



## MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our website:  
<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 amidst new protocols and ways of learning during this pandemic. Our students started the year learning about the Growth Mindset. Thinking of “I Can statements” and “I cannot do this.... YET”. This will be an ongoing learning for all of us throughout the year.

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

Thank you and welcome to our Vice Principal, Ms. Alana Lavery, as she assisted in school set up and organization and ongoing planning to keep our school community safe.

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 400 students.

We are grateful for your efforts in keeping our school a safe place to learn and working with us in following the new protocols in place. Thank you to our District team for all the communications and ongoing attention to making our school safe! We are committed to providing a safe, and connected learning environment with a growth mindset.

*Kathy Bergman, Principal*

### ***NEW STAFF***

We welcome the following new staff members:

Our Vice Principal, Ms. Alana Lavery

Mr. Oliver Bild, Speech & Language Pathologist, Mr. Jessie Bremner, Custodian, Ms. Jessica Brooks teaching Grade 1, Ms. Natalie Chelsom, teaching Grade 6/7, Ms. Chew teaching Grade 4 and Mr. Shawn Erhart, Custodian.

### ***TERRY FOX RUN***

Our Terry Fox run will be run in individual classes or in cohorts throughout the day on Friday, September 25. 40 years ago, Terry Fox started a movement that continues to grow strong in the hearts of Canadians. Although this year's community & school events look different – our goal is still the same. To remind ourselves of the attributes of Terry Fox and to #tryliketerry. Some character traits we remember when we think of Terry Fox: Courage, Respect, Humility, Determination, Perseverance, Teamwork, Compassion and Integrity. If you wish to donate please go to our school page at <https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referrer%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fterryfox.org%252fschoolrun%252f&TeamID=916037>

## ***STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP***

We continue to urge parents/families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up your child. If you are going to be near other people, whether children or adults, please keep distance in accordance with COVID 19 protocols established by the CDC and Medical Officer, and/or wear a mask. We would ask that you encourage students that are able, to walk independently to the lineup. *We would also discourage any after school gathering/playing in groups on our school grounds and playground equipment and ask that you respect our desire to continue to keep our school community as safe as possible.*

**Students arriving after the bell:** Please have your child enter through our front door after the bell. That way we can ensure that your child's attendance is recorded, and they are safe. We will request that they sanitize their hands at the doorway and stop to check in at the office.

**Students that need to leave early:** Please come to the front entrance, call our front office staff, and we will have your child meet you outside at the front entrance door.

## ***BELL SCHEDULE 2020 21***

### ***Mondays - Fridays***

8:37 am	Warning Bell
8:40 – 10:15	Morning Session
10:15 – 10:30	Recess
10:30 – 11:45	Morning Session
11:45 – 12:20	Noon Recess
12:20 – 2:20	Afternoon Session

## ***SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION***

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

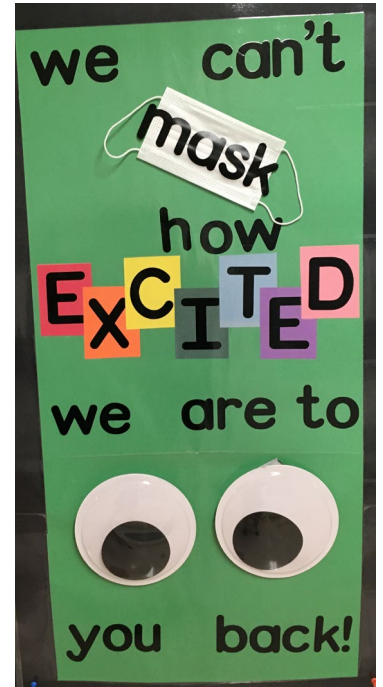
The "Student Information Forms" were sent home. It is imperative that this form be completed accurately and signed by an adult as it ensures our ability to contact parents in case of an emergency. If, during the school year, any of the information should change, please contact the school secretary to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

## ***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.



## ***STUDENT FORMS/PAYING FEES ONLINE***

For those who have not yet signed up please register for a School Cash Online account. This account includes the ability to pay for school items, fees, online and includes very important documents that you are now able to sign online. Below is important information on how you can register for the School Cash Online platform where you will be able to pay for your child's school fees and electronically sign consent forms.

**Consent Forms include: The Student Consent form which includes: Student Google Suite for Education (this will allow a student to access google and use google classroom), Media Releases, Technology & Internet Use, Walking Field trip consent.**

### **Paying and Signing Forms Online is Fast and Easy**

Paying school fees and signing school forms online is fast and easy and can be done from any computer or smartphone. Get setup in three simple steps:

1. **Create Your Profile:** Go to <https://nlps.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Register" and fill in all appropriate fields.
2. **Confirm Your Email:** Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
3. **Add a Student:** Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

More information and instructions on how to sign up and use School Cash Online are available here <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/schoolcashionline/>.

## ***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 the expected behaviour will be 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 11:45 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.**



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sep 25	Terry Fox School Run – individual classes at different times
Sep 30	School Individual Photos – 8:40 am – noon
Sep 30	Orange Shirt Day – It Starts with Awareness see: <a href="https://www.orangeshirtday.org/">https://www.orangeshirtday.org/</a>
Oct 1	Singing with Syeyutsus <a href="https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/">https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/</a> connect virtually from 4:00 pm onwards
<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Non-Instructional Day</b>
<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Monday</b>
Oct 15	Great BC Shakeout/Earthquake Awareness and Drill
Oct 15	Individual School Photo Retakes (morning)
<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Non-Instructional Day</b>
Oct 29	Singing with Syeyutsus <a href="https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/">https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/</a> connect virtually from 4:00 pm onwards
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Remembrance Day</b>
Nov 12	Singing with Syeyutsus <a href="https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/">https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/</a> connect virtually from 4:00 pm onwards
Nov 26	Singing with Syeyutsus <a href="https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/">https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/</a> connect virtually from 4:00 pm onwards
Dec 10	Singing with Syeyutsus <a href="https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/">https://syeyutsus.sd68.bc.ca/</a> connect virtually from 4:00 pm onwards
Dec 18	Last Day of School before Winter Break
<b>Dec 21 to Jan 1</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break</b>
Jan 4	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 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.





Division 15 and the “Courage to Fly”

Our New Kindergarten Bathroom! Thank you to our District Staff!

