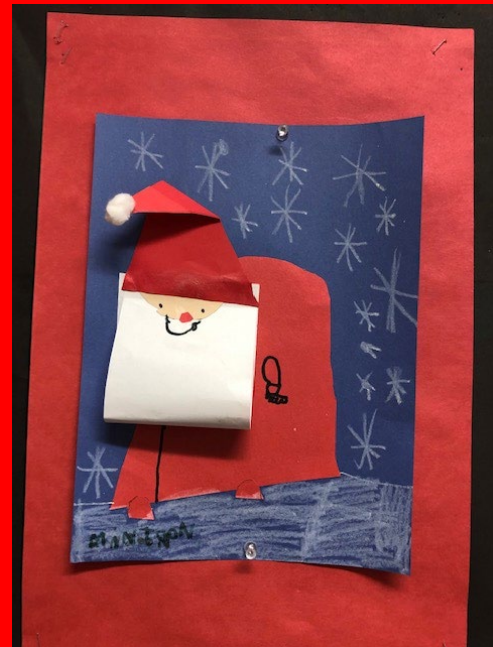


December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Hello Mountain View Families,

I would like to take some time to wish all of you the very best as we head into the holiday season. Thank you so very much to the **Parent Advisory Council** for continuing to support our staff with the most recent decision to allot funds to each individual classroom in lieu of the traditional pancake breakfast. The parent presence is physically missed in the school, but we do feel supported.



One of the safety measures we have in place this year is to have all parents wait outside the gates in the courtyard. This has really helped us with physical distancing in the under-cover area. Please continue to try your best to **arrive to school on time** as we've noticed more parents dropping off their children at the front. This requires a late slip and we've had a few instances where parents have entered the building without a mask. Please help us by arriving on time in the courtyard as this will avoid students crossing over from their learning groups or being exposed to an adult without a mask.



Our staff has done an amazing job with the Covid-19 Protocols and we'll continue this as we head into the New Year. Some families are traveling over the holidays out of country to visit with family members. Our families have been extremely transparent with letting us know. Thank you for this. Please follow the quarantine rules upon your return to school as this will keep us all safe. Communicate with teachers if you are planning or needing to learn from home and we'll support in whatever way we can.



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Christmas is going to look different in our home this year. It took a while to help my parents understand our different approach to Christmas this year. This is an important time to do our part and I feel good about making decisions that will keep them safe even though it's not the same and I will really miss visiting with them in person.



Mountain View will be donating items to the **Share Food bank** this holiday season. We will begin our collection Tuesday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We are asking students to bring in a non-perishable food item/s that will help support families in our community.

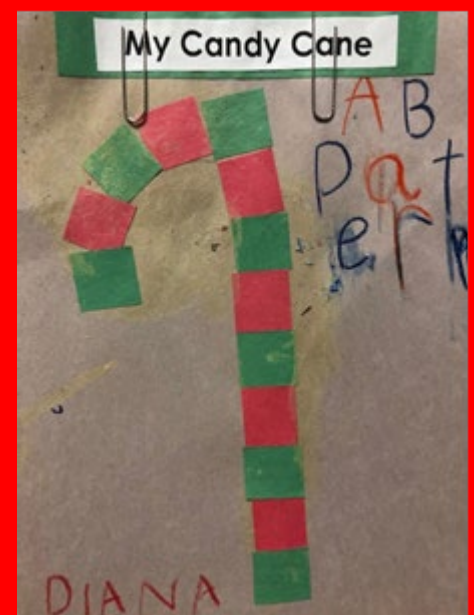


**Screen time, Internet Safety and Exercise....** It is easy to get cozy inside and spend time on screens. Ask your family members to write down an activity you could do together they enjoy. Pick one activity to do each day.

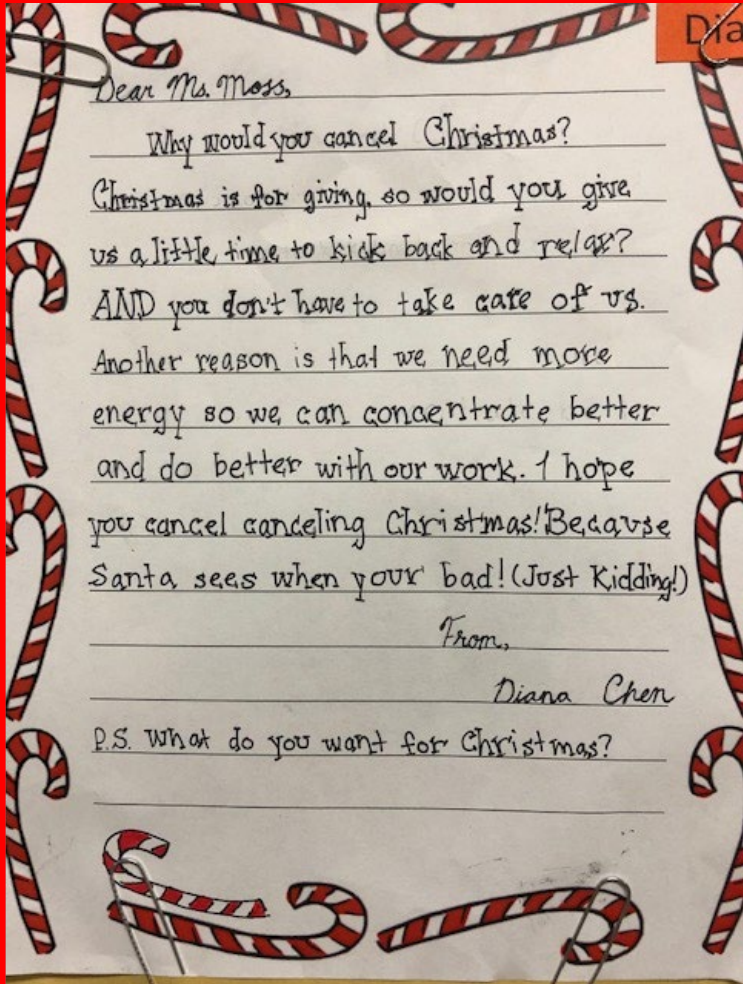
Please continue to monitor who your children are engaging with online. We are bringing in a speaker for the grade 4/5 students in February. Students love to receive hits of endorphins from new followers or likes they receive. Online safety needs to be an ongoing conversation. I still have my daughter's password and she's sixteen. She knows I go into her accounts and we have open

discussions about posts, her friends post etc. The brain doesn't fully develop the braking system (frontal lobe of the brain) until 21 years old. They need our help with this co-regulation.

First Term report cards will be going home on December 18<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school. We have declared this **Pajamas Day**. Please don't worry if you don't have a nice pair... anything comfortable will do. The students return to school on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>. Please return the **front cover of the report card** back in your child's planner.



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The students in Mr. Dugas' classroom have been practicing their persuasive writing skills. I was all set to enjoy the holidays with them at school, but they were able to convince me otherwise. I've never witnessed such focused writing. Lol

One of the traditions at Mountain View Elementary is the birthday pencil collection at the office. The student's names are announced over the loudspeaker and the students come down to collect their pencils. It's also exciting to lose teeth at school... the natural way of course as Mrs. Kerr



our amazing Administrative Assistant helps them pick out a safe keeping tooth box.

Many of our classes engage in directed drawing activities. Here you'll see elves drawn by students in Mr. Maguire's class. Lastly but not least, please enjoy special greetings from our Superintendent Mrs. Patricia Gartland. Have a safe holiday season on behalf of all the staff at Mountain View.

Mrs. Moss- Principal



**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*



*While we may have to celebrate differently this year, I wish you peace and happiness over the holiday season that carries through the coming new year. I encourage you to reach out to friends and family to maintain connections with those you love and take time to pause and express gratitude. Opportunities for taking part in acts of charity or kindness are plenty and I urge you to fill your heart and make the most of the holiday season. You may wish to rest your mind with a walk in nature, cozy up with a good book, or fill your house with the sweet aroma of holiday baking so that you will feel refreshed for 2021.*

*On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I would like to wish all of our students, parents, and employees a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Patricia Gartland". The signature is written in a cursive style.

*Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent and CEO*

