



Mountain View Elementary

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to November! One of our Action Plan for Learning (APL) school goals is to build connectedness. After several years of minding restrictions we are thankful to be able to resume activities that allow us to gather and celebrate learning together. We have many new families at Mountain View this year! School-based events and PAC-sponsored activities provide great opportunities for new and existing families to build community connection!

We extend a huge thank-you to our Parent Council volunteers who are facilitating our first Hot Lunch of the year which is coming up this Friday. We also have volunteers who have signed up to help with the Book Fair and other upcoming events. Please note that all parents of Mountain View students are automatically members of the PAC. If you wish to get involved, feel welcome to attend the next PAC meeting or send an email to: mountainviewpac740@gmail.com

As we embrace the weather changes that are so characteristic of this season, please be reminded that students will continue to spend recess and lunch breaks outdoors – rain, snow, or shine. Please be sure that your child is dressed for the weather and has indoor gym shoes and a change of spare clothes at school.

Thank you to all families who opt to use the sidewalk and/or grass pathway to enter and exit the grounds. It is important that the habits we help to develop for our students will promote their safety and well-being. For this reason, we continue to ask that pedestrians not cut across the parking lot when arriving or departing from our grounds.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Ms. L. Salloum
Principal

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

Wednesday November 1 st	1:45pm Early Dismissal (Student Conferences)
Friday November 3 rd	Individual Photo Re-take Day (afternoon) PAC Hot Lunch (pre-order only)
Thursday, Nov 9 th	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45am) Parents Welcome to Attend (see below)
Friday Nov 10 th	School Closure Day (no school)
Monday November 13 th	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday (no school)
Wednesday November 14 th	PAC Meeting @ 9:15am Multi-Purpose Room
November 14 th – 17 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday Nov 20 th	School-Based Professional Day (Students do not attend)

Scholastic Book Fair



We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a book fair from November 14 to November 17, 2023, an opportunity for our students to discover new books, foster their love of reading, and earn credit to purchase additional books for our school library and classrooms. **We will not be accepting cash**, but you will be able to order books online or come with your child to pay by credit or debit. Please see Mrs. Abel if you have any questions about these payment options.

To make this event a success, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers who can assist with setting up (November 9), running (lunch time or after school Nov. 14-17), and packing up the book fair (November 17). Volunteers will also help students browse and select books, handle credit card transactions, and answer any questions.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/nov-book-fair> by November 7, 2023. You can choose the date and time slot that works best for you. We appreciate any amount of time that you can spare.

Please note that volunteers must have their Criminal Record Check and volunteer information on file at the office. Thank you for your support. We hope to see you at the book fair!

Remembrance Day Assembly

You are invited to join us on **Thursday November 9th at 10:45am** for Mountain View's Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym. Please enter through the front doors (by the office).

We hope you take time over the Remembrance Day Long Weekend to enjoy a peaceful time with family and friends.

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.**

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Mountain View PAC Updates

The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 9:10am. The meeting will be in the Multi-purpose Room at the school. Christmas seasonal events will be discussed at this meeting so we encourage everyone to attend!

The Mountain View PAC's **Purdy's Fundraiser** will be starting soon. Stay tuned for more details!

The PAC has purchased a **12x12 Pop-Up Canopy** with some of our funds from fundraising. The canopy will be useful for events at held at school as well as off-site District events that our students will attend (i.e. Como Lake Relays). We thank everyone for their contributions that made this purchase possible.

SELF-PORTRAITS

Division 5



Artwork Courtesy of Ms. Barnett's Grade 2 Class 😊