



MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have just finished a fantastic run of exciting events in the past couple of weeks. We had an inspiring professional development day on April 23rd, where teachers spent the day in the computer lab learning about "class wikis". The excitement and learning was infectious. You know that when you have to come in and tell people that they've gone 15 minutes into their lunch break, and they need to stop to eat, that learning is in the air. That was followed by our spring musical "Pirates" which received rave reviews for their four performances Apr. 24-26th. The next day was our school track meet on April 27th, which was another great event. In the background of all this was preparation of term two report cards which went out May 2nd. We want to thank all staff and parents and volunteers for making all this happen for our students. But, it doesn't slow down. May 4th brings two musical performances for all our students- Axe Capeoira and the BC Boys Student Choir. Our grade sevens clean Bowen Park as an act of citizenship on May 9th, and our district strategic planning meeting (May 24th-all are invited) and annual general meeting of our Home and School Association (May 17th- all invited again) happen in late May! Much planning has gone into both of these events and they are your best opportunity to affect the future of Mountain View School and School district 68 respectively. Look for more details about both on our listserv. Finally, we have our second annual mock earthquake drill at 12:40 on May 24th and you are welcome to come watch us in action. Have a great May and hope for some sunshine!

Mr. Brick and Ms. Collins

LITERACY

If you're wondering why some children grow up to become **successful readers** and possess a **love** for reading, the answer is simple. Their parents have made a *commitment* to their reading development. Children can begin a journey to reading success and enjoyment when parents:

-- commit to a **schedule** for reading aloud until children are independent readers. Modeling good reading allows children to hear reading that is fluid and full of expression. Parents should allow children to select books as well as select books themselves. When parents introduce new books, this helps children develop a sense of the kinds of books they like.

-- commit to making visits to the **library** until children are old enough to go there on their own. Show children visiting the library will become a part of their lives. Help them choose books to read or have read aloud. If children are older talk about the books they've chosen. Parents should select books themselves and talk about what they're reading as well.

- commit to taking their children to **bookstores** in their strollers, through the elementary, middle and high school years. Buy them a drink or snack, and browse the colorful displays and shelves full of books. Both parents and children should leave with a book.

- commit to **reading themselves**. Children naturally emulate their parent's behavior. When parents possess a love for reading their children usually do as well.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Two big social responsibility events occur in May that we want to bring your attention to. We honour our commitment to the Feed the Children organization by having our grade 7's clean the shores of the Millstream River in Bowen Park on May 9th. This also ensures us a space at next year's Me to We inspirational event in Vancouver. This program has created a leadership opportunity for our grade 7's in the area of community and global citizenship. Thank you to Mrs. French, Mr. Brick and Mr. Ball for their efforts with this program.

Our other main event is our mock earthquake drill (approx. 1.5 hours long) where we do a mock evacuation, search and rescue etc. Any interested spectators are welcome.

The safety committee has taken their own internal recommendations and the recommendations of district safety staff and the local fire chief into consideration and we hope this year finds us even more prepared.

Lastly, we thank Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Blow for their efforts with the homework club this year. It will be continuing through the efforts of Ms. Collins and Mr. Brick. Please encourage your child to use this resource every Tuesday and Thursday to catch up on anything they are falling behind in.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SPORTS UPDATE

BASKETBALL

The season ended well. Both Pee Wee teams had fun, successful seasons, while Bantam Boys lost out in the quarter-finals and our Bantam Girls finished second!!! Thank you to all coaches and sponsors for your time and dedication!

SCHOOL TRACK MEET

Our 2012 School Track Meet ran on April 27th, the day after our last "Pirates" performance. What were we thinking? Actually, we have no choice, the district picks our day. It was a great event. The weather semi-cooperated and the Rotary Bowl was filled with cheers and smiles. Thank you to all volunteers, parents and staff, and a special thank you to Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Cronan, Mrs. Sharples and Ms. Rickson for all their organization. Pictured below is our award ceremony, held on Monday, April 30th, where winners (1st to 8th) received their ribbons.



SPORTBALL

We are proud to offer a pay for use service starting Tuesday May 8th called Sportball. More detailed information has come home with your child on May 2nd, but the gist of the program is to offer children physical activity in a variety of forms for one hour every Tuesday until the end of June. Sportball will occur in our gym and our playing field – contact Jeff at van.island@sportball.ca for more information. This program is for boys and girls aged 5-10.

HOMEWORK CLUB

A reminder that we offer a homework club every Tuesday and Thursday at big recess for all ages. Thank you to Ms. Collins and Mr. Brick for doing this.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book return: It's that time of year again! All library materials including those borrowed by parents are due back to the library during (or before) the week of June 7th.

Book club: Survivor Book Club members attended a final meeting mid-April to celebrate their chosen winners - these "survivors" were the group's favourites: Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix and Against the Boards by Lorna Schultz Nicholson. Pizza, juice, and lots of conversation made this last meeting one of the best! Lots of fun for all. Thank-you, Mr. Brick, for supplying the pizza.

Summer Reading Program: Once again, the Vancouver Island Regional Library is offering a summer reading program. This program is flexibly planned, so that children can easily participate along side other summer fun. Contact any VIRL branch for further information.



Keep on reading! Remember that reading with your child will likely improve his/her reading achievement and enjoyment!

“PIRATES”

Some scenes from our spring musical. Thank you to Mr. Ball, Mrs. French, Mrs. Hastings and especially to our director, Mr. Matthews.



ARE YOU MOVING?

Parents, if you know that you are moving to a different school or if you're moving out of the district, we would appreciate knowing that information as soon as possible. Both the school and district are beginning to plan for staffing the 2011-2012 school year and that type of information is important. Thank you!



REGISTRATION FOR

SEPTEMBER 2012

If your children currently attend K – Gr. 6 at Mountain View and are planning to return next year, they are already registered. Gr. 7's who are moving on to Gr. 8 should be registered at the high school of their catchment/choice. If you are aware of Kindergarten students and/or new families who have moved into the neighbourhood, encourage them to come in to the office and get registered ASAP. June 15th is the registration deadline to be assured a spot in a Mountain View classroom.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012

Registration for September 2012 has begun. Children who will be five years of age before January 1, 2013, may enter school in September 2012. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2013.

You are encouraged to register your child as soon as you can. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address. To obtain an assured space in your catchment-area school, you must register by June 15, 2012. If you know of children of kindergarten age in the neighborhood, we'd be pleased if you would pass the word.

Registration for out of catchment students is now over for 2012.

PARENTAL PLACEMENT REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR

We would like to clarify our position on parental requests for placement of students in certain classes and with certain teachers. Parents should understand the assignment of students into classes each year is a careful process where considerable time and effort is spent by staff. Only parental requests based **on an educational reason** will be considered. Parental requests should be placed **in writing** with **sound educational reasons** given. ***It must be stressed there are no guarantees of class placement based on parental request.*** Requests must be received (addressed to Mr. Brick) by **May 31st**. Thank you for your consideration with this.

MRS. BAIRD AND MRS GRUBB AT PRO D DAY

On April 23rd, teachers got together and created their own wikispaces for each classroom. To see some of the new wikispaces, watch our website in the upcoming days. Also, watch for a new website before the end of the year!!!



TECHNOLOGY TIP



Ctrl + Click on picture to go to website.

Our tip for this month is a blog called BrainPickings. This particular blog is about "fixed personality". Essentially, the blog talks about the science behind what we speak of as personality and how there is no such thing as a "bad" person or "angry" person, but rather how we are governed by our biological tendencies AND our experiences. And that positive experiences in a caring environment can work wonders.

We hope you enjoy it.

NANAIMO LADYSMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - May 24 - 6:30-8:00 pm – Mountain View MPR

Help Us Plan for the Future

Do you have thoughts about the ways our schools can better support student learning? The Board of Education is looking ahead long-term as it develops a strategic plan for the future of our public schools in Nanaimo-Ladysmith.

Meetings to gather input will be held at every school in the district. This is an important opportunity for parents, students and school staff members to give their thoughts on what they believe should be the strategic directions of the school district for the next several years.

Our school's meeting will be held on Thursday May 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Everyone from the Mountain View community is invited to come out for a stimulating evening of discussion!



ARTS ALIVE

Arts Alive's 27th annual Summer School of the Fine Arts will be taking place in July. There are classes in art, music, dance and drama for all age groups. Course details and registration are available at all City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture facilities. Registration is also available on line at www.ireg.nanaimo.ca and by phone at 250-756-5200. For more information, check out www.nanaimoartsalive.com.

SPLITSVILLE – KIDS BOWL FREE

The program starts on June 18th and goes until September 23, 2012 for ages up to 18 years old for 2 games of bowling a day for FREE. The Parents can register their children at www.kidsbowlfree.com/splitsvillebc

A promotional graphic for the 'Kids Bowl Free' program at Splitsville Entertainment. The background is blue with white and yellow accents. At the top, it says 'Sign Up Now... IT'S FREE!' in a stylized, bubbly font. Below this, in a white box, it says 'TO SIGN UP AT Splitsville Entertainment Nanaimo, BC - Phone (250) 754-2442'. Underneath the box, it says 'GO TO www.kidsbowlfree.com/splitsvillebc'. At the bottom, it says 'IT'S EASY...' followed by a numbered list: '1 GO TO THE WEBSITE ABOVE TO REGISTER EACH CHILD', '2 RECEIVE THE FREE BOWLING PASSES EVERY WEEK BY EMAIL', and '3 COME AND ENJOY BOWLING ALL SUMMER!'. To the right of the list, it says 'No Strings Attached...' and 'REGISTERED CHILDREN RECEIVE CERTIFICATES TO BOWL 2 FREE GAMES A DAY ALL SUMMER!'. The graphic also features images of bowling pins and a bowling ball.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR MAY/JUNE

May 4 th	Axe Capoeira – 10:45 am	May 24 th	Mock Earthquake Drill – 12:40
May 4 th	BC Boys Choir- 1:30 pm	May 24 th	SD68 Strategic Planning MTG
May 9 th	Me to We/Pacific Shore Cleanup	May 29 th	Grade 7 Parent meeting at NDSS
May 15 th	Class Photo Day	June 1 st	Hot lunch Booster Juice/Sushi
May 17 th	Extreme Science @VIU Grades 3/6	June 1 st	Grade 6-7 dance
May 17 th	Chemainus Theatre Workshops	June 21 st	Fun Day/ Parent Tea
	Grubb/Collins	June 26	Teacher Retirement assembly
May 17 th	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm	June 27 th	Final Report/Grade 7 assembly
May 18 th	Grade 7 Pizza Lunch	June 28 th	Pro D day
May 21 st	School Closed- Victoria Day	June 29 th	Schools Closed for summer
May 23 rd	Ready Set Learn- 9:00-10:00a.m.		
May 23 rd	Welcome to Kindergarten 10:15-11:15a.m.		

To view Mountain View's calendar please click this link:

[Mountain View Calendar](#)

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION AND COMMENT SLIP

We hope that you like this new electronic format for our newsletter. We hope to be entirely paperless before the end of the school year. A reminder that if you lose this email, we always have the current newsletter on our website: <http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/mtvw/> We still want to retain the ability for parents to communicate to us as they did on the old paper format.

Prompt return of your comment slip will make you eligible for a draw to win a Family Bowling Evening courtesy of Brechin Lanes

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Mountain View School Comment Slip

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Parents: For those who receive this via email: **Please reply at:** MTVWnewsletter@sd68.bc.ca

(For paper copies) Please sign this slip and return to the school to indicate that you have received this newsletter.

If you have any comments regarding the information in this newsletter, please indicate below. Thank you. There will be a newsletter draw for comment slips that are returned.

Comment:

Student's Name: _____

Teacher _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ Phone: _____