

Mountain View Elementary

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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to the start of our second term and a brand-new year, 2022! We are hopeful that the year ahead will bring healing and restoration to our global community. For that reason, it is extremely important that we continue to adhere to current health and safety protocols at home, at school and in the community at large. Please be reminded to:

- *Do daily health checks with your child before sending them to school. Keep your child home from school if there is the possibility that they are sick.*
- *Call the office to make an appointment if it is required that you enter the building for a meeting or other reason*
- *Encourage handwashing before leaving for school and after returning home*
- *Refrain from sending personal belongings with your child to school*
- *Remind your child that there is to be no sharing of food or personal items with classmates or peers*
- *Practice social distancing and wear properly fitting masks*

Our registration processes are underway for the upcoming school year. This is important to know if you have a child or know of a neighbor who will be five (5) years old in 2022 and is eligible for Kindergarten or and/or would like to have your child attend a school that lies outside of your address catchment. More information is provided in this newsletter as well as on our District website.

As the winter weather continues for the months ahead, please dress your child appropriately for the rain and/or cold. We will be going outside for recess and lunch breaks on most days. Please be reminded that should the snow fall, the District will announce school closures by 6:30am that day on the main website. If the school is open but the snowfall keeps your child from attending, please be sure to submit an absence report or call the office so we know that they are safe and at home.

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

Monday, January 31st, 2022 School Non Instructional Day (students do not attend)

February 1st – February 4th, 2022 Kindergarten Registration (online)

February 4 - 9th, 2022 District Cross Catchment Process (online)

Monday, February 21, 2022 BC Family Day - School closed

Friday, February 25, 2022 District Based Non Instructional Day
(students do not attend)

Absences and Early Dismissals

Please report all student absences by completing an Online Absence Report on the Mountain View school website at the following link: [Absence Report](#) or alternatively advise your teacher and the school office via email or telephone at 604-936-7288.

If it is necessary for you to arrange an Early Dismissal for your child on a given day, please advise the teacher *and* the office with the time of the early dismissal (preferably via email). Call the office when you arrive for pickup and we will call the child down from the classroom to meet the parent outside the main office door. *We kindly ask parents/guardians to do their best to arrange for such dismissals to occur at scheduled breaks in the school day (recess, start of lunch) so that class disruption is minimized.*

Winter Weather

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.

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

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>

Kindergarten Registration and Cross Catchment

Cross Catchment Application and Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year starting in September 2022 occurs soon.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten registration will be held throughout the district on **February 1st – 4th, 2022**. As before, new kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance in that school year). Only those students who are five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 can be accepted for September 2022 enrollment.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

The Programs of Choice online application process has now closed.

CROSS CATCHMENT:

General Information:

1. The cross catchment process begins on **February 4 at 9:00 am** and ends on **February 9th at 4:00 pm**. A student's catchment is determined by the parent and child's residence (permanent home address in which the family is residing at the time they make application).
2. Sibling status: children, who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment, will be accepted at the sibling's school (**provided the sibling will be in attendance when the incoming student begins their schooling at the out of catchment school**).
 - Parents of *new kindergarten students with a sibling need to register utilizing the on-line process* (provided the sibling will still be in attendance when the student begins) *to the school the sibling is attending*. They do not have to complete a cross catchment application once they have registered through the Kindergarten registration process.
 - Parents of children in Grades 1-12 need to go through the cross catchment process and fill out the sibling part application confirming sibling status.
3. Families that live outside SD43 and would like to register for the next year at a SD43 school need to go through the cross catchment process, this includes Kindergarten registrations who want to attend SD43 and live outside the district. Once the cross catchment process is complete, then principals will determine acceptance based on space availability.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Our school community is fortunate to be located on flat terrain surrounded by wide residential roads. We have ample street parking in the area and access points to the grounds on all corners. For the safety of our students, it is essential that all drivers cooperate with the following:

Please do not enter the staff/daycare parking lot to pick-up or drop-off your child

Please do not use the entry point to the parking lot to turn your vehicle around

These two practices present risk to the safety of our students and community members. We rely on everyone to do their part to prioritize safety over speed. Thank you for making this choice each day when you drive within our school zone.