

**Welcome to the Mountain View Community!**

We are so very happy that you are part of our Mountain View Community. We look forward to a year filled with many exciting learning experiences! We hope this letter answers some of your questions.

**First Week of School**

* Tuesday, September 6th, all students will meet in the gym. The first bell rings at 8:50 am. Your child will stay at school for 60 minutes – 1 hour only. During this time attendance is taken and your child will be shown the class that they will be in for the first week.
* Wednesday, September 7th onwards grades 1 to 5 will attend from **8:50 am til 2:50 pm.**
* During the first week, while we finalize the classes (and hopefully eliminate the need for reorganization at a later date) students will remain with same grade groupings.
* Kindergarten students have individual interviews with their teachers on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the first week. Gradual K entry will be Monday the 12th, Tuesday 13th, and Wednesday the 14th. The first optional full day, for those students who are ready, is on Thursday the 15th. Please bring inside shoes labelled with name and questionnaire to the interview if possible.
* During the first week Mountain View students will be participating in a variety of lessons and activities designed to create community and give everyone common language and expectations for school rules and procedures. It also helps to reduce anxiety about the school year as they reconnect with their friends and teachers once again.
* We hope to have our classes confirmed by the end of the first week and students can expect to be in their new classes during the second week of school. Kindergarten students participate in a gradual entry process.

**School Supplies**

* Supplies may be purchased at any store or were preordered through Staples. We do have some extra supplies donated, so if needed, we may be able to help families out with this challenge. Please speak with Mrs. Jackson at the office as needed.
* If you have ordered school supplies from Staples, your child’s supplies will have arrived. The supplies will be given to the students in the first week of school. Their teachers will either send the supplies home to be labelled, or they will keep the supplies at school and assist your children to label them.
* Your child **will not need all** their supplies to be brought to school until they are in their new class (second week of school**). First week supplies they will need (pencils, eraser, crayons, markers, scissors and glue in a pencil box, if possible).**
* When they have been assigned to their new class they can bring in the rest of their supplies.

**Student Planners/Agendas and Important Forms/ Payments on line**

Student Planners are available at the school for a cost of $8.00. Your grade 1-5 child will receive the planner from their new teacher in the second week of school. Online payments can be made at: https:sd43.schoolcashonline.com

As soon as your child is placed in their new class they will receive a package of important forms. Please complete and return ALL these forms as soon as possible or do online at [www.sd43.bc.ca/mountainview](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/mountainview) in Parent eforms. This information is needed to keep your child safe and to ensure that we have updated information in order to contact you, especially in the case of an emergency. If this contact information changes throughout the year, please let us know, as emergencies, while most often rare, do sometimes occur.

**Absences Reported**

It is important to contact Mrs. Judy Jackson, our secretary, or your child’s teacher to indicate if your child is away, so that we are not calling you to find out if they are safe, ill or otherwise detained. 604 936-7288 or email jjackson@sd43.bc.ca or you may go on our website www.sd43.bc.ca/mountainview click on the Absence Report button and complete the online form.

The Mountain View staff and I look forward to working with you and your children once again. We are delighted to be back at it! Please do not hesitate to call (604 936-7288) or e-mail (www.sd43.bc.ca/mountainview) if you have any questions or concerns.

Marsha Arnold Principal