



April 2019 Newsletter

Blue Mountain Elementary

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Message from the Principal:

We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing family filled spring break! We want to welcome you all back for an exciting third term. We certainly have many things underway for an engaging third term with Ultimate Frisbee, Wolf Packs, Reading Link Challenge, Gratitude Workshops, Class Photos, Band Presentations, Me to We, Fire Safety Presentations, School Speeches and School Teams. These are the events for April.

*In April as with last month we will be discussing Growth Mindset, developing the right mindset early is helps students to learn to put forth effort and using the right strategies in their learning. We have been discussing at our assemblies how a growth mindset is a willingness to confront challenges, a passion for learning and viewing failure as a springboard for growth. As I have mentioned to the students **FAIL** can and should mean **First Attempt In Learning**. Not surprisingly, a positive mindset is strongly linked to greater happiness and achievement in school and in life.*

On behalf of everyone at Blue Mountain Elementary, I want to say “thanks!” for all of your support. We rely on help from our many parents, and appreciate everything you do to help make this a great school.

Laureen Hickey
Principal

GRADE SEVEN NEWS...

All students should have received confirmation of their placement for grade 8. There will be a visitation to the secondary school of their registration in May. Details will be sent out on the portal in early May. The planning committee for the grade 7 leaving ceremony is in full swing. Please contact Karen Lowrie if you have any questions at karen_lowrie@sd42.ca.



Upcoming Events

- April 16**
Div. 11, 14, 15 to THE ACT
Div. 7 Watershed
Div. 10 GSS
- April 17**
Div. 1, 2, 3 to THE ACT
- April 18**
Div. 12, 13 to THE ACT
- April 19**
Good Friday – No School
- April 22**
Easter Monday – No School
- April 25**
Gr. 5 & 6 – Fire Safety
Div. 10 – Alco Park
Div. 14 – Bugs life visit
- April 29**
Not in session day – No school for students
- May 8**
Speeches in BME gym G. 4 – 7
- May 17**
Div. 10 – Whonnock Lake Kayaking
- May 20**
Victoria Day – No school
- May 21**
Not in Session Day – No school for students
- June 6 & 7**
District Track & Field @ MRSS
- June 10**
Welcome to K 12:30 – 2
- June 18**
Div. 11 & 14 - Belcarra Park
- June 19**
Fun Day
- June 20**
Fun Day if June 19 cancelled
- June 21**
Gr. 7 to Cultus Lake Water Slides
- June 24**
K’s graduation
- June 25**
Gr. 7 leaving ceremony
- June 26 – Last day for students**

Welcome to Kindergarten

New Kindergarten students beginning their educational journey in September are asked to join us for a Welcome to Kindergarten orientation on June 10 from 12:30 – 2.00. We will meet in the library. Please contact Gladys Hewson at 604 463 6414 or bm_reception@sd42.ca to confirm attendance.

BLUE SHIRT DAY...

How wonderful it was to see a sea of BLUE on April 2nd to raise awareness and understanding of those diagnosed with Autism. Many of us learned the characteristics of autism and a special appreciation for their many contributions to our community.

READING LINK CHALLENGE...

Reading Link Challenge continues this month. The students will be travelling to the Maple Ridge Public Library to participate in Reading Trivia Challenges with other schools. Good Luck to our BME team of grade five and six students!

LOST and FOUND...

It is just amazing how quickly our Lost and Found hangers fill up. We strongly encourage parents to drop in and have a look for items that might belong to their household.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER REMINDER...

Just a reminder to mark these dates on your calendar as there will be no school on the following days;

Friday April 19th – Good Friday

Monday April 22nd – Easter Monday

Monday April 29th – Non Instructional Day – no school on this day

STUDENT VOICE...

A reminder to the Student Voice students that your next meeting is Wed. April 17th at SRT at 12:30 – 2 pm. Please come to BME at 12:00 to pick up your child. Thank you.

BRICKS4KIDS There are spots still available for this fun and interactive after school program which starts on April 17th (Wednesdays). See attached flyer on our website <https://elementary.sd42.ca/bluemountain/after-school-programs/> for more details and registration information.

WOLF PACKS...

Wolf Packs are a wonderful opportunity for our students to get a chance to work with students outside their own classes. This includes students of different grades and ages. So many students tell me how much they enjoy Wolf Packs especially the ADST themed Wolf Packs. There is always such a positive buzz in the air on the afternoons that we have Wolf Packs. Thank you to our teachers who help to organize and lead this engaging learning opportunity for our students.

During our next Packs session on Wednesday, April 17 we will be creating a project from recyclables or clean “trash” items that otherwise might be thrown away. We are asking that each child brings a bag of 5 items for this project by the morning of Wednesday, April 17. Please ensure that they are clean and NO GLASS or sharp items. Some possible options are: mesh fruit bags, plastic bags, DVD/CD, egg cartons, beverage containers (rinsed out), string/yarn, fabric scraps, bottle caps, old cards, toilet paper rolls, tin foil, pie plates, ribbon spools, ribbon, wrapping paper, gift bags.

BAKE SALE ON APRIL 16TH

Me to We is hoping you might be able to donate some baked goods on Tuesday April 16th. Feel free to drop off at the office or in Mrs. Lowrie's classroom. All money raised will benefit healthcare in Haiti.

BME PAC

Please note that our PAC meeting scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed. We will send out the new date shortly. Thank you!

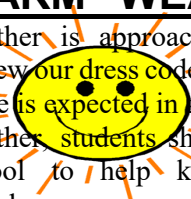
Watch for our PUB FUNDRAISER happening in May. Details on the PAC Parent Facebook Page.

BREAKFAST CLUB...

We are looking for someone to take over our Breakfast Club for next year in September. Please give us a call at the school or email if you might be able to assist us. We would really like to touch base with that person before the end of this school year if possible.

WARM WEATHER:

As warm weather is approaching, please take time to review our dress code in the planner. Appropriate attire is expected in a school setting. With warm weather students should have a water bottle at school to help keep themselves hydrated. Thanks.



**YOUR CHILD’S CLASS
PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR...**

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to the principal in writing by May 24th, 2019. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

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Are you Moving:
If you know you will be moving or transferring from Blue Mt. (either this year or during the summer), please remember it is very important to let the office know ASAP. Staffing for next year is based on enrollment numbers estimated next month. The more accurate our numbers are the more efficient our staffing will be. Thank you

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY... The Spring District Cross Country races will take place Tuesday, May 14th for Intermediate students and Wednesday, May 15th for Primary students. Running practice is Monday to Thursdays on the track by our school.

WOLF PAW – recognition for one of the Six Pillars of Character

- Div. 1 Keely P.
- Div. 3 Acelia D.
- Div. 6 Dean S., Rachel D., Alex F., Lilly Y.,
David P.T., Audrey W.,
- Div. 10 Joshua E., Easton J., Jaxon C.,
Lilla B., Liam S., Ryder R.,
- Div. 12 Carver C., Jayce L., Liam H., Shane R.,
- Div. 13 Graham S., Madison B.,
- Div. 14 Aria B.

Hall of Fame

- Div. 1 Zaira H., Ojas M., Evynn H.
- Div. 3 Casey F., Acelia E., Kaden R., Jack G.,
- Div. 4 Navaeh B., Dominick L., Emily R., Ian K.
- Div. 5 Aydan B., Sage O., Sadie L.
- Div. 7 Sean R., Aaliyah H., Emily D.
- Div. 8 Chase B., Brayden M., Ethen M.
- Div. 9 Hunter N., Avery T., Emily F., Catrina M.
- Div. 10 Michael W., Rory H.,
- Div. 11 Eva M., Lola P., Kali G.,
- Div. 12 Ariana H., Sophie V.
- Div. 13 Sofia T., Jordyn S., Christy M., Ethan S.
- Div. 14 Avery L., Greyson C.

