



Mountain View Elementary School

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

December 1, 2023

Dear Parents:



The first term of school has flown by, and we are entering our final month of 2023! We have many exciting December events planned.

Our seasonal concert will take place on **Thursday, December 14th at 1:15 and 6:15 pm.** *If you can attend the daytime performance, please try to do so as space in the evening performance will be more limited.* Please carefully read the details about the concert that are included in the section below.

On Friday, December 15th, we will have “Sleepy Pajama Day!”. Students are welcome to wear their pajamas to school that day if they choose to!

Our Mountain View PAC is organizing a “Pancake Breakfast with Santa”, on the morning of Tuesday, December 19th. Students will be treated to a delicious breakfast, which will begin after school starts that morning.

On Friday, December 8th, our PAC volunteers will be providing each student with a Gingerbread House to decorate for the holidays. Students will be invited to bring some decorations to put on their house (details to follow). We are thankful to these parents for volunteering their time to make these wonderful events happen for our students.

If you wish to pick up your child early on December 22nd please notify the school *in advance* if this is the case.

Please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a very enjoyable, relaxing holiday.

Ms. L. Salloum
Principal

Christmas Concert



Our students are preparing a Christmas Concert for you! We will have two concerts on **Thursday, December 14th: one at 1:15 pm a repeat performance at 6:15 pm.** Please make every effort to have your child attend both performances.

Parking and traffic bylaws will be in effect. The staff parking lot will be closed during the performances. **Doors for the evening performance will not open until 5:45 pm.** Students and parents are to go to their classrooms at this time and will remain there until it is their time to perform.

Please do not drop your child off earlier than 5:45pm.

We celebrate the return of *live performances* and ask that our audience members prioritize enjoying the real-life experience over filming/picture taking, which can distract the performers and other audience members. Thank you for your cooperation in making this a happy event for all!

Holiday Season

School Not in Session:

Monday
December 25 –
Friday January 5,
2024

School re-opens
Monday, Jan 8th,
2024

*Season's Greetings
to all our Mountain
View families!*



Term One Reporting

Report cards for the first term will be published in the MyEd Parent Portal on **Thursday, December 21st**. If you are new to our District or have not yet created your account on the MyEd Parent Portal, you will need to do so to retrieve your child's online Term One Formal report. Instructions for account registration will be sent to families who are new to us. Please contact our office if you require any assistance.

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 or snowing. As we enter the cool and rainy days of winter, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather conditions. Please help to reinforce the expectation that jackets are to be kept on when outside during this winter season.

In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:30 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at 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.
- ***If our school is open but you decide to keep your child home, please be sure to complete the “Absence Report” form on the school website.***
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates

REGISTRATION FOR THE **2024-25** SCHOOL YEAR

Registration processes for the 2024-25 school year begin right after the winter break!

The *Cross Catchment Application Process* (all grades) will be held from January 11 -January 17th. Please note that students in Grade 5 are assigned to their catchment area school (see school locator tool on District website) and not according to the elementary school they currently attend. Please refer to the details on the District website for questions pertaining to sibling status.

The application process for Programs of Choice: **Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion** will occur from **January 11- January 17th, 2024**. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO HAVE YOUR CHILD ATTEND A PROGRAM OF CHOICE, please consider viewing the online informational video presentations located on our District website.

Kindergarten Registration will be held between **February 6th – 8th 2024**, using the online forms that will be housed on school websites. Only students who are five years of age on or before December 31, 2024, are eligible to enroll for September 2024.

Please visit www.sd43.bc.ca/programs for detailed information.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Ms. Abel and the parent volunteers who assisted her in bringing the Scholastic Book Fair to Mountain View last month. Thanks also to the families who “shopped” at the fair and helped to make it a successful endeavor. Proceeds from the fair provide a dividend in Scholastic credit which will be used to purchase new reading material for our main and classroom libraries.

Mountain View Hosts VIRTUAL FOOD BANK



In the past, Mountain View Elementary has generously donated food items for the SHARE Food Bank, which supports families in our area. This year, SHARE is asking us to consider raising funds rather than food.

Food donations require labour to sort and store items and there is often a mismatch between the donated items and those most needed by families. With cash donations, SHARE can better serve the community by bulk buying perishable foods, formula for infants, supplements for seniors, or other culturally appropriate items.

So this year, Mountain View will host a VIRTUAL FOOD BANK to support SHARE in this endeavor. Every dollar counts and no donation is too small! Please consider following the link (below) to our fund-raising page and donating to this very worthy cause.

<https://bcvfd.foodbank.bc.ca/team/121/97>

Thank you for your generosity! 😊

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