



# Mountain View Elementary

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*Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal*

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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to the start of our second term and a brand-new year, 2024! We hope that all families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The upcoming months will be busy ones.

Our registration processes are underway for the upcoming school year. If you have a child or know of a neighbor who has a child who will be five (5) years old in 2024 and is eligible for Kindergarten, please know that registration begins on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Cross Boundary application process (all grades) opens on February 9<sup>th</sup> for families who would like to apply for their child to attend a school that lies outside of their address catchment. More information is available on the school or District website. Registrations and Applications are to be submitted online.

February is Friendship Month. Throughout the month, classes will be participating in activities that promote the importance of positive friendship skills and social responsibility. Teachers will be communicating with their class' families regarding any *Valentines' Day* activities that they are taking part in as activities will vary. Please do not send treats for your child's class unless you have discussed it, in advance, with your child's teacher. If your child wishes to distribute Valentine cards while in school, we ask that all classmates be included.

We invite students who wish to wear a pink shirt on February 28<sup>th</sup> (Pink Shirt Day in Canada) to do so. We will be having a Kindness Assembly at 11am that day. Parents are welcome to attend.

As winter weather continues in the months ahead, please dress your child appropriately for the rain and/or cold. We will be going outside for recess and lunch breaks on most days.

We hope that you were able to access your child's first term report on the MYED Parent Portal without any difficulty. If you need assistance, please contact our office. All future reports will be distributed on this Ministry of Education portal. We want to be sure that all of our families are finding success when trying to access their account.

Ms. L. Salloum  
Principal

## ***Upcoming Calendar Dates:***

Monday January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Pro-D Focus Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 6-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Kindergarten Registration begins (online)
February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	District Cross Catchment Process (online)
Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	BC Family Day - School closed
Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Student Led Conferences (1:45pm Early Dismissal)
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	District Based Non Instructional Day (students do not attend)

## **Absences and Early Dismissals**

Please report all student absences by completing an Online Absence Report on the Mountain View school website at the following link: [Absence Report](#) or, alternatively, advise your teacher and the school office via email or telephone at 604-936-7288.

If it is necessary for you to arrange an early dismissal for your child on a given day, please advise the teacher *and* the office with the time of the early dismissal (preferably via email). Call the office when you arrive for pickup and we will call the child down from their classroom to meet the parent outside the main office door. *We kindly ask parents/guardians to do their best to arrange for such dismissals to occur at scheduled breaks in the school day (recess, start of lunch) so that class disruption is minimized.*

## **Winter Weather**

On occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. We experienced that this week, along with neighboring lower mainland and Fraser Valley school districts. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the varied geography of school sites within our district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The District will aim to announce their decision about schools being open or closed **before 6:30 a.m.** that day 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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

***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.***

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](http://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>

### **TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

Our school community is fortunate to be located on flat terrain surrounded by wide residential roads. We have ample street parking in the area and access points to the grounds on all corners. For the safety of our students, it is essential that all drivers cooperate with road rules, signage and the following:

***Please do not double park in order to pick-up or drop-off your child***

***Please do not use the entry point to the parking lot or a neighbors' driveway to turn your vehicle around***

These two practices can create risk to the safety of our students and community members. We rely on everyone to do their part to prioritize safety over speed. Thank you for making this choice each day when you drive within our school zone.