



# MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/mtnview/>

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

*As we approach the Holiday Season...*

Our school community is dedicated to showing generosity and demonstrating kindness to each other and in our community. We continue to work with our students to model effective tools for self-regulation and ways of solving peer conflict in peaceful kind ways. Our support team, Ms. Blanca Gonzalez, counsellor, and Ms. Rosanna Cowie, CYFSW will be also supporting students in classrooms and small groups. Our students, with the lead of the staff as well, work to be “bucket fillers”!

There are many ways that our Mountain View students show leadership and are making our school a positive place:

- ✓ The students in Mr. Cronan’s division visited classes to lead in PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention System), with an emphasis on modelling safe, responsible and respectful behaviour. The students will also be working on speaking to each class about our common expectations for calm alert learning and kind ways to play at recess, including using WITS.
- ✓ Our WE club continues to be outstanding in supporting local and global actions. The students organized a “We Scare Hunger” campaign for Loaves and Fishes. The students raised over \$550 by selling tasty treats around the world to support their action plan.
- ✓ Our Grade 7 students have volunteered to read out the morning announcements, starting the day with a Hul’q’umi’num’ welcome, and on Mondays leading the school in “Oh Canada” and leading the Remembrance Day Assembly.

Thank you to the Mountain View staff, parents and volunteers in the community who continue to demonstrate generosity with their time, energy and talent to provide a multitude of learning opportunities. Thank you to our PAC for continuing to provide our hot lunch program, which is on our website. Thank you for providing funds to support field trips, equipment, art supplies, our Artists in the Schools, and many other activities. We thank you for your ongoing generosity of time, organization and efforts!

*On behalf of the staff at Mountain View, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday!*

***Kathy Bergman, Principal***

## ***WINTER CONCERT– Tuesday, December 17***

There will be two one-hour performances – 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 17 in the gym. For the evening performance, students should start arriving at the school around 5:40 pm. Students will be in their classrooms before and after they go on stage. Parking will be a challenge for both the afternoon & the evening performances, and we encourage carpooling. Please plan to attend ONE concert only as seating will be limited. If you can attend the afternoon performance, please do so, and please allow others to attend the evening. Our student-led We group will be selling baked goods and “jewellery for change” before, and after the afternoon concert, and before the evening performance. The sale will be in the foyer. The baked goods are by donation, and all proceeds will go for health in Sierra Leone. **If you are interested in donating baked goods, please drop them off in the morning of December 17.**

## ***FOOD & NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS***

The PAC, Ms. Cora Brown and Ms. Barb Kirkpatrick have organized the annual food/non-perishable items, and household items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, etc.) drive for our school based hampers. These items will be collected in classrooms until December 13. We will also collect gift card and monetary donations at the front office. Thank you Mountain View Elementary students and families for making the season a little brighter.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

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 13	Sweater, Scarf & Hat Day (Energy Cup Challenge)
Dec 17	Winter Concert at 1:00 pm and at 6:00 pm (please attend one concert only)
Dec 19	Senior's Day Giving Back Visits
Dec 20	Last Day of School before Winter Break: Sweater, Scarf & Hat Day (Energy Cup Challenge) and PJ Day
<b>Dec 21 to Jan 5 SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break</b>	
Jan 6	School Re-opens

### ***LOST & FOUND***

Our Lost & Found box is overflowing! The items are in the hallway **until Friday, December 20**. Please remind your children to check for any items. After December 20, any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity

### ***SAFE, & RESPONSIBLE SNOW BEHAVIOURS***

- Keep snow on the ground (NO snowball throwing or face washing)
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Stay well away from roadways
- Walk carefully, and be aware of icy patches
- Snowmen and snow angels are welcome

### ***APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS***

Please send your child(ren) to school prepared for fall and winter weather. Waterproof boots, gloves, and warm jackets (especially waterproof ones) are a necessity at this time of year. At Mountain View Elementary, we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play, students will go outside for fresh air at recess breaks unless it is extremely stormy (high winds combined with excessive rainfall). Layered clothing is always a good choice as children can then take off and put on clothing as is necessary. Please label your child's clothing and check the Lost and Found Box regularly.



### ***SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO WEATHER***

It is that time of year again, when School District staff would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice. If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day and for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings. We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the School District website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

**We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.**

### ***HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS***

Thank you to our PAC for continuing to provide support for our classrooms, and student learning. Thank you for supporting the recent frozen food order. **Hot Lunch:** To register or login, please visit: <https://mv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/pac/>. There is more detailed information on the school's website.

### ***LIBRARY NEWS – MS. KIRKPATRICK***

#### **Thank-you to our PAC**

A big thank-you to the Mountain View PAC for once again generously supporting the library with funds from the Fall Book Fair that allow new library resources to be purchased. Students have been very excited to see new books available to borrow from the library!

If you have any questions, please come and see me in the library Monday to Friday or email me at [mkirkpatrick@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:mkirkpatrick@sd68.bc.ca).

Moira Kirkpatrick, Teacher-librarian

### ***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 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/>

### ***ELECTRONIC CENTRAL REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL***

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 8, 2020 at 8:00 am. 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, 2020 that will be entering **Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2020 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, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2020. Late French Immersion – students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? Lottery: Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball. Try-Outs/Auditions: Lacrosse, Performing Arts, Jazz. Applications will be received until March 1, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by either lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2020.
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2020.**

**For more information, please visit the district website [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca) or email [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)**

### ***COMMUNITY NEWS***

#### ***GRADE 4 & 5 SNOWPASS PROGRAM***

Get Kids Winter Active with reduced rates for a SNOWPASS. This is one of Canada's easiest ways to get kids healthy and active this winter! The Canadian Ski Council's Snow Pass is available online. It is an unbeatable offer! Snow Pass information and applications are available online at a <https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/>

#### ***CITY OF NANAIMO ACTIVE PASS***

Your child in Grade 5 or 6 can receive an Active Pass or Stay Active Pass from Parks, Recreation and Culture! Pick up an application form at any Parks, Recreation and Culture facility. See the following for more information: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/recreation-parks/recreation-facilities-schedules/childrens-recreation-programs>