019 20:

Chair: Kate Fisher

Co-Chair: Tracy Prontack

Treasurer: Lindsay Gunderson

Secretary: Carolyn Young

DPac Rep: Naomi Stussi

Hot Lunch Rep: Krista Neumann

Fundraising Rep: Amanda Gingras

Kitchen Coordinator: Kory Hurst

Grade 7 Rep: Amber Rogers

Members At Large: Patti Biernacki, Cora Brown, Melanie Budd, Zane Gauthier, and Dayna Graham

## ***BELL SCHEDULE 2019 - 20***

### ***Mondays***

8:32 am            Warning Bell  
8:38 – 10:15    Morning Session  
10:15 – 10:30   Recess  
10:30 – 11:44   Morning Session  
11:44 – 12:20   Noon Recess  
12:20 – 1:30    Afternoon Session

### ***Tuesday - Friday***

8:32 am            Warning Bell  
8:38 – 10:15    Morning Session  
10:15 – 10:30   Recess  
10:30 – 11:44   Morning Session  
11:44 – 12:20   Noon Recess  
12:20 – 2:30    Afternoon Session

## ***SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION***

Our school bus information is on the School District website: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/transportation/transportation-2015-16/>

The School District staff have implemented a Z Pass. To register, please go online. The student number is required in order to register. Please check the bus schedule as some route stops and times have changed.

## ***ABSENTEE INFORMATION***

If your child is going to be away, please call the school before school begins. If the answering machine is on, please leave a message stating your child's full name, grade and teacher's name and the reason for the absence.

## ***STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM***

The "Student Information Forms" will be sent home this week. It is imperative that this form be completed accurately, and signed by an adult as it ensures our ability to contact parents in case of an emergency. If, during the course of the school year, any of the information should change, please contact the school secretary to update the information. Please remember to fill out and sign the back page as well!

## ***EMAIL COMMUNICATION/NEWSLETTERS***

Please ensure that your email addresses are up to date and on the new student verification form. A monthly newsletter and other notices will be emailed out. Newsletters will also be posted on our school website at <https://mv.schools.sd68.bc.ca> .

## ***CUSTODY AND RESTRAINING ORDERS***

If there are any special instructions regarding custody or visitation arrangements for your children, it is very important that you let the Principal know.

## ***CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS***

Anyone volunteering with students are required to complete a Criminal Record Check. This is a free online process and is required by anyone that will be volunteering in the school and/or with students. The criminal record check is **valid for 5 years**, so if you have already completed one in the past few years, you will not need another one at this time. The link is <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm> . Access Code: **UQ4T7XXBHE**

## ***MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS – MOIRA KIRKPATRICK (Teacher-Librarian)***

I look forward to working with all students to develop information literacy skills and foster a love of reading.

Kindergarten students may borrow one book while students in Grades 1-7 may borrow two, for a one-week loan period. Reminder notices for overdue books will be sent home at the end of the week. There are no fines for overdue books, but a replacement charge is requested for lost or damaged books.

Please encourage your child to return or, in the case of students reading longer chapter books, renew, their library books to help their class earn the **On Time Champion Weekly Award**.

The winning class receives school wide recognition on the library bulletin board and the class to receive the most weekly recognitions will earn a prize for all students in the class at the end of the year!

### **Parent Volunteers**

In addition to our student library monitor program, parent volunteers are welcome to shelve books in the library. If you would like to volunteer, please see me in the library before or after school.

The library is open to students in grades 3-7 Mondays during long recess for reading and quiet schoolwork.

### ***ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL***

To minimize the amount of traffic in the front foyer, the students are to enter and exit the school through the doors listed below. Announcements are usually finished at approximately 8:55 am. If your child is arriving at school later than that, they will need to come in the front door and proceed to the office to obtain a late slip. During recess breaks, the students are to use the exterior doors by the gym to use the washrooms. Parents are to drop off prior to the bell and pick up their child (ren) at their line-up doors as indicated below.

- Ms. Pettit's Kindergarten class – exterior door at Room 106
- Ms. Kerridge's Kindergarten class - exterior door at Room 105
- Ms. Parmar's Kindergarten/Grade 1 class – middle door at the Music Room end of the school
- Ms. Wilson's Grade 1 class – exterior door at Room 112
- Ms. Miscavish's Grade 1 class – exterior door at the Portable
- Ms. Paisley's Grade 1/2 class – exterior door at the end of the hallway (by the music room)
- Ms. Gueulette's Grade 2 class – exterior door at Room 116
- Ms. Mullett's Grade 2/3 class – middle door at the Music Room end of the school
- Ms. Baird's Grade 3 class - exterior door at Room 117
- Ms. Cronan's Grade 3 class – exterior door near Room 102
- Ms. Fulton's Grade 3/4 class – exterior door at Room 110
- Ms. Garrett's Grade 4 class – exterior door by the gym
- Ms. Nickel's Grade 4/5 class – exterior door at the end of the hallway (by the music room)
- Ms. Haack's Grade 5/6 class – exterior door at Room 114
- Ms. Keenleyside's Grade 5/6 class - exterior door located by the gym
- Mr. Cronan's Grade 5/6 class – exterior door near Room 104
- Ms. Spence's Grade 6/7 class – exterior door at Room 109
- Mr. Ball's Grade 6/7 class - exterior door at Room 108

### ***STUDENT HANDBOOK/PLANNERS***

The current school parent/student handbook is in the Student Planner and on our website, along with our Code of Conduct. Basic school policies, procedures and programs are in our school handbook.

The planners are also an excellent organizational and communication tool to use on a daily basis.

Planners are a:

- tool to keep track of assignments, and assessments
- short positive communication between home and school
- goal setting tool (short and long term)
- place to record reminders for upcoming school events

Planners for our Grades 1-7 students will be coming home this week. Please send \$8 to cover the cost of the planner.

Cheques can be payable to SD 68. It is voluntary to purchase this school planner, and a child may use their own planner and return the school planner.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sep 10	Tour de Rock Bracelet Sales \$5 (after school)
Sep 12	All Kindergartens are full day (8:38 – 2:30 pm)
Sep 14	Grade 7 Bottle Drive 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Depot on Hayes Road
Sep 16	PAC meeting 7 pm
Sep 17	Tour de Rock Bracelet Sales \$5 (after school)
Sep 20	Tour de Rock Popcorn Sales \$2/bag at big recess
Sep 26	PAC Fall Fun Fair 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Sep 30	Orange Shirt Day – It Starts With Awareness
Sep 30	Tour de Rock & Terry Fox Run
Oct 1	Internet Safety Presentations Grades 4 – 7
Oct 3	Internet Safety Presentations Grades 4 – 7
Oct 7	Kindergarten Hearing & Vision Screening (information to follow)
Oct 8	School Photos (morning)
<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Non-Instructional Day</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Monday</b>
Oct 15	Luv 2 Groove workshops
Oct 17	Great BC Shakeout/Earthquake Awareness and Drill
Oct 21	PAC meeting 7 pm
Oct 21 - 24	Early Dismissal – 1:10 pm Parent-Teacher Formative Assessment Conferences by appointment from 1:30 pm onwards
Oct 22	School Photo Retakes
<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Non-Instructional Day</b>
Oct 29	Large Schools South Zone Cross Country Meet (pm)
Nov 1	Kim's Cardio (every Friday from November 1 – December 6, except Nov. 8)
Nov 5	Cross Country Districts – Large Schools (am)
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 am
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Remembrance Day</b>
Nov 14	Grade 6 Immunizations (morning)
Nov 18	PAC meeting – 7:00 pm
Dec 20	Last Day of School before Winter Break
<b>Dec 21 to Jan 5</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break</b>
Jan 6	School Re-opens

## **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.

This year, Mountain View Elementary School has several students who are allergic to peanuts and nuts and who may experience anaphylactic reactions. We strongly advise that students learn to be nut aware. **The students in classrooms with students with specific allergies have will have a notice sent home regarding the classroom being a specific peanut/nut free 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/>

### ***MOUNTAIN VIEW ELECTRONICS POLICY***

All student cell phones, smartphones, etc. are to off, stay out of sight and in the student's backpack throughout the school day. ***Students may use their phone under the direction of their teacher & with their teacher's permission for their learning.*** If a student needs to use a phone during the day, the student phone is available in the office area. If a parent needs to contact a student, please call the office.

Electronic gaming devices are not to be used at school. It is not permissible for students to use electronic devices to video/record other students on the school property or field trips, unless under the direct supervision of their teacher for a learning activity. Electronic devices should only be used in the classroom, under the direct supervision of the teacher, with the teacher's permission for learning activities. Mountain View Elementary School is not responsible for any electronic device that is lost, stolen, or damaged while on school property.

### ***STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/BEHAVIOUR***

During the first few weeks of a new school year, it is important for students to review and to understand what will be the expected behaviour both in the classroom and on the playground. Throughout the year the following will be emphasized so that a safe and positive learning environment is present.

- **Safety:** Act in a safe and responsible manner.
- **Responsibility:** Develop the use of self-discipline. Achieve your best.
- **Respect:** Recognize and respect the rights of others as well as yourself.

### ***LUNCH HOUR/RECESS EXPECTATIONS***

At Mountain View, we have an active playtime at recess and students eat in their classrooms. During the eating time, students will be actively learning as well. Expectations for students during recess are as follows:

- Play outdoors from 11:44 until 12:20, Monday through Friday. Spending their breaks outside provides students with the opportunity for movement and fresh air.
- Eat lunch in classrooms (this is teacher-supervised instructional time).
- Very infrequently, on extremely stormy days, we may declare an "inside day", where we will keep students inside during the noon recess.
- Please encourage your child to dress for all types of weather as we encourage our students to be outside as much as possible.

### ***RECESS OPPORTUNITIES***

**MONDAYS:** Library time at big recess for students in Grades 3 – 7

**VIU PACIFIC SPORT PROGRAMS:** We will be hosting several before and after school programs with VIU Pacific Sport. We are also keen to host a Recess Guardian Program – more information to follow.

***Recess Playground toys: If you have gently used playground toys, we will be collecting them for an outside bin in our primary playground area. We will be collecting donations after September 30.***