



MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/mtnview/>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are so grateful for your patience, resilience, and kindness currently. Our wish is for each families' safety and health during this pandemic.

We are grateful for the many ways that our staff support place-based learning, outdoor time, and social emotional connections within the school. Our courtyard is being transformed into a living garden!

We will be planning ways to celebrate with our Grade 7 student and they are producing their yearbook as a commemoration– we will be sharing our plans with our Grade 7 families by the beginning of June.

We are also planning on ways of welcoming our new families with students that start Kindergarten in 2021. This will include our Welcome to Kindergarten play pack pick up in June.

As we begin to plan for the 2021 - 22 school year, please assist us by confirming any moves, registering for Kindergarten, and reading our policy on student placement in this newsletter.

Kathy Bergman, Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2021 22

Please ensure that you have registered your child entering kindergarten prior to June 15, 2021 for September 2021 to ensure that there is a space. **For more information, please visit the district website www.sd68.bc.ca or email ereg@sd68.bc.ca** We will be supporting a Welcome to Kindergarten play pack pick up June 16 & 17, with specific information to be emailed out at the beginning of June, including pick up appointment details.

HOT LUNCHESES/POPCORN

Our PAC is offering hot lunch/popcorn for May 26, June 2, 9 and 16. **All orders will need to be confirmed and paid for by midnight May 18.**

The ordering is through Munch A Lunch <http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/mountainview>

Thank you to our PAC for supporting student learning in so many ways – digital microscopes, gym and outdoor equipment, healthy lunches and snacks for students, classroom supplies.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 24 **SCHOOL CLOSED – Victoria Day**
June 7 PAC meeting (virtual) 7:00 pm
June 16 & 17 Welcome to Kindergarten Play Pack pickup (information to be emailed beginning of June)
June 29 Last Day of School/Final Report Cards
June 30 **SCHOOL CLOSED - Administrative Day**

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR CLASSES IN 2021 - 2022

At this time of the year, we start to plan for the 2021 - 22 school year at Mountain View Elementary School. The assignment of students into divisions involves careful planning by staff to ensure the best possible placement of each student. We are in the process of planning the next academic year with the school team to build classes, which suit the students' academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational information, that you would like us to consider about your child, please contact the Principal, Kathy Bergman, kathy.bergman@sd68.bc.ca **no later than June 4, 2021**. We do consider this request, along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honoured. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, ***please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.*** More importantly, the process of creating divisions is complex, and individual requests do not guarantee class placement.

ARE YOU MOVING?

Schools are now in the process of arranging school organizations for the 2021 - 22 school year. If you are moving to another school and out of Mountain View's catchment area or to another district, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2021 - 22 school year. ***If your contact information has changed, please let us know, as it is important that we can contact you in a timely fashion.***

BUS REGISTRATION

We are grateful for the bus service provided to Mountain View School. A reminder that this is a courtesy ridership and depends on registration numbers. Every year students need to register for a bus pass/Z pass.

All Nanaimo Ladysmith Public School (NLPS) bus riders will require a 2021-2022 Z-Pass to ride the bus both morning and/or afternoon runs. Students must produce and scan their pass daily upon entry and exit of the bus for both morning and afternoon routes. Bus passes will be printed and issued once registration has been received and distributed at the school indicated on the registration in September. Registrations are used to determine bus routes. A separate bus information letter will be sent out. Our current Mountain View school bus routes from 2020 21 are listed on the NLPS webpage along with transportation information. <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/transportation/>

ELECTRONIC CENTRAL REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began in January 2021. 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 apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications were due March 31, 2021.**
4. Academy registrations were due March 31, 2021.

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A reminder that our Grade 7 students will be transitioned to NDSS by our clerical staff. No application is needed by families. If your child in Grade 7 will be attending a different secondary school – please email us.