



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...

This has been an unprecedented time, and we are grateful to families – whether your child(ren) are learning in class or from home. Thank you for your resilience. We appreciate our staff and students – in this time when many ways we learn at school look different and have required a lot of energy.

Our school community is dedicated to building ways to show generosity and demonstrate 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 in the new year. 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, such as, leading learning on recycling, up-cycling (making wax paper for lunches), composting, outdoor learning, first aid, learning to dance, making paddles with our Aboriginal EA, Ms. Moore, making cards for Seniors, and running cross country.

Thank you to the Mountain View staff, families and students who continue to demonstrate kindness with their actions and words, particularly during this time where being a community is key and practicing safe, kind ways to stay healthy are foremost. We thank you for your ongoing connectedness and kindness!

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

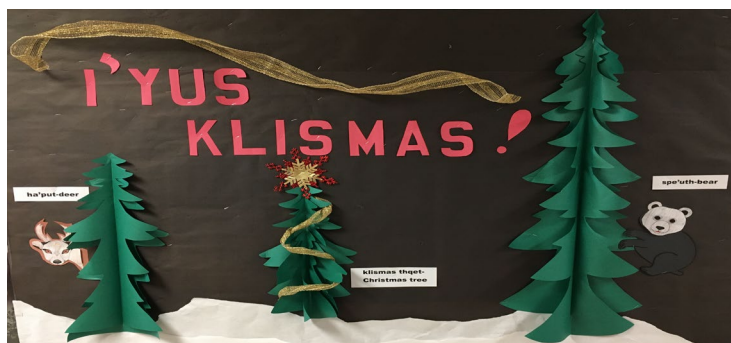
Kathy Bergman, Principal

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found box is overflowing! The items are in the hallway **until Friday, December 18**. Please remind your children to check for any items. After December 18, any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity

DONATIONS

The PAC, Ms. Cora Brown and Ms. Barb Kirkpatrick have organized the annual hamper drive for our school-based hampers. You may donate through our Munch A Lunch website at www.munchalunch.com/login. You may also send your receipts from Country Grocer, as these are used to purchase items for families and our students. Gift cards will also be accepted. These items will be collected until the end of the day on December 11. *Thank you, Mountain View Elementary students and families, for making the season a little brighter.*



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 11	Be festive – wear a sparkly, green, red, funny festive sweater & a hat
Dec 14	Festive holiday hats
Dec 15	Wear green day– our Mountain View colour
Dec 16	Wear red day
Dec 17	Jingle bell day
Dec 18	Last Day of School before Winter Break: Wear your cozy pajamas day
Dec 21 to Jan 3 SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break	
Jan 4	School Re-opens
Jan 6	Kindergarten Registration for 2021 22 opens

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.



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 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, 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/>

ELECTRONIC CENTRAL REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 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, 2021 that will be entering **Kindergarten? Applications must be received by June 15, 2021 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion? Late French Immersion students are placed as space permits.
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2021.**
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, 2021, at which time student selection will be determined by either lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2021.
6. Do I want to register my child or request a school transfer (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2021.**
7. **Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Nanaimo District Secondary for Grade 8**, as NDSS is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to NDSS as this is automatically taken care of for your child. Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area secondary school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online here: [Student Online Registration](#). If you are interested in applying for one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website for more information here: [District Secondary Academies](#)

For more information, please visit the district website www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information or email 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>