



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
Heritage Mountain Elementary School
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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 2024

Happy New Year!!

December 22, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Back to school!	9	10	11 Program of choice applications Jan 11-17	12
15	16 PAC Panago Pizza Lunch	17	18 Early Dismissal 1:50pm	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 School Based Pro-D Day. No school for students	30 PAC Subway Lunch	31	FEB 01	FEB 02

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 2024!!

Important Information

Report Cards

If you have any questions after reading your child's report card, please plan to make an appointment with your child's teacher on Thursday January 18th after early dismissal. You can contact your child's teacher via email after January 8th to make an appointment.

Programs of Choice registration January 11-17, 2023 - ONLINE

Interested in applying for your child to attend a program of choice? Applications for Programs of Choice – Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion will be held online January 11 – 17, 2024. For Program of Choice application process, deadlines and online presentations, visit www.sd43.bc.ca/programs

Kindergarten Registration - February 6 - 8, 2024 - ONLINE

Kindergarten registration for September 2024 will be ***ONLINE ONLY*** between Tuesday February 6 and Thursday February 8.

If you have a child born in 2019 please register during the dates listed above! Please view the "Funding Eligibility Checklist" for documentation required at www.sd43.bc.ca/programs

Cross-Catchment Process - February 9-14 - ONLINE

If you would like your child to attend a school (elementary, middle or secondary) outside of your catchment area for Sept 2024, you will need to apply for cross-catchment **ONLINE ONLY** between Friday February 9th at 9:00am to Wednesday February 14, 2024, 4pm.

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!



New Year Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Safety is the highest priority for 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 or picking up 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. Your child should be able to exit or walk to your car along the sidewalk independently.
3. **No stopping in left drive-through 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 or loop around.
4. 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, Mr. Sclater, 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

HME Gives during the holiday season!

We are overjoyed that our recent fundraiser for SHARE Food Bank has been an outstanding success, and it's all thanks to you!



Your support and generosity have made a significant impact on the Food Bank's ability to provide food assistance to those in need within our community. The donations provided SHARE with the resources to stock their shelves and reach even more individuals who rely on the services of SHARE. The success of this fundraiser is a testament to the compassion and commitment of our community, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Heritage Mountain Elementary raised over \$2200 for the Food Bank!

Thursday January 18- Early dismissal - 1:50pm

Thursday January 18th 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!

Monday January 29 -Professional Development Day - No School for Students



Library Corner: Holiday Style

Happy Holidays HME Families,

Wishing everyone a winter break filled with love, laughter, exploration, and reading, of course!

For the past month we have been exploring the inquiry cycle and familiarizing ourselves with the use of the library systems, book choices, book talks, and research location and language . Keep up the great work and continue learning and exploring areas of interest because reading is fun when we like the topic! 😊

Moving into the New Year, we will be exploring the **Reading Power of questioning**, delving deeper into **non-fiction reading** skills, and reading poetry.

I must add a big shout out to Sherry Bot for sneaking in a supporting the LLC since September with fun displays and interactive "games" the kiddos engage in. Simply awesome! Thank you.

Happy Reading everyone,

Mrs Khan



Children's Winter Programs



Programs begin the week of January 15

Ballet	Basketball	Chess and Table Tennis	
Clay Day	Exploring the Arts	Hip Hop	
Kids Night Out	Multisports & Games	Pickleball	
			Soccer

Pro-D Day Events

- Junior Life Skills
- Pro-D Day Camp

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register today!