



# MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Happy New Year – We look forward to engaging ourselves and our students with learning and a growth mindset! We appreciate your support at our school events. We had two fabulous Christmas concerts – great variety, a wonderful showcase of musical and dramatic talent, and a lot of fun!

Thank you for supporting the bake sale and jewellery sale for the We club, \$1100 for health in Sierra Leone collected. This was a student organized and led event. The We Club also raised \$585 from the Taste of the World to support their global action plans. We are fortunate to have globally responsible student leaders at Mountain View. Thank you to our teacher sponsors, Ms. Keenleyside and Ms. Spence.

Thank you to Division 18 for their baked goods that raised money to support family hampers at the Salvation Army, SPCA, BC Children's Hospital and Buddy Check for Jesse! It was amazing to have our students show community minded service.

Our Grades four and five students are involved in Reading Link groups, preparing for the fun challenge.

Our CYFSW, Rosanna Cowie, and our counsellor, Blanca Gonzalez, also are initiating several groups, both at recess and during class time, other social groups from K – Grade 7, including games club on Tuesdays.

***Kathy Bergman, Principal***

## ***CHILDHOOD STRESS & ANXIETY, BUILDING RESILIENCE WORKSHOP – JANUARY 22***

Please join us for a free workshop for parents, caregivers and educators on Childhood Stress & Anxiety, and Building Resilience presented by Julie-Anne Richards, Clinical Counsellor and Psycho-educational Consultant. The workshop is from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Mountain View Gym. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-parent-presentation-on-childhood-anxiety-by-julie-anne-richards-tickets-83224880859>

Limited childminding is available, registration is required. We are grateful to the Eric Palmer Memorial Foundation for hosting this event.

## ***SCHOOL CLUBS***

We are fortunate to have several programs in place for students. We appreciate our volunteers!

### **Big Recess Clubs**

Mondays – The library will be open on Mondays at big recess for students to read, work on projects/assignments and receive assistance from Ms. Kirkpatrick.

Tuesdays – Games Club in the MPR hosted by our CYFSW, Ms. Cowie

Thursdays – Chess Club in the Library hosted by Mr. Jorgensen

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

### **Reading Link Challenge**

Grade 4 and 5 students taking part in the *Reading Link Challenge* continue in their quest to read all six books selected this year:

*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

*Kenny and the Dragon* by Tony DiTerlizzi

*Loot* by Jude Watson

*The Losers Club* by Andrew Clement

*A Whale in Paris* by Daniel Presley

*Where's Burgess?* By Laurie Elmquist

Many students have read three or more of the books at this point meaning teams will soon be able to meet more frequently with their team members and sponsor teacher to practice answering questions.

The date of the school challenge has not yet been set but will be sometime late February or early March.

Parents can continue to provide support by reading the books along with your child and asking questions about the characters and events or hosting an afternoon for your child's team to practice for the challenge. This is meant to be a fun and friendly competition, with the main goal to get kids excited about reading.

Thank you to Ms. Bergman, Ms. Haack, Ms. Fulton, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Jarvis and Ms. Miscavish, for sponsoring teams along with myself.

Moira Kirkpatrick, Teacher-librarian

### ***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.**

### ***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>



## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

- Jan 20 NDSS counsellors visit to Grade 7 students with course selection information for 2020
- Jan 20 PAC meeting (childminding available) 7:00 pm
- Jan 21 Grade 4 students to the Port Theatre Symphony 10:15 am – 12:20 pm
- Jan 22 Pacific Sport Wednesday Morning Program “Come Play with Us” for Grades 1 – 4 by registration starts
- Jan 22 “Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Building Resilience” workshop 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jan 23 Pacific Sport Thursday Recess Guardian Program for Grades 5 – 7 by registration starts
- Jan 24 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- Feb 7 Progress Report Cards
- Feb 7 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- Feb 10 PAC meeting (childminding available) 7:00 pm
- Feb 11 Lion’s Vision screening eye exam – Grade 4 & 7 students
- Feb 17 **SCHOOL CLOSED - BC Family Day**
- Feb 21 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- Feb 24 **SCHOOL CLOSED - District Professional Development Day**
- Feb 25 **SCHOOL CLOSED - School Professional Development Day**
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day – “Lift Each Other Up”
- March 5 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- March 10 Duffle Bag Theatre 10:45 am
- March 13 **Last day of school prior to Spring Break**
- March 14 – 29 **Spring Break – School Closed**
- March 30 **First day back after Spring Break**
- April 3 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- April 10 SCHOOL CLOSED – Good Friday
- April 13 SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Monday
- April 17 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- April 20 PAC meeting (childminding available) 7:00 pm
- April 29 Mountain View Track Meet (Grades 3 – 7)
- May 1 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- May 11 PAC AGM (childminding available) 7:00 pm
- May 12 – 14 School Musical
- May 15 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- May 18 **SCHOOL CLOSED – Victoria Day**
- May 21 Welcome to Kindergarten (for 2020 - 21 Kindergarten registrants and parents) 9:30 – 10:30 am
- May 22 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- May 27 Zone Track Meet
- May 29 **SCHOOL CLOSED – School Professional Development Day**
- June 1 - 3 Grade 7 Camp Capernwray
- June 5 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- June 8 PAC meeting (childminding available) 7:00 pm
- June 11 District Track Meet
- June 12 PAC Hot Lunch (by pre-order the Thursday of the week prior)
- June 19 Bike Jamboree
- June 23 Grade 7 Potluck & Swim Celebration
- June 24 Fun Afternoon
- June 25 Last Day of School & Assembly – Final Report Cards
- June 26 **SCHOOL CLOSED - Administrative Day**

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

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began on January 8, 2020. 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? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Performing Arts or Jazz) Applications will be received until March 1, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined either by 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 Winter Active with reduced rates for a SNOWPASS. This is one of Canada's easiest ways to get children 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 [www.SnowPass.org](http://www.SnowPass.org)

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

If your child is in Grade 5 or 6, they 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>

