

Heritage Mountain Elementary

**New Parent Orientation
Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Please check off your name on the attendance list

Outline

- Heritage Mountain Elementary
 - Our Pac
 - Our Website
 - First Day
 - Supervision
 - Parking, Drop Off Area
 - Helpful Information
- Kindergarten
 1. What do we do in K?
 2. Gradual Entry
 3. Welcome to K Event on June 5th (5:00!)
 4. K orientation June



Heritage Mountain Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

1. PAC AGM on Thursday June 6, 7:30pm in the Library
2. Enhancing Learning Opportunities for Students
3. Volunteer Position Vacancies
4. Please join us!
5. Spring Carnival on June 14th!!! Every two years – don't miss it!

Contact: Pac Chair (Sarah) at
heritagemountainpac@gmail.com

First Days

- Tuesday, Sept 3rd Gr 1 – 5 is 9:00am to 9:20 am only: attendance important! K is 10:00 – 10:30 am
- Wednesday Sept 4 – Friday Sept 13
 - Grade 1 – 5 only – full day starting at 8:42am!
 - Welcome Conversations for K's and their parents
Gradual Entry – discussed further later in presentation
 - Social Responsibility Themed Lessons and Activities
Attachment based activities, Set up for the year ahead
- School Supplies

Parking/ Driving

- Very little parking – walk from home or nearby streets
- Stop signs and 6m from neighbours driveways
- No U-Turns, drive under 30 Km/hour around school
- **Drop off/Pick up only in front of school
Can't wait (like airport).**
- Pomo Police support to ensure safety for children

Supervision



- Limited before school, never before 8:30am
- Recess
- Lunch
- Limited supervision after school – pick up (come early!).
- Wildlife, areas typically out of bounds during school hours....

Staying Informed...

- Monthly Newsletters via email
- Website
- Periodic Special Emails
- Paper notices – sometimes!
- Classroom Teacher Communication
- PAC Communication

PLEASE READ ☺

Attendance

- If absent, e-form or phone call to office (ans. Machine)
(not just classroom teacher, office needs to know)
- Lates? (Please don't be late! Be in line up by 8:40 – first bell)
- Signing out early?
- Vacations – ok, but

Parent To – Do List in September

- ☐ e – forms on website (once assigned a division)
- ☐ Cash On-Line registration
- ☐ Emergency Contact Form – yellow paper
- ☐ If applicable, pay for planner (using cash-on-line)
- ☐ Kindergarten Families – pay \$45 in September via Cash On-Line
- ☐ PAC related requests? (ie Pizza Lunch, Subway Lunch, donation request, volunteer request, etc) (Munch-A-Lunch)

Evidence Based ways to support your child

- Sleep is number one – needed for learning, self regulation, positive mental health
- Boundaries on screen time
- Healthy Eating
- Cell Phone not needed in Elementary School!!! Supervise ipad social media too.

Helpful Information

- Ministry of Education
 - <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca>
- Connecting with your child's teacher
 - In person, by phone, by email
- Connecting with your school
 - Communicating
 - Volunteering
 - When problems and/or concerns arise...

Our Website

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/heritagemountain

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/heritagemountain/Pages/default.aspx>

Kindergarten Specific Information



- Gradual Entry for K's (see handout)
 - Tues Sept 3 – 10:00 to 10:30 in child classroom, parent library for CHEQ
 - Weds Sept 4 and Thurs Sept 5 – Private Family Welcome Conversations (20 mins)
 - Fri Sept 6 – One 60 min Small Group (approx. 6) Session
 - Mon Sept 9 – Small Group 90 mins session
 - Tues Sept 10 – Small Group 110 min session
 - Weds Sept 11 – 8:40 – 12:00 (Home for Lunch)
 - Thurs Sept 12 8:42 – 1:30 (bring lunch)
 - Fri Sept 13th – 8:42 – 1:30 - lunch
 - Mon Sept 16 – First Full Day

Kindergarten –Which Teacher and Classroom ?

- Will be assigned before the end of June – email
- **Parent Information Sheet (take one home today) due June 5th**
- **Balanced Classrooms best for learning for all students!**
- Share in the excitement of knowing the name of their teacher and knowing where their classroom is located before September!

Welcome To K Event on June 5th

- Please arrive between 4:45 – 5:00 for registration (bring filled in sheet)
- K Child Focus (no siblings please)
- Outline for the Hour



K Transition Afternoon – June 19th or 20th – 25 mins

- One parent only (no siblings)
- Three staff members, plus 6 – 10 children and their one adult
- Intro to Kindergarten
- Chance for staff to meet students before making class placement decisions

Getting ready for Kindergarten...

- Can I
 - Zip up my own jacket?
 - Change my shoes?
 - Open my lunch box/bag, unpack and pack it up after eating? Use my waterbottle?
 - Use a public toilet and sink properly?
 - Boys – urinal?
 - Activities in Welcome to K bag - you are their first teacher!

What to send to school

Inside Shoes –easy, velcro?

Jackets – with easy to use zipper (practice in August!)

-Big Enough Back Pack

Change of Clothes

-Recess Snack – starting

Sept 11

-Lunch – starting Sept 12

What do we learn in Kindergarten?

Self Regulation

Purposeful Play