

MISSION STATEMENT:

Within our community we strive to develop enthusiastic, respectful citizens who value diversity and learning and who pursue excellence in a safe and caring environment.

School Goal: to increase students' reading comprehension



ÉCOLE MARY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day



School Newsletter June 2016

I would like to give a personal thank you to so many of the members of our community who make it a pleasure to come to work every day. From teachers to support staff, to students, to parents/guardians, grandpas and grandmas, aunts and uncles, siblings and all of the staff who bring packages and lunches lunches, to the hot lunch ladies, artists, goldpanners, constallations bringers, scientists, artists, business people and so many more. You all bring expertise, enthusiasm, professionalism, smiles, laughter, fun, knowledge and a love of our community and for this I am grateful. In a world that sometimes seems is spinning periously close to destroying itself Mary Hill is a bastion of positivity, learning, leadership and love. It is a priviledge to be part of this educational (academic and social) community. Where else could you have someone give you a hug, tell you that you're the best possible (teacher, principal, librarian, mom, dad) and then watch them skip down the hall. A pretty sweet place to be! ☺

Our students have again been busy and productive in so many ways over the past month. Here are some of their accomplishments, activities, interests and more;



Volunteer / Parent Tea

Our annual Volunteer and Parent Tea was a great success with the students doing some amazing artwork for the walls, the grade 3-4 students do a wonderful rendition of 3 Billy Goat's Gruff, the Leadership students showed a professional flair in their serving and child minding and many cups of coffee/tea/punch and plates of goodies were consumed. We truly appreciate all that our community does to make Mary Hill such a great place to come to every day.



Track and Field

The Track and field group of 42 students did an amazing job at the district Tack Meet, bring home many ribbons at many levels. The students were excellent ambassadors for Mary Hill and did us proud in their performance and the way they acted at all times.

We are very proud of your accomplishments!!!!!!



Triathlon At the Hyde Creek Triathlon the Mary Hill participants outnumbered all of the other elementary schools combined and the students did a fantastic job of giving it their personal best in the events they had entered bringing home the trophy for top elementary teams. Parents and teachers also got involved and participated.



Km Club Awards We had our Km Club Assembly and handed out ribbons, Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals and Trophies to many of our students, parents, teachers and siblings. A huge Thankyou to Sylvia Young and her team of parents/guardians who helped out with the daily (for 18 days) set up, stamping, popsicle selling, encouraging and so much more. We love how this event encompasses the whole community.



Welcome to Kindergarten

We welcomed 50 new members of the Mary Hill community and their parents/guardians to Mary Hill at our Welcome to Kindergarten Event. Leadership students helped with set up and stations. The parents were able to mingle and get to know other families from the community and the students had a great time getting to know each other as well as they tried out the stations, listened to Ms Medan read a story and got to hang out in a kindergarten classroom.



Muffin Morning For

annual appreciation of our dads is to 8:45. We encourage dads to come snacks and just take a moment to be Community.

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Dads

A reminder that our coming up on June 17 from 8 am have a cup of coffee and some appreciated by the Mary Hill

PaMoja In our support of PaMoja and our sister school in Kenya, Mirera Primary School, we have some items for sale that were made in Kenya by individuals that PaMoja supports in their efforts to have members of the communities be more self sufficient. 100% of proceeds will go to PaMoja. We have a limited number of items to sell and it will be first come first served. There are keychains \$10, pendants \$8 and amazing hand carved Cypress spoons \$15 (these are great for those canning enthusiasts and cooks out there) Please pay and receive goods at the office, they are on display in the front showcase.



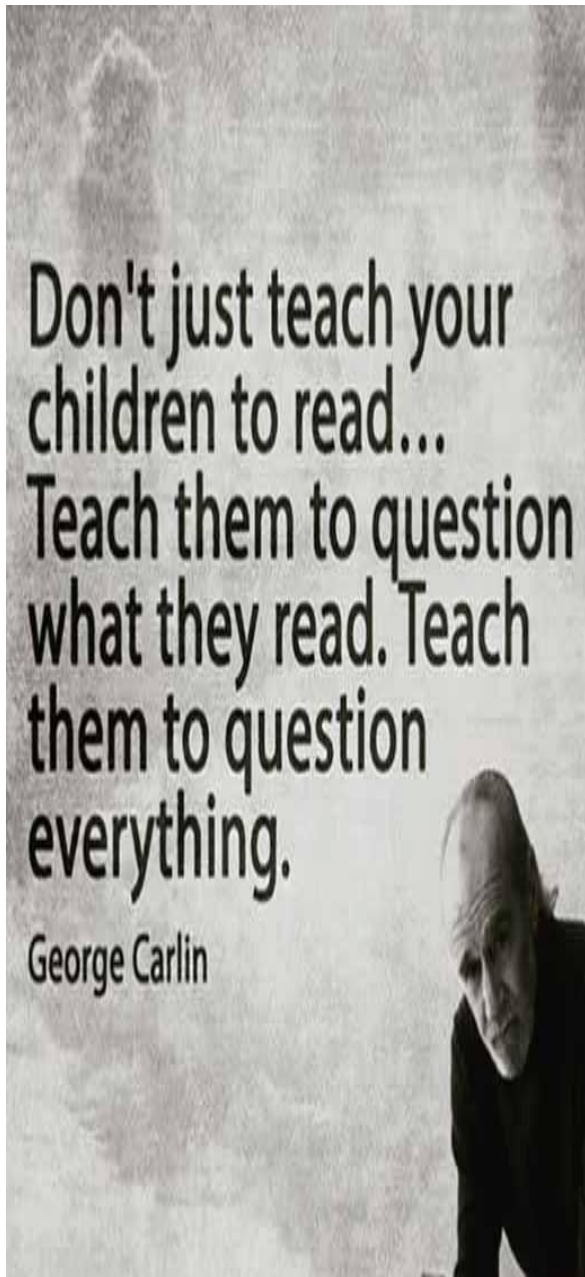
The leadership students held a Lemonade sale recently and the funds from this allowed us to reach our goal of \$2000 for PaMoja for the year!! Thank you for all of the support over the year. These funds will allow up to 6 individuals to attend school for a year.

As we wind down the year, though it seems like it is at a frenetic pace ☺ we thank you for your patience and help with all that goes on at Mary Hill. We hope that the month brings memories for your children and an appreciation of all that they can achieve.

As for the staff well I think this pic says it all.



Michele Reid Principal



Mary Hill Calendar

June 1	Welcome to Kindergarten student/parent session 12:45-2:15
June 6	ProD Day - school not in session
June 9	Welcome to Kindergarten student visit 9-10 am
June 9	Grade 6 half day at Pitt River
June 9	Lemonade Sale - \$1/glass - for PaMoja
June 10	Triathlon BBQ
June 17	Muffin Morning for Dads - 8:00 am - gym
June 17	Dance Performance 1:45 - gym
June 19	Father's Day
June 20	PAC meeting
June 24	Activity Day and PAC lunch
June 28	Gr 5 leaving ceremony 8:45-10:10
June 29	Last day for students - report cards home
Please note that though the agendas only go to June 25 school is in session until June 29. This is a printing error that just got noticed now that we are into June 😊	
June 30	Administration Day
Aug 29-Sept 2	School office open
Sept 5	Labour Day
Sept 6	First Day of School
Sept 9	ProD



SCHOOL NEWS

2016 - 2017 SCHOOL PLANNING

If you know you will be moving over the summer and will not have a child attend Mary Hill Elementary School starting September 2016, please contact the school office at 604-942-0264 or email maryhill@sd43.bc.ca to let us know.

Please note: As we do not know the enrollment numbers and levels for next year we do not know the breakdown of classes. We respectfully ask that parents do not make requests for specific teachers, classes, splits etc. as we do not know what parameters we will be dealing with until the beginning of September. Please know that our staff as a whole does an excellent job of

placement and meeting the learning needs of each individual child and this is based on the students that are enrolled and the needs of all of those children as a whole.



Mural Project -We have the outline transferred onto the panels of the mural and have started the painting process with the students. Thank you to the parents (Roz Columbo and Carol Paul) and staff who have been helping with this. Your help/expertise and hours of time are so very much appreciated. You can see a draft of the mural in the hall near the libra



ry. We can't wait to see the finished product once everything is painted.



School District #43 is moving to a new online payment system for parents. We have put a quick access button on the public website (same spot where you can submit an absence or order through Munchalunch). You have received multiple emails from Ms. Reid, outlining the new Online Payment System which allows you to pay for school fees, field trips, etc. online either by credit card, e-cheque (directly from your bank account) or e-wallet (storing funds to pay for events). **We encourage everyone to register now even though there might not be anything going on at this time.** All events requiring payment will offer the option of online banking and registering now will make it faster for your payment. Once you have registered and there is an event which includes your class, you will receive an email asking you to follow a link like this one noReply@schoolcash.net.

There is a monetary incentive for schools to having parents sign up. **We need 70% of families signed up by the end of June in order to qualify for this. We have 25% signed up right now.** We would appreciate your help.

If you need help with the system please contact the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803.

Detailed Brochures explaining how it works and how to register have been sent home. Note that we will be moving towards using this system more and more over the next year in an effort to make it safer to pay for events and items at the school.

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Wear the Eagle Fridays

We encourage students to wear their Mary Hill t-shirts on Fridays to show school spirit and a sense of community. If you are interested in buying a shirt for your child please email Ms Reid. They are \$10 apiece and we have youth sizes Med -XL.



BIRTHDAY BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

A reminder about the Birthday Book Program. Students can donate a book to the library to celebrate their birthdays. Their names will be inscribed in the books and we will acknowledge their

gifts at the next assembly. This is a wonderful way to mark your child's birthday instead of bringing treats to school as we have many children with allergies to eggs and nuts and we have to be very careful. Please see Ms Medan for ideas from our wish list. As well Ms Medan has a selection of books that you can purchase through her (these are titles that the students have been asking for. This months donations are. **No books were donated this past month.** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!!!!

Community News

Find attached

- Next Year's Calendar for Ecole Mary Hill Elementary- there was a typo on the one with the May newsletter.
- various summer camp opportunities
- School Start school supply info for gr 1-5