



September 2018

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH



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Welcome

Mountain View Elementary School

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
FOR KINDERGARTEN!

*Communication at Mtn.View
Ensure we have an accurate email address
School Website: www.sd43.bc.ca/school/mountainview Twitter: @mtn.viewSD43 (in progress)*

Opening Day!

**Tuesday, September 4th
8:50-9:50am**

- ✓ Please meet in the gym.
- ✓ Following the assembly, our kindergarten teachers: Mrs.Felix and Ms.Favelle will take attendance.
- ✓ Confirm your Welcoming Conversation time.
- ✓ Receive information to complete the CHEQ

The Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ)

The CHEQ is way to capture and report on children's experiences in their early environments prior to Kindergarten. The CHEQ focuses on experiences in specific areas of development that are strongly linked to your child's health and well-being, education and social outcomes. The information from the CHEQ helps communities understand how and where to provide support and services to children and families prior to Kindergarten; it also helps schools in planning for individual needs as well as classroom and school level planning.



Gradual Entry

Please see the Gradual Entry Schedule. Your child has been assigned a letter group (A, B or C) and a number group (1 or 2). The gradual entry groups are tentative class groupings. Class lists will be developed up to Monday, September 10th. After the first day, please drop off and pick up your child outside the kindergarten doors. We will show you these doors on Tuesday, September 4th.



Welcoming Conversations

These conversations are designed for the teachers to learn more about your child and family.

Our Welcoming Conversations include your child, the classroom teacher(s) and parent(s). The conversation is 20 minutes long. Please ensure you bring your child along as he/she is a vital part of the discussion. The schedule for conversations is included in this package.

“Play is the highest form of research”

Albert Einstein



What to bring on your child's first day:

a pair of Velcro, indoor runners with your child's name on them. These shoes will stay at school as indoor shoes.

Your child will need the following by Tuesday, Sept 11th.

- Backpack
- Lunch bag with snacks and lunch as per schedule
- Ice packs for lunch bags (optional)
- School Supplies if not purchasing from school

School Supplies

Our classes use a bulk order system as it is a more economical. Parents have the option of purchasing items on their own. The cost for the school supplies is \$40. You can pay by cash or online at <https://schoolcashonline.com> after Sept. 1st when you are added to our school student list. A list of supplies can be found on our web page at www.mountainview@sd43.c.ca

Attendance

Every morning and after lunch, the classroom teacher takes attendance. If your child is going to be away or late, please submit your child's absence online. You can see the button in the picture below. We also have an answering machine.

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

School starts at **8:50am** and students are dismissed at **2:50pm**. Please be prompt.



VOLUNTEERS Criminal Record Check & other Documents

You can expect to see many forms in September. Of 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.

Criminal Record Checks are valid for 5 years. These are available through the Coquitlam RCMP. Please come by the office to get a letter.

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



Parking

Parking is a limited resource at Mtn.View.

Please do not park in our staff parking lots. We encourage families to plan ahead, park on the street and walk to the school.