

Mary Hill Elementary

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

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Dear Parents and Students:

February is *Kindergarten Registration* month. We welcome new families this week as they register their child(ren) to begin their school journey in September 2020. We encourage all parents of children who will turn 5 years old in 2020 to register at their catchment school as soon as possible as it allows us to best prepare for the upcoming school year.


February is a great time to highlight the importance of social citizenship and inclusivity. Our classrooms will be continuing to focus on the personal and social responsibility core competency goals as outlined in our B.C. curriculum. We invite students to wear their own pink shirts on February 26th (Pink Shirt Day) but we leave that as their choice.

Sincerely,
Ms. L. Salloum — Principal

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

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| Friday, February 14 | School Not in Session |
| Monday, February 17 | BC Family Day No School |
| Friday, February 28 | Pro D Day No School for Students |
| Wednesday, February 19 @ 11:00 am | School Public Speaking Assembly (gr. 4&5) |

School and District Public Speaking

 Grades 3-5 students have been very busy working on their speeches for our annual school public speaking event. One student from each class in Grades 4 and 5 will present their speech on **Wednesday, February 19th** at a school assembly at 11:00 am. Following the school event, one Grade 4 and one Grade 5 student will be selected to present their speech at the District Public Speaking Festival on February 24th (grade 4 at 9:00 and Grade 5 at 10:45).

Cross Catchment Process 2020



There are two separate forms: Kindergarten Cross Catchment and Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment. The Cross Catchment on-line form process begins on Thursday, February 6th at 9:00 am online and closes on Wednesday, February 12th at 4:00 pm. Please note that the cross-catchment applications will be online only this year.

Student Safety, Supervision and Dressing for the Weather

We ask that students do not arrive at school prior to 8:15am unless accompanied by their parent. When they arrive, they should congregate on the north side of the building (tarmac, playground) until the bell rings.



Please keep in mind that our staff facilitates the dismissal of our students at **2:35 pm**. Any students remaining on the playground after this time must be supervised by their caregiver. We thank you for cooperating with this system which is designed to support student safety.

We have certainly been experiencing some unusual and challenging winter weather this past month. It is important that students come dressed in clothing and footwear that will keep them warm and safe. Warm boots with grippy soles should be worn during their commute and their outside play times and keep their indoor shoes dry for their use during class and gym activities. On rainy days, waterproof gear will help them stay dry and be able to continue comfortably with their day after outdoor recess and lunch breaks.

Upcoming PAC Events:

Hot lunches in February: 7th and 21st

Next PAC meeting – February 6th at 6:30pm

Family Day Celebration Thursday February 13th

Mary Hill gymnasium @ 8 am

Bring who you love!

Enjoy coffee, tea, treats before morning bell

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