



# Mary Hill Elementary School

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

## NEWSLETTER #3

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### Dear Parents:

Our students have been learning about the meaning of Remembrance Day and how fortunate we are to live in a free and democratic country. We have been discussing the importance of our role in being peaceful citizens who solve problems in respectful ways.

We are very fortunate to have parents that so actively support our school. Our dynamic PAC group work together to plan and support family events, hot lunch days, afterschool programs and much more. The Halloween Family Dance was one example of how devoted our parents are to building and celebrating community. We truly appreciate all who volunteer in our school, either through PAC organized events or by supporting learning through home support and home/school communication.

Thank you to all families who have completed Volunteer Forms, including Driver Abstracts and Criminal Record Checks. As classes are starting to plan field trips requiring parent drivers, please be reminded that you are welcome to stop by the office and pick-up a letter to waive the Criminal Record Check fee if you plan to have this completed at the RCMP/Pt. Moody Police Department.

Our Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm and again at 6:00 pm. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am at which the students will practice their performance in front of each other.

First Term Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by an **early dismissal on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:35pm** to facilitate conversations with parents as requested by teachers.

Sincerely,  
Ms. L. Salloum — Principal

## PAC Meeting

Next Meeting...

Thursday,  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 pm in  
the Library

Please join us!

### HOLIDAY BREAK

December 23 –  
January 3, 2019  
(return Monday,  
January 6<sup>th</sup>)

## Dress for the Weather



Our students will be expected to go out for fresh air at recess and lunch on most days, even when it is raining. As we enter the winter weather season, *please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather conditions.* Please also plan for your child to have a change of dry clothes for them to change into should their clothes be exceptionally wet or muddy when they come in from playing outside.

In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back
- The district website posting is official – ***there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing***
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates

If there is no school closure announced, we respect that parents may still decide to keep their child home due to inclement weather. In this case, we request that you inform the school of the absence as per our usual routine.

## We Scare Hunger!



The Mary Hill Community has once again contributed generous amounts of non-perishable food items toward a collection for those in less fortunate circumstances. Ms. Medan and Ms. Sirec worked with our Leadership Students to collect and count the donations that were brought in for this campaign during the month of October. Thank you for your generosity which led to the collection of over 1500 food items. We also thank ***PoCo Bowl*** for donating an afternoon of free bowling to the classes who brought in the most food.

## Our Students and Families Need Your Help to Stay Safe!

For those who use vehicles to pick up and drop off students, it is essential that you follow the traffic bylaws and rules of the road. Our students' safety depends on it! Please be reminded to:

- obey signage that indicates “Drop-off Only” zones. You are not to leave your vehicle unattended in that zone.
- refrain from making U-Turns in the middle of the street or using neighbors' driveways as an opportunity to facilitate a mid-street turn. Also please be sure you are not blocking a driveway at any time.
- always drop your child off after you have pulled over to the side of the street (this does not include pulling up next to parked/stopped cars) and let them out on the sidewalk side of the vehicle.
- be sure your tires are not using the sidewalk to facilitate turns or parking space. People WALK on sidewalks and need to feel safe doing so.
- the parking lot is for use by school district staff only. Please do not use it as a drop-off or pick-up zone at any time of day.
- BE SAFE and USE CAUTION AT ALL TIMES IN SCHOOL ZONES ☺

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation. We depend on it! ☺