



Kindergarten Korner Newsletter

Stay in Touch with MME

Communication is something that we value at Mountain Meadows. There are a number of ways that you can keep current concerning the goings on at the school:

- Via phone during business hours 8:00am-3:30pm (and starting again Aug.28th) at 604 469-2238
- Via email at mountainmeadows@sd43.bc.ca
- By checking your email regularly, and letting the office know if your email address changes.
- Via twitter at @mmeadowssd43
- Via the school website at: www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/mountainmeadows

Our school calendar for 2017-2018 on the school website will be updated by the middle of July with important information regarding special events and dates. It will continue to be updated throughout the course of next school year.



Welcome to the MME School Community!

Thank you very much for attending our Welcome to Kindergarten orientation on Wednesday, May 24th. It is our sincere hope that you and your child enjoyed the event, and that your child is even more excited than before about starting Kindergarten in September. I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of the next school year.

Kindergarten is an exciting rite of passage for children; and many parents look upon entrance into Kindergarten as the arrival of the *big boy* and *big girl* in their child. While this can be exciting, it is sometimes hard on parents to relinquish some of the decision-making control to their once completely dependent children. Willfulness and independence, albeit helpful later on in life, isn't easy to parent. If you find yourselves engaged in battles of will with your kindergartener, perhaps consider celebrating your child's new-found desire to exert control, by encouraging input around clothing to be worn or snacks to be chosen. One green sock and one purple sock? Grapes and fishy crackers for the third day in a row? No problem!

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In this class we...
SHARE LOVE
laugh grow
SHOW RESPECT apologize
dance and sing DO OUR
encourage BEST
hug make mistakes
work hard SAY THANK YOU
LEARN HAVE FUN! PLAY
We ARE Family!

*I believe that
imagination is
stronger than
knowledge.*

Robert Fulghum All I Really Need
To Know I Learned in Kindergarten



School Supplies

School supplies will be purchased in bulk by our Kindergarten teachers, and these will be shared by students in each of our kindergarten classrooms. Our teachers will determine the cost per student, and this will be communicated to families early in the fall.

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If your child is anxious about beginning school, please don't be alarmed or surprised by this. Some children lament their departure from preschool or daycare, while others are concerned about being away from Mom and Dad for the first time. Those with older siblings at Mountain Meadows may feel a part of our school community already.

Regardless of your child's specific circumstances, we will all work together to ensure that your child feels included, valued and welcomed in our learning community. While our office will be closed until the week before school resumes, please consider visiting our school playground several times over the course of the summer months to get your child used to being on MME school property. Feel free to telephone our office the week before our September 5th starting date, should you wish to bring your child by for a quick visit.

Most importantly, follow your child's lead. Discuss the imminence of Kindergarten only as much as your child is willing. Pushing the topic if your child isn't ready will only prove to be counter-productive if your child is feeling anxious about starting school. A list of popular book titles for soon-to-be-Kindergarteners is on the bottom of page 4.



"Sorry Mom, but what happens in kindergarten stays in kindergarten."

Week One and Beyond for the Kindies

All Kindergarten students will come to the school several times over the course of the first 2 weeks. They may accompany their parent / caregiver for an attendance check on the first day of school (although the child's attendance on the September 5th attendance check is optional). The Kindergarteners will also come for one Welcoming Conversation with our team of Kindergarten teachers, and then will attend school for six partial days (extending the length of stay each time) from Friday, September 8 to Friday, September 15. **The first full day of kindergarten will be Monday, September 18th.**

- Tuesday, September 5th: A parent / caregiver of each new Kindie will come to MME from 10:00-10:30am (Kindie child's attendance is optional).
- Where:** school library
What: to confirm attendance, listening to opening day remarks from the Principal, and to sign up for a Welcoming Conversation with a Kindergarten teacher.
- Wednesday, September 6th: Welcoming Conversations take place all day, from 9:00am, in rm. 219.
- Thursday, September 7th: Welcoming Conversations take place from 9:00am – 12:00pm in rm. 219.
- Friday, September 8th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins, either 8:55 – 10:25am or 10:40 – 12:00pm
- Multicultural Potluck Luncheon taking place in the school gymnasium. Your child is welcome to attend with a parent / caregiver. Details regarding the luncheon will be shared at the attendance check on September 5th. Welcoming Conversations take place from 12:45 – 3:00 in rm. 219.
- Monday, September 11th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry either 8:55 – 10:25am or 10:40 – 12:00pm
Welcoming Conversations take place from 12:45 – 3:00 in rm. 219.
- Tuesday, September 12th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry either 8:55 – 12:00pm or 12:50pm-2:50pm
- Wednesday, September 13th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry either 8:55 – 12:00pm or 12:50pm-2:50pm
- Thursday, September 14th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry 8:55- - 12:50 (students eat lunch at school)
Welcoming Conversations take place from 1:30 – 3:00 in rm. 219.
- Friday, September 15th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry 10:50 – 2:50 (student eat lunch at school)
- Kindergarten placement letters to be sent home with students at the end of their Gradual Entry class on Friday, Sept.15th.**
- Monday, September 18th: First full day of Kindergarten (8:55am – 2:50pm)
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Gradual Entry

All Kindergarten students are being placed in one of four groups (A,B,C and D) for the purpose of Gradual Entry only. Each group will attend Kindergarten for six partial days, spending time in each of our Kindergarten classrooms during this time. **These groups do NOT represent your child's class placement. Class placements will be confirmed at the end of the Gradual Entry process, and will be communicated by means of a letter sent home with children on Friday, September 15th.** The dates and times of each group's gradual entry schedule are specified underneath each group.

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
Charlotte Emma Evelynn Keira Mary Leo Tyson Elly Rowan	Violet Gabriel Christopher Sophie Kai Hayden Duncan Molly	Tristan Soren Marley Kiana Skylan Oban Olivia Dahmhyun	Carter Jack Sam Jonah Selina Edward Sullivan Avery
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Fri. Sept.8 Rm.219 8:55 – 10:25	Fri. Sept.8 Modular Classroom 8:55 – 10:25	Fri. Sept.8 Rm.219 10:40 – 12:00	Fri. Sept.8 Modular Classroom 10:40 – 12:00
Mon. Sept.11 Modular Classroom 10:40 – 12:00	Mon. Sept.11 Rm.219 10:40 – 12:00	Mon. Sept.11 Modular Classroom 8:55 – 10:25	Mon. Sept.11 Rm.219 8:55 – 10:25
Tues. Sept.12 Rm.219 8:55 – 12:00	Tues. Sept.12 Modular Classroom 8:55 – 12:00	Tues. Sept.12 Rm.219 12:50 – 2:50	Tues. Sept.12 Modular Classroom 12:50 – 2:50
Wed. Sept.13 Modular Classroom 12:50 – 2:50	Wed. Sept.13 Rm.219 12:50 – 2:50	Wed. Sept.13 Modular Classroom 8:55 – 12:00	Wed. Sept.13 Rm.219 8:55 – 12:00
Thurs. Sept.14 Rm.219 8:55 – 12:50	Thurs. Sept.14 Rm.219 8:55 – 12:50	Thurs. Sept.14 Modular Classroom 8:55 – 12:50	Thurs. Sept.14 Modular Classroom 8:55 – 12:50
Fri. Sept.15 Modular Classroom 10:50 – 2:50	Fri. Sept.15 Modular Classroom 10:50 – 2:50	Fri. Sept.15 Rm.219 10:50 – 2:50	Fri. Sept.15 Rm.219 10:50 – 2:50

Ten Popular Book titles for Soon-to-be-Kindergarteners

Countdown to Kindergarten, by Alison McGhee
First Day Jitters, by Julie Danneberg
First Day of School, by Mercer Mayer
Kindergarten, Here I Come, by D.J. Steinberg
Kindergarten Rocks, by Katie Davis

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, by Joseph Slate
Off to Kindergarten, by Tony Johnston
The Berenstain Bears Go To School, by Jan & Stan Berenstain
The Kissing Hand, by Audrey Penn
The Night Before Kindergarten, by Natasha Wing