



Welcome to Kindergarten at Heritage Mountain Elementary

I would like to welcome your child to Heritage Mountain Elementary. For many of you, this will be your first experience in the public school system and with our school. For others, you already have older children in the school and are familiar with our building.

Heritage Mountain is a wonderful school. It is lively and it is also our first year with Full Day Kindergarten. We have learned a lot!

It is very exciting to welcome new children to our school!

Please plan on attending an information session hosted

on Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30-7:30pm in our gymnasium. There will be a few presentations in the gym and the children will be able to view the kindergarten rooms. We will have a few early learning specialists here to talk about kindergarten.

Each family that attends will leave with a Welcome to Kindergarten bag full of goodies!

Please email cmah@sd43.bc.ca in order to RSVP.

Regards,
Mr. C. Mah

Welcome to Kindergarten Information Session
Wednesday,
May 16th,
6:30-7:30pm

What will my child do during "Gradual Entry"?

The children will be rotating through three different stations during their gradual entry time. The teachers will start to get to know your child so that they can place him/her in an optimal learning environment.

Students will be assigned to either Group A or Group B in July. Please look for the email!

Opening Day

Tuesday, September 4th, 10:30-11:00am

Please enter through the same gym doors that you used for Welcome to Kindergarten! Our staff will greet you and take attendance. Your family will also be signing up for a 30 minute Welcoming Conversation with your teacher.

September Opening Week: Gradual Entry and Welcoming Conversations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
School closed.	All kindergarten students report to the gymnasium at 10:30am.	Gradual Entry. Group A, 8:40-10:30am Group B, 1:00-2:50pm	Gradual Entry. Groups A & B, 8:40-11:45	30 Minute Welcoming Conversations.
10	11	12	13	14
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Parking, Pick Up and Drop off

Parking is a limited resource at Heritage Mountain. We understand all parents' desire to park as close to the door as possible but we are not able to accommodate this.

Please do not park in the Pick Up/Drop Off zone or in stalls marked Handicapped or Staff.

If you're hoping to park at the school, come early!

Please make sure you are on time to pick up your child.

The teacher will release your child directly to you or your daycare service.



It can be crazy busy in our pick up/drop off zone!

What is a " Welcoming Conversation" ?

During the first week of school, you will have a thirty minute meeting with your child's teacher. We call them "Welcoming Conversations".

These conversations are intended for the teacher to learn more about your child and family. It also gives you a chance to ask the teacher questions.

During this meeting, the teacher may ask:

- What does your child like to do?

Our Welcoming Conversations will take place with a teacher that may not necessarily be your child's teacher for the rest of the year.

- What are his/her interests?
- What does your family do together?
- What would you like the teacher to know about your family?
- What information would you like

the teacher to know about the child's previous experience?

- Does the child have any other friends at the school?



We anticipate there 3 Kindergarten classes!

Gradual entry has changed.

The students will be divided into two groups, Group A and Group B.

Gradual Entry will allow the students a chance to experience school without having to attend the full day. It also provides our teachers a chance to get to know the children better.

You will find out your groups in the first week of July.

Group A will visit on the morning of September 5th, 8:40-10:30. Group B will visit in the afternoon, 1:00-2:50pm.

Both Groups A & B return just for the

morning of Wednesday, September 6th, 8:40-11:45.



School newsletters are sent out via email. Make sure the school has your current email address!

School starts at 8:40 and the students are dismissed at 2:50.

Attendance

Every morning, the teacher will take attendance, or roll call.

If your child is going to be away due to illness, please call the school right away. Please tell us :

- Child's name
- Teacher

- Reason for absence. (ie. Sickness, vacation, etc.)

We do have an answering machine so parents can call 24/7 and leave a message.

Absences can also be reported by emailing:

heritagemountain@sd43.bc.ca

If your child is not in class, and we haven't heard from you, Mrs. Godin will call your home to check on the whereabouts of your child.



Volunteers! Criminal Record Check and other Documents needed

You can expect to see a lot of forms in September. Of particular interest to our new kindergarten parents is the School Volunteer form.

Parents hoping to volunteer in our school will be required to complete these forms. Parents who will be alone with students (working in small groups or driving on a field trip) are required to provide a Criminal Record Check.

Parents hoping to help out in the classroom or drive on field trips will be asked to provide a Criminal Record Check. These are available through Port Moody Police. Please come by the office to get a letter from me. Bring the letter to the Port Moody Police department. We understand that there is a long wait to complete the process.

Parents hoping to drive on field trips will need to provide us with an ICBC Driver's

Abstract.

Please don't leave this for September!



Heritage Mountain works with the Port Moody Police Department for the safety of all.

When do I find out who my teacher will be?

The welcoming conversation and structure of gradual entry will allow teachers to get to know your child, while also enabling them to create balanced kindergarten classes that will best meet the needs of all learners. The kindergarten teachers will meet near the end of the first week of September to finalize class lists, and parents will be notified shortly thereafter who their child's

teacher will be (likely before the scheduled welcoming conversation).

You will most likely find out your child's teacher by Friday, September 7th.



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All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

by Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need
To know about how to live
And what to do and how to be
I learned in kindergarten.
Wisdom was not at the top
Of the graduate school mountain,
But there in the sandpile at Sun-
day school.
These are the things I learned:
Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found
them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't
yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt
somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.
Warm cookies and cold milk are
good for you.
Live a balanced life -
Learn some and think some

And draw and paint and sing and
dance
And play and work everyday
some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world,
Watch out for traffic,
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.

