



# MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our website:

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

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

Happy New Year! We look forward to engaging ourselves and our students with ongoing learning and a growth mindset! We appreciate your support during this ongoing pandemic – we continue to focus on safety, calm, resilience and kindness to each other. We are grateful to our staff for their diligence to support safe, joyful learning with our students. Staff are providing many opportunities for outdoor play and learning – which build positive connections to nature and have been shown to decrease stress and anxiety.

We are appreciative of our students and their ability to adapt, stay joyful and learn. We appreciate our families and their commitment to being safe and resilient.

We are grateful to NLPS Staff for a clean school, and the many ways that we are supported by District staff.

We are grateful to have our students learning, laughing and connecting – even though there are many ways that are unique to this school year, our students continue to use their elastic brains and joyful hearts.

Our CYFSW, Rosanna Cowie, and our counsellor, Blanca Gonzalez, also are initiating several groups, during class time, and supporting our learners with Zones of Regulation, the growth mindset learning, including using the Big Life Journal Activities and finding ways to support anxiety and stress

**“Gratitude is the soil on which joy thrives”**

*Tsiyulh naamut cun,*

*I am grateful,*

***Kathy Bergman, Principal***

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

Please send your child(ren) to school prepared for wet, west coast 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, and outdoor learning, 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. An extra set of clothing in your child's backpack may be helpful.

## ***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](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.**



## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

	<i>Fridays – Join in and wear Mountain View Spirit Wear, Mountain View colours or your favourite team jersey</i>
Jan 6	BC Lions' Energy Challenge – Virtual Presentation – 1 pm in classrooms
January	NDSS counsellors visit to Grade 7 students with course selection information for 2021 (Date TBD)
Jan 18	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
Jan 20	NS3 (Nanaimo Science in Classrooms) for Divisions 7, 8 & 9
Feb 10	Progress Report Cards (emailed home)
Feb 11	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - District Professional Development Day</b>
Feb 12	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - School Professional Development Day</b>
Feb 15	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - BC Family Day</b>
Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day - "Lift Each Other Up" wear pink, or rainbow colours
March 8	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
March 11	NS3 (Nanaimo Science in Classrooms) for Divisions 16, 17 & 18
March 12	<b>Last day of school prior to Spring Break</b>
March 15 – 26	<b>Spring Break – School Closed</b>
March 29	First day back after Spring Break
April 2	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Good Friday</b>
April 5	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Monday</b>
April 19	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
May 7	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – School Professional Development Day</b>
May 17	PAC AGM (virtual) 7:00 pm
May 24	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Victoria Day</b>
June 21	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
June 29	Last Day of School & Assembly – Final Report Cards
June 30	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Administrative Day</b>

### ***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 2021 – 22 School Year***

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](#)

*If you are currently registered for 2020 – 21 school year at Mountain View – then you automatically continue to be registered for the 2021 – 22 school year at Mountain View.*

**For more information, please visit the district website [www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information](http://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information) 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>