



MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our website:

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning and for celebrating their growth and efforts! Thank you for continuing to support a safe school learning community with respect to the pandemic and continuing to reinforce safe habits with your child.

We are focussing in February on "Be Kind" and "THINK" (is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and KIND) before we use our words or text. Students and staff will be building ways of showing kindness to each other, to self, to family and in the community. We encourage kindness throughout the year but are putting a special focus on it for this month. We will also be participating in RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) and spotting others being kind - where students take note of other student's kind actions. Some of the school-based days will be: Thank you, Tuesday, Help the World, Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday, and Friendship Friday. February 24 is Pink Shirt Day – and we encourage students and staff to wear rainbow colours or pink shirts to show support to "We Lift Each Other Up".

Thank you for continuing to support safe practices and using the Daily Health Check.

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, 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

Fridays – Join in and wear Mountain View Spirit Wear, Mountain View colours or your favourite team jersey

Feb 10	Progress Report Cards (emailed home)
Feb 11	SCHOOL CLOSED - District Professional Development Day
Feb 12	SCHOOL CLOSED - School Professional Development Day
Feb 15	SCHOOL CLOSED - BC Family Day
Feb 22	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day - “Lift Each Other Up” wear pink, or rainbow colours
March 11	NS3 (Nanaimo Science in Classrooms) for Divisions 16, 17 & 18
March 12	Last day of school prior to Spring Break
March 15 – 26	Spring Break – School Closed
March 29	First day back after Spring Break
April 2	SCHOOL CLOSED – Good Friday
April 5	SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Monday
April 19	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
May 7	SCHOOL CLOSED – School Professional Development Day
May 17	PAC AGM (virtual) 7:00 pm
May 24	SCHOOL CLOSED – Victoria Day
June 7	PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
June 29	Last Day of School & Assembly – Final Report Cards
June 30	SCHOOL CLOSED - Administrative Day

PROGRESS REPORTS

The BC Education Plan continues to have an increased focus on big ideas and core competencies. Check out the curriculum at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>. The emphasis on core competencies: Communication, Thinking (Creative & Critical) and Personal & Social Development (Positive Personal & Cultural Identity, Personal Awareness & Responsibility, and Social Responsibility). At Mountain View, teachers are guiding and empowering learners to engage in discovery, creativity and problem solving and to develop lifelong “Behaviours for Success”. The Progress Reports distributed on February 10 reflect these descriptive, formative communications of each students’ academic, behavioural, and social-emotional progress. The competency scale is: Emerging, Developing, Proficient and Extending.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, it is important to acknowledge that we want to celebrate each child’s efforts, successes and having a growth mindset.

The Written Progress Reports went home on February 10.

- Please take the time to look at the **Student Strengths**. Celebrate successes and congratulate children for their **efforts**. Be honest and realistic.
- Continue to **build excellent reading skills**; it is a key to success in all areas. Enjoy reading together!
- Discuss the **Areas for Improvement**. Set realistic goals and support a growth mindset.
- Go over the **Ways to Support Learning**. Use the planner to make daily goals.
- Encourage your child(ren) to self-assess and celebrate their growth and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact their teacher.

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 opened on January 6. 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 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

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>