



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 2026

Happy New Year!!

December 19, 2025

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 5 Back to school! | 6 | 7 | 8 PAC meeting 7pm Programs of Choice online registration | 9 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 PAC-Winter Movie Event- details to follow! |
| 26 School Based PRO-D Day | 27 Gymsense starts! | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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 2026!!



Message from the Principal:

Christmas Wishes

Although we all may be busy with holiday preparations, and the days are short and sometimes dark, it is the season to reflect and contemplate. It is a time to gather with family and friends, and our gatherings reflect many different traditions – Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan, to name but a few. For me, Christmas is a time of warmth and remembering of past Christmases, of friends and family who are far away or no longer with us. The true spirit of Christmas lies within our hearts.

On behalf of the staff at HME, our wish for you this holiday season is that you can be filled with the quiet of winter, and the joy of Christmas. We wish you all a restful and peaceful time as you create special memories with your family and friends. May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year long!

*"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Have a happy Christmas, a safe holiday, and a healthy New Year.
Best wishes for 2026

Sincerely,
Brian Leonard
Principal

Important Information

Remember to print Learning Updates*

Parents please remember to print out your child's Learning Update over the winter break! The Reports do not stay online indefinitely. Please go to your parent portal and print the Learning Update for your records. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration - February 2-5, 2026 - ONLINE

Kindergarten registration for September 2026 will be **ONLINE ONLY** between Monday February 2 and Thursday February 5.

If you have a child born in 2021 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 6-11, 2026 - ONLINE

If you would like your child to attend a school (elementary, middle or secondary) outside of your catchment area for Sept 2026, you will need to apply for cross-catchment **ONLINE ONLY** between Friday February 6th at 9:00am to Wednesday February 11, 2026, 4pm.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE: FRENCH IMMERSION, MONTESSORI AND MANDARIN BILINGUAL

Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Students entering Kindergarten in September 2026:

Opens January 8, 2026 at 9am

Closes January 14 2026 at 4pm

The on-line application link will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for a Program of Choice. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2026.

Kindergarten children who are not successfully placed, will be on a waitlist and must register for Kindergarten at their catchment school.

Parents/ Guardians who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice, and wish their upcoming kindergarten child to join must still apply.

Please ensure the school has your most current address.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/)

GRADE 5's - PROGRAMS OF CHOICE INFORMATION for Middle School

Late Programs of Choice (French Immersion and Montessori)

Late French Immersion Programs are hosted at Moody Middle, Montgomery Middle and Citadel Middle.

Late Montessori Programs are hosted at Montgomery Middle and Scott Creek Middle.

Late Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Middle School:

Opens January 8, 2026 at 9am

Closes January 14, 2026 at 4pm

The on-line application link will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for placement. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2026.

Students who are not successfully placed will be on a waitlist.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice and wish their upcoming child to enter must still apply.

Students currently enrolled in Grade 5 Montessori must apply if they wish to continue in Grade 6 Montessori.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/)

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!

Let's Start the New Year Right!!

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. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE**
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. Leonard, 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 **\$1,355.05** for the Food Bank!

Monday January 26-Professional Development Day - No School for Students



Library Learning Commons

Thank You for Supporting Our Scholastic Book Fair & Reading

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing families and students for making this year's Book Fair such a success! Your support not only helps our school fundraiser but also builds classroom and home libraries—creating a culture of reading that benefits everyone.

Children are encouraged each week during LLC time to choose books for practice, pleasure/passion, learning and exploring, and even a bedside table book—and this same excitement was beautifully reflected during the Book Fair. Sharing these selections at home, through read-alouds with family members, is a wonderful way to see each child's interests and passions while also encouraging fluency and enjoyment. Together, we are building a strong foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

Because of our wonderful community, we will be adding over 200 new books to our Library Learning Commons—resources that will spark curiosity, creativity, and joy for years to come.

Special thanks to the children who helped lead the Fair and to the parents who dedicated their time and energy. Your enthusiasm and support truly make a difference.

~ Mrs. Khan



Afterschool Club

Heritage
Mountain
Elementary

Register
TODAY!

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.

Please pack a healthy snack for your child each week, as we will begin each class with a short snack time. These 2-hour afterschool programs will also include a component of free play.

Multisports and Games

Your child will be introduced to a variety of sports and games. Some activities may include interactive board games, basketball, floor hockey, 4 corner soccer and relays.

55236 Thu, Jan 8-Mar 12 2:55-4:55pm

Science and Basketball

Your child will engage in hands-on science experiments and activities, and will be introduced to the game of basketball in a fun, active, and supportive environment.

55238 Fri, Jan 9-Mar 13 2:55-4:55pm

Science and Soccer

Your child will engage in hands-on experiments and activities that help bring the exciting world of science to life and will be introduced to the game of soccer in a fun, active, and supportive environment.

55235 Tue, Jan 6-Mar 10 2:55-4:55pm





For ages
5-11
years

Winter Programs for Children

Programs begin Monday, January 12

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Badminton | Ball Sports | Fit for Life |
| Floor Hockey | Kids Night Out | K-Pop and Hip-hop |
| Musical Theatre | Parkour | Textile Treasures |

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register today!