



Mary Hill Elementary

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

January 7, 2020

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Thank you for your support during the Christmas season. Our concerts were very well attended and our students really enjoyed performing for the crowds. As you know, Mrs. Citulec has now retired from her teaching career and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. We are excited to welcome *Mrs. Cristina Barbosa* as our new Mary Hill Music teacher.

As we begin the New Year, we want to thank our families for their continued commitment to the following good habits:

- Try your best to arrive on time for class (first bell is at 8:25 am) so that the class can have a solid, uninterrupted start to learning each day.
- Continue to read at home together on a regular basis. Reading is a key factor in student success.
- Continue to check and initial the student planner daily as this is an important communication tool between home and school.
- Continue to communicate regularly with their child's teacher regarding progress, program inquiries and any concerns that may arise.
- Please be reminded that toys, games and other personal belongings should be kept at home unless requested for a specific purpose or event by your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our learning community. We look forward to a wonderful 2020!

Ms. L. Salloum
Principal

School-Based
Professional
Day
Monday,
January 27th

School Not in
Session

*School Not in
Session
Friday, February 14th*

*B.C. Family Day
Monday,
February 17th*

*District Professional
Day
Friday,
February 28th*

Students Do Not
Attend School

School-Wide Performance

SAM2 by Scrap Arts Music -
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at
8:45 AM

*Thank you to our Mary Hill PAC
for supporting this event!*

Student Safety



We need your cooperation to help make pick-up and drop-off times as safe and orderly as possible. This is especially important during inclement weather and shortened daylight hours. We encourage as many families as possible to walk to school so that there are fewer vehicles trying to navigate the streets and lanes at dismissal time.

Please note that our *staff parking lot* is not to be used for drop-off and pick-up of students or as a turn-around option. Please also note that you have not stopped or parked in front of neighbors' driveways or where signage indicates that stopping is not permitted.

Parent Advisory Council

We are looking forward to the PAC Hot Lunch Day on **Friday, January 10th, 17th and 24th** this month and **February 7th and 21st**. Thank you to our parent volunteers who provide this opportunity! Please register online at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/maryhill>

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program



Thank you to our MaryHill PAC for continuing to distribute fresh fruit and vegetables to our students. This program is sponsored by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC. Check out the webpage at <http://www.aitc.ca/bc/snacks>.

Library Inventory



Thank you for your patience as we complete our Library Inventory with the assistance of several School District Staff. It won't be long before we will be inviting students to borrow books again!

Used Toy Sale – January 24th Afternoon

We will be having our annual “Used Toy Sale” to raise money for our PAMOJA project. Students are welcome to bring gently used toys to be sold at this event. Toys can be brought to the school on or after Wednesday, January 8th and dropped off in the Library.

Kindergarten Registration – February 3rd – 5th, 2020 8:45am – 2:45pm



Kindergarten registration for September 2020 will be held throughout the district on the above dates. In order to be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2020. Parents must bring their child's **Birth Certificate** and proof of Canadian Citizenship for parent **and** child (i.e. PR Card, Passport) and proof of residency in B.C. (e.g. rental contract, property purchase agreement, tax notice, or utility bill, etc.).

All Kindergarten students must register at their catchment school on February 3rd, 4th or 5th, **before** completing a Cross Catchment Application, **except those students with siblings at the requested school who will be attending the following year. Please note that siblings of students who will be in attendance at a school are considered as a catchment area child at that school if the sibling is remaining at the school the following year.**

Please refer to the School District website at www.sd43.bc.ca for more information on the Cross Catchment process.

Cross Catchment Process 2019-2020

The Cross Catchment process can **ONLY BE COMPLETED ONLINE** on the School District website at www.sd43.bc.ca.

Cross catchment electronic applications will be accepted starting at 9:00 am on Thursday, February 6th and close at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020.

Please visit the School District website at www.sd43.bc.ca for more details on the Cross Catchment process.

Programs of Choice 2019-2020

Registration must be done through the Programs of Choice online application process available starting **Thurs, January 16 at 9:00am** at **School District 43 Programs**. Completed online application forms must be submitted no later than **4:00pm on Wed, Jan 22, 2020**.

Kindergarten children with siblings in a program of choice must still apply online and fill in sibling information.

Parents are encouraged to attend the parent information meeting to learn about the program.

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten entry) Program

Parent Information Meeting

Mon. Jan 13, 2020
7:00-9:00pm
Como Lake Middle School (Gym)
1121 King Albert Ave, Coquitlam

Early Montessori Program

Parent Information Meeting

Thurs. Jan 9, 2020
4:00-5:00pm and 7:00-8:00pm
Winslow Center (Gallery Room)
1100 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam

Regio Influenced Program:

Parent Information Meeting

Tues, Jan 14, 2020
6:00-7:00pm
Meadowbrook Elementary School
900 Sharpe St, Coquitlam

Mandarin Bilingual Program:

Parent Information Meeting

Wed, Jan 15, 2020
6:00-7:00pm
Walton Elementary School
2960 Walton Ave., Coquitlam