



Mountainview Montessori News

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MS. LORI BAIRD – HEAD SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

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UPCOMING DATES...

September



- 12th Open House 6 -7pm
- 16th First Full Day for Kindergarten Students
- 20th Terry Fox Run 1:00 – 2:00
- 30th Non Instructional Day – No Classes in Session

Principal's Message...

Welcome Back!

On behalf of all of the staff here at Mountainview, I would like to extend an enthusiastic "WELCOME BACK" to all of our families. A very special welcome to our families attending Mountainview for the first time! September is always an exciting time for all of us as we reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends to our community; We look forward to working together to ensure your child has the most positive school experience possible. Our staff is always willing to help, please do not hesitate to us to ask questions.

All grade 1-7 students are now well settled into their new classrooms. Our Kindergarten students are following the gradual entry plan. We look forward to welcoming the K's full time starting on September 16th.

Wishing everyone a great year of learning at Mountainview!

Cheryl Rutherford

Office Staff and Hours:

Cheryl Rutherford - Principal

Lori Baird – Head Secretary

Jenni Luchtmeyer – Secretary

Office Hours are: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

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WELCOME TO NEW STAFF:

Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to Mountainview:

Classroom Teachers:

Div 1: Ms. Linda Feldhaus

Div 2: Ms. Melissa Beedle

Div 3: Ms. Yvonne Pouwels

Div 6: Ms. Emlie L'Heureux

Div 7: Ms. Annalise Vakili

Support Staff:

EA: Ms. Nina Sandhu

EA: Ms. Mumta Sharma

CCW: Ms. Ashley Reiter

COMMUNICATION AND NEWSLETTERS

Please note that all monthly newsletters will be sent out via email. To check out school information and register for our digital newsletter please visit our school website at:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/mountainview>

FYI... there are always some printed copies of newsletters available at the office if you do not have access to a computer. From time to time, important notices and forms are sent home that need to be returned back to the school. Please make sure that you include your child's name and division number on all forms.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

The 2019 – 2020 Bell Schedule

8:23 Supervision of Students Begins

8:33 Welcome Bell

8:38 Morning Classes Begin

10:30 – 10:45 Recess

11:45 – 12:00 Students eat lunch

12:00 – 12:25 Outside Play Time

12:25 Welcome Bell

12:30 Afternoon Classes Begin

2:30 Classes Dismissed

2:45 Supervision Ends – *please ensure you have picked up your child by this time.*





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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The PAC is very important to the success of a school. Staff and students would like to give a big thank you to our PAC for all they do to support field trips at Mountainview. We know that September can be expensive. Teachers will access PAC funds for fieldtrips planned early in the year to avoid parents having to spend additional funds.

The first PAC Meeting of the year will be on Friday, September 13th at 8:45 in the staff room.

More information will be coming. Please consult the PAC notice board in the front foyer near the office for information and announcements.

Email: www.mountainviewpac@gmail.com

STUDENT PLANNERS

Student Planners are an invaluable tool used in Grades 1 – 7. Planners have now been distributed and the cost of the planners is \$5.00. Payment may be made on-line or by cheque made out to Mountainview Montessori.

Please take time to review the Planner with your child as it contains important information about the school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please leave a message on our voicemail system before school starts. We have a call home program to ensure student safety on the way to school and, if we are not informed of student absences, the secretaries spend a great deal of time phoning families. Your help is much appreciated.



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NOTE: Students who are late MUST report to the office for a late slip before going to their classes.

Any student leaving early must report to the office before leaving the school. Parents, please come to the office to meet your child(ren) before leaving the school.

PLANNING TO VISIT THE SCHOOL?

In the interest of student and staff safety, all doors to the school will remain locked during the school day, except for the main entrance doors to Building A, near the office.

The Surrey School District policy requires everyone entering the school to check into the office. We have a visitor protocol that involves signing in and wearing a visitor badge. This policy is for the safety of all students and staff.

Classrooms are busy places of learning and we try not to interrupt teachers during instructional time. If you need to speak to your child or leave him/her a message, the office staff will be happy to help you. Please call the office after 9:30 if possible.

The school office is a busy place. Students should not be phoning home to make play dates or to find out how they are getting home each day. Please ensure that you have made and communicated these arrangements at home before school.



Drop Off/Pick Up/Parking

We all want to do what we can to ensure all of our students are safe, especially during the busy morning and after school rush. Please obey all posted traffic signs. **We appreciate you not doing U Turns within the school zone.** A bit of common sense and taking a few extra moments will help ensure all students get to and from school safely☺ Please refer to the Drop Off/Pick Up Information included in the Student Information Package that will be sent home later this week.

Thank you for your help with everything you do to ensure student safety☺



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FORMS, FORMS, FORMS

A package of forms to be filled out will be sent home some time later this week, please return by Wednesday, September 18th. Included in this package is:

- Student Information Verification Form
- Volunteer Driver Form
- Consent Checklist – media, walking field trips etc
- Important Pick Up Drop Off Info – Parking Lot Safety
- School Calendar
- PAC Contact Info

Medical Alert / Allergy Alert

If your child has a Life Threatening Medical Alert or Life Threatening allergy, please inform the school immediately so we can ensure proper procedures are in place.

We do have a number of students with severe anaphylactic allergies to peanuts therefore we ask that you avoid sending nut products with your children for lunches, snacks and/or treats.

If your child needs to keep any medication at school, you are required to have a form filled out and filed at the office. Please see the office if you need a form.

Also, please check at the office to see if you have any expired meds that need to be picked up.

ADJUSTING TO GOING “BACK TO SCHOOL”

To ease the way, here are a few well researched suggestions:

1. Ensure your child is well rested. This means 8 to 11 hours of sleep per night.
2. Try not to schedule too many after school activities. You may even find that your child needs a short nap or quiet time at the end of the day, especially during the first few weeks while they are adjusting to school.

3. Pack nutritious snacks, such as fruit, cheese and crackers, to keep energy levels high throughout the day. Let your child choose from a variety of healthy foods to pack for his/her lunch.
4. Set up systems at home, such as hooks for hanging backpacks and boards for notices that enable your child to be organized and that ensure messages get back and forth to school.
5. Check your child’s Planner nightly.

MEET THE TEACHER!!

When: Thursday, September 12th, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Meet the Teacher is an informal drop in from 6-7pm. School staff will be outside greeting parents and students.

This is a great opportunity to visit the school, connect with friends, meet PAC members, say hello to your child’s teacher and meet new staff! PAC members and staff will be helping to cook and serve hotdogs. Please bring your own water bottle.

You and your children are welcome to visit classrooms at any time between 6:00 and 7:00 pm.

Teachers will be in and out of their rooms throughout the evening.

Meet the teacher is not meant to be an interview time. If you need to meet with the teacher please contact them at the school to set up an interview time.

Student let conferences will be held October 23rd and 24th.

LET’S HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!