



# MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Thank you to all of our staff for their superb organization and commitment to continuing to build our community of learners! October 5<sup>th</sup> was World Teacher's Day, and we thank our teachers for their dedication and energy in creating successful learning environments!

Thank you to our PAC, and the Fall Fair committee, led by Selina Vachon, it was a fantastic evening, with lots of smiles, great enthusiasm from our Grade 7's with the "pie in the face", and a wonderful effort by the many volunteers. A special thank you to the donors and many volunteers that supported our Fun Fair. Without you, this would not have been possible!

We had an energizing Tour de Rock visit in our gym! Thank you to our junior riders, Chloe Brown and Carson Gunderson! Thank you to Lindsay Gunderson and Cora Brown for bringing the tour to our school!

I would like to acknowledge the responsible citizenship and leadership of our students, particularly our We Club & the Grade 6 & 7 students. Thank you to Ms. Spence and Ms. Ross's classes for running our Terry Fox Run, and to our Grade 7 students for being our student announcers. Thank you to Division 17 and our We Group for your assistance in recycling. It is an important role for our intermediate students; particularly our Grade 7's to see themselves as positive learners, mentors, and role models for our younger students.

As a school focus on PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports), we are focussing on school wide expectations on calm walking in our hallways, and calm, alert learning. We thank you for assisting us in creating a calm learning community.

Thank you for your involvement, together we will continue to create a vibrant learning community at Mountain View Elementary School.

***Kathy Bergman, Principal***

## ***EARLY DISMISSAL – PARENT/TEACHER FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT CONFERENCES***

To accommodate time to conference, dismissal will be at 1:30 pm on Monday, October 21 and **EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:10 pm on Tuesday, October 22, Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24.** Bus times will be adjusted as well (1:10, 1:40). **Please remember to pick up at early dismissal.** Teachers will be using this time to meet with parents/guardians and students regarding the progress of individual students. A reminder to schedule your appointment online at Schools Appointments by October 19 at 11 pm.

## ***SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – OCTOBER 21 – 24***

The Book fair will be held during the week of October 21 - 24 in Room 107 B This is the week of early dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences, so parents are welcome to drop in before or after meeting with your child's teacher. Students will be bringing home a flyer highlighting some of the books that will be available. The book fair will be open October 21 – 24 from 11:44 – 12:20 pm (big recess) daily, Monday, October 21 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm & from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, and Tuesday – Thursday from 1:10 – 3:00 pm. Thank you for supporting our PAC and reading.



*Tour de Rock – October 1: Our Junior Riders, Chloe Brown & Carson Gunderson, and their Tour riders and siblings, Carter Brown & Gavin Gunderson*

## ***NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY***

### **Student Library Monitors**

Over the last month, a wonderful group of students have begun volunteering their time at recess to work in the library as monitors. These students provide a wonderful service to the school by keeping the shelf in the library that they have “adopted” neat and in order, shelving books and helping to organize library supplies. Thank-you to the monitors for the great service you are providing to the school!

## ***SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL***

There is no formal playground supervision schedule by staff prior to 8:23 am (**with the exception of the scheduled bus students** that come off the first bus at 8:10 am). At dismissal (1:30 pm on Mondays & 2:30 pm on Tuesdays - Fridays), we expect students to be under the care and supervision of their parent or someone designated by the parent within 15 minutes of school dismissal (with the exception of scheduled bus students taking the second bus). Thank you for your cooperation.

## ***VISITING THE SCHOOL***

A reminder that when you come to the school, please check in at the office (even if you are only going to be here for “a minute”). As a safety measure, the office staff will have you sign in and you will receive a visitor’s pass. Please check out when you leave. If you are here during the recess breaks and will be looking for your child on the playground, please check into the office as well, to sign in and receive a visitor’s pass. By doing this, our staff will know that you are an authorized visitor. We also need this information for evacuations.

## ***HALLOWEEN SAFETY***

If your child will be wearing a Halloween costume on October 31, for safety we are asking that they **do not wear masks or carry replica weapons, nor wear excessive gore. The costumes need to be appropriate for school-aged children from 5 – 13 years old.** Please ensure that the costume is appropriate for a school learning environment. Following are a few tips to help make Halloween a safe event for your children.

### **Keys to Choosing a Safe Halloween Costume:**

- 👍 **Flame resistant material**
- 👍 **Costumes should fit well.**
- 👍 **Good visibility.**
- 👍 **Good ventilation**

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

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



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 21	PAC meeting 7 pm
Oct 21 - 24	Early Dismissal – 1:10 pm (Monday at 1:30 pm, Tuesday 1:10 pm, Wednesday 1:10 pm, Thursday 1:10 pm) Parent-Teacher Formative Assessment Conferences by appointment from 1:30 pm onwards Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 22	School Photo Retakes (am)
<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 1	Hot Lunch (by pre order the Thursday of the week prior at midnight)
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 15	Hot Lunch (by pre order the Thursday of the week prior at midnight)
Nov 18	PAC meeting – 7:00 pm
Nov 29	Hot Lunch (by pre order the Thursday of the week prior at midnight)
Dec 6	Hot Lunch (by pre order the Thursday of the week prior at midnight)
Dec 13	Hot Lunch (by pre order the Thursday of the week prior at midnight)
Dec 17	Winter Concert
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

### IDLE FREE ZONE

Please assist in making our air clean, and conserving energy. Ensure that you turn off your vehicle when you are parked.

### PARKING & SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT



There is **NO PARKING** in the bus pull-through or where there are red and yellow lines in the school parking lot (with the exception of **pre-approved** daycare buses dropping off or picking up students). We are concerned for the safety of our students. The pre-authorized vans and school bus are the **only** vehicles allowed to stop in the drive-through in front of the school. The exit is very narrow and the bus is unable to exit safely if there are any other cars stopped in the parking lot. Please make sure that the drop off loop stays courteous and calm – this is a drop off area only and drivers are asked to stay in their vehicle ready to move ahead. The **back parking lot** is also a safe place to park. Please set a good example of patience & calm driving and parking! Please be respectful of our neighbours, and ensure that the road is not blocked. **Please cross the road carefully.**

### 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 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/>

## ***FLU SEASON***

Flu season is upon us so please follow the guidelines of being scrupulous about hand washing and sneezing or coughing into handkerchiefs or the crook of your arm.

## ***SAFETY PROCEDURES***

Throughout the year, we are required to practice fire, earthquake and lockdown drills. Our goal is to ensure that our students and staff will be calm in the case of an emergency. We remind our students that these events are unlikely; however, it is important to be prepared. We do a pre and post debrief with our students and staff.

### ***FIRE DRILLS***

All schools conduct fire drills several times throughout the year. Any continuous ringing of the fire bell is treated as a real emergency. Students evacuate the school in an orderly fashion and gather at a designated place. We practice this six times in a year.

### ***EARTHQUAKE DRILLS***

Earthquake Drills are conducted during the school year. Students have a practiced procedure to follow. Teachers and students move to the field away from buildings and overhead power lines. Student Release Forms must be completed and updated by all parents/guardians, as in the event of an earthquake, students will only be released to the individuals listed on this form. All parents or designated guardians who come for students must have them signed out at the office or at the alternative Student Release Station at the entrance to the schoolyard. Signs will be posted if this alternative location is being used. We practice this twice in a year.

### ***LOCKDOWN DRILLS***

Lockdown Drills are performed one to two times per year. We train our students to be calm and gather quietly in a safe place in their classroom. All exterior doors are locked, and we ask parents to respect this.

### ***HOLD AND SECURE DRILL***

A hold and secure is where our students will continue to move quietly in the building; however our exterior doors are locked. This might take place if there was an outside danger. Another variation is Shelter in Place where we stay indoors with exterior doors unlocked.

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

At Mountain View, we have an active playtime at recess; students will 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. Please remember we live on the west coast and have wet fall and winter days.**
- There are many areas to engage in positive interactions, including the library on Mondays (Grades 3 – 7), Games Club on Tuesdays and the chess club on Thursdays (Grades 3 – 7), cross country practices – Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday

## ***PAC – please look for our monthly PAC newsletter***

### ***Fall Fun Fair***

What a turnout for our Fall Fun Fair! We enjoyed fabulous weather, great laughs, many fun new events and the tried and true Mountain View events. Thank you to our PAC, and to the main organizer, Selina Vachon. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and it was a huge success. Thank you to our many volunteers and the amazing donations from our community!

### ***Hot Lunch***

Hot Lunches will be on November 1, 15, 29, December 6, 13. Remember to pre-order by Thursday midnight of the week prior. To register or login, please visit [www.munchalunch/schools/mountainview](http://www.munchalunch/schools/mountainview) or access on the school's website.

**Country Grocer** receipts can be donated in the bin at the front entrance, and Cobbs Bread has a school donation by request. Please sign up for the list serve on the school website to receive detailed information. Thank you for your support.

You may also continue to drop off your **bottles at the bottle depot** on Hayes Road for our Mountain View Grade 7 Account.





*Luv 2 Groove moves – thank you to our PAC!*

*Division 8 at Milner Gardens*

