



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
Heritage Mountain Elementary School
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www.sd43.bc.ca/school/heritagemountain

We acknowledge we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish, and Sto':lo Nations.

JANUARY 2022

Happy New Year!!

Newsletter #7

December 17, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Welcome Back! PAC Subway lunch	5	6	7
10	11 Early Dismissal 1:50pm	12	13	14
17 PAC Fuel Catering Lunch	18	19	20 PAC Meeting	21
24	25	26	27	28
31 Pro-D no school for students	Feb 1 PAC Pizza lunch Kindergarten registration starts online!	2	3	4 K registration ends Cross catchment applications start online!

On behalf of the entire Staff at Heritage Mountain Elementary, we wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year. We appreciate your support and generosity at both this time of year and all year. We are very fortunate to be part of this great learning community. We wish you a safe holiday full of fun and relaxation! See you in 2022!!

Important Information

Reporting Absences - Please help us by following these instructions!

The best way to report an absence is to use the online "Absence Report". You will find this on the school website under "Quick Links" on the RH side of the page. Once submitted, this report goes to the Secretary and the Principal and is entered into the computer system. Of course, it is also helpful if you let your teacher know by email. Using the absence report is the preferred method of communicating an absence, as it ensures the school office is aware. If staff are absent, and you have sent an email to them personally, it does not automatically get forwarded to the office.

Go to the school website www.sd43.bc.ca/school/heritagemountain

Scroll down.....and on the RH side of the page you will see:

Quick Links

 Absence Report



Absence Report

Fill in all required fields and click on Submit

Select School: * *

Please make sure you select the correct school.

Student Last Name: *

Student First Name: *

Please fill in the absence report and submit!

Report Cards

If you have any questions AFTER reading your child's report card, please plan to make an appointment (via Teams) with your child's teacher on Monday January 11th after early dismissal. You can contact your child's teacher via email after January 4th to make the virtual appointment.

Please remember to sign your child's report card cover and return it to your child's teacher asap.

Covid - 19 Notification over the Winter Break - if needed

Fraser Health will continue to provide COVID-19 Notification Letters over the Winter Break. SD43 schools will continue to support Fraser Health by forwarding these letters to staff and families during this time. A reminder that if you have questions in regard to COVID-19 or the contact tracing process to please either contact the COVID-19 Call Centre at 604-918-7532 or call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1.

New Year Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

We continue to be very concerned about the safety of children walking in cross walks on Ravine Drive and getting into and out of their caregivers cars in the drop off, pick up area in front of the school between 8:40-8:55; and 2:40-2:55. Here are some reminders for all car drivers that are dropping off and or picking up in this area. **Please share with your child's caregiver**, if applicable.

1. When dropping off please **move ahead as far as possible** on the curb side and **do so safely and as quickly as possible** so the next car behind you can do the same.
2. **Do not enter the pick up area prior to dismissal.** The only exception is our daycare vans.
3. **When entering the area, keep pulling ahead as far as possible.** Your child can walk to your car, along the sidewalk.
4. **No stopping in left lane** – please do not expect your child to walk between cars to get to you. Keep moving forward until there is an available space on the curb side.
5. Please be **extra mindful of crosswalks around the school** and always **drive slowly (under 30 km/h on Ravine, in front of the school.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the school principal, Mrs. Parmar , if you would like to discuss these safety reminders further.



Reminders regarding Winter Weather

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather.

Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website:

<http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

What's Happening at Heritage Mountain Elementary

Tuesday January 11 - Early dismissal

Tuesday January 11th is an early dismissal for optional parent/teacher interviews. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to schedule an appointment. Please remind your caregivers/daycares of this early dismissal time!

Thursday January 20 - PAC Meeting 6:30pm

Please join us on TEAMS for the January PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting. Mrs. Parmar will be introducing and welcoming our new Principal, Mr. Jonathan Sclater.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Monday January 31 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students

Changemaker Activities

Dear Families,

At HME, our current school goal is for students to increase their social awareness and prosocial behaviour. For part of your child's Library time, Mrs. Khan has been sharing various picture books about people making positive contributions to their community. Students have been discussing that when a person helps support people or places in their community, others can benefit from this action. When these influential actions occur, a wonderful change can be made in communities. Recently, the students did a wonderful job showing kindness and giving with a school wide Sock Drive.

Starting in January, every student at HME will start to have Change Maker discussions further with their own class. Through these discussions, each class hopes to pick their own Change Making activity to do as a class. These activities will give students a chance to feel that they can make a positive change in their community, or even beyond. However small or large they think the change may be, it can have such a powerful influence on others around them. When we help make a change; others benefit by building empathy, community awareness, and doing caring actions.

Since there is a need for support in the world right now, each class will decide how they can help make a positive change. As these conversations begin to grow into a plan of action, your child's teacher will contact you to let you know how these activities may need to be supported.

We are so proud of our students for taking on an action to help make the world a better place.

From your Staff at HME. 😊

Hey HME Change Makers!

Our Warming Hearts and Soles campaign has come to an end.

We have collected 756 pairs of socks!

WOW!

Many pairs of socks will be taken for flood relief in Chilliwack and Abbotsford,
some to the local Share,

and the remainder will be added to a Blanket Drive initiative that will serve local shelters.

A special thanks to Michelle Conry for being the delivery elf.

Way to go HME!

~ Mrs. Khan

HME Gives during the holiday season!

Our wonderful Heritage Mountain community has once again been extremely generous and donated a mountain of non-perishable food and household items AND donated \$375.00 via our school cash online. We are so pleased to be able to provide all of this to the SHARE society as it will help so many families in our community. THANK YOU Heritage Mountain parents and students!



Kindergarten Registration - February 1-4, 2022 - ONLINE

Kindergarten registration for September 2022 will be **ONLINE ONLY** between Tuesday February 1 and Friday February 4. If you have a child born in 2017 please register during the dates listed above! The School District is in the process of producing an online registration form that you will be able to access through our school's website. Documents will be collected after online registration. Please view the "Funding Eligibility Checklist" for documentation required at www.sd43.bc.ca/programs

Cross-Catchment Process - February 4-9 - ONLINE

If you would like your child to attend a school (elementary, middle or secondary) outside of your catchment area for Sept 2022, you will need to apply for cross-catchment **ONLINE ONLY between Friday February 4th at 9:00am to Wednesday February 9, 2022, 4pm.**



Library Corner: Holiday Style

Hello HME Families,

If you have any library books at home, PLEASE send them back to school with your child as soon as possible. That would be very much appreciated!

I am wanting to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season. Be sure to steal away a quiet moment to read to yourself and to others. Big kiddos and little kiddos and mommy's and daddy's always enjoy a good ol' fashioned read aloud, right?

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all.

~ Mrs. Khan

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School Calendar 2021-2022

Designation	Date(s)
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept 7
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept 24
Truth & Reconciliation new stat	Thursday, Sept 30 **
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct 11
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct 22
Remembrance Day	Thursday, Nov 11
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec 17
Winter vacation period	Monday, Dec 20 – Friday, Dec 31
New Year's Day Stat	Monday, Jan 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday Jan 4
School Based Pro-D	Monday January 31
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb 21
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb 25
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar 11
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 14 – Friday, Mar 25
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	Monday, Mar 28
Good Friday	Friday, Apr 15
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr 18
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr 22
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23
School Based Pro-D	Monday June 6
Last day of school for all students	Wednesday, Jun 29
Administrative day	Thursday, June 30

Early Dismissals one hour earlier than normal dismissal:

Monday October 25
 Tuesday January 11
 Tuesday April 12
 Thursday May 12

Bell Schedule:

School starts 8:51am
 Recess 10:15-10:30
 Lunch 12:10-1:00
 Dismissal 2:50pm



Afterschool Club

The City of Port Moody's **Community Services** and **School District 43** are excited to team up to offer great programs! Meet new friends, stay active and have fun.

For children in grades K-5.

Heritage Mountain Elementary

Registration begins Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8am

Science Art Explore

Your child will have the opportunity to experience science and art through nature-based play and sensory learning.

24211 Thu, Jan. 13-Mar. 10 2:55-4:25pm

portmoody.ca/signmeup | 604.469.4556



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NEW She Can - Sports

A program offering an inclusive, safe environment for young girls to try new sports.

FREE "Try-it" session Friday, Jan 7

Ages 5-7

3:30-4:30pm

Ages 8-10

4:45-5:45pm

Register
now for the
FREE "Try-it"
and weekly
program

Programs begin Friday, Jan 14-Mar 11

Ages 5-7

3:30-4:30pm

Ages 8-10

4:45-5:45pm

All programs held at the Recreation Complex

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register