

Sept 17, 2020
Newsletter



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MOUSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

Message from the Principal

Hadih and Hello!

Welcome back! We were so excited to welcome students back to school last week and I am very proud of all students for how quickly they have adjusted to new routines. I'd like to say a special welcome to our new students and families, including our Kindergarten students! I would also like to welcome teachers Miss. April and Miss. Newton to our Mouse Mountain family.

Our most recent letter explaining our COVID action plan in Stage 2 was sent home in the mail in the week before school started. You can also find this letter on our school website www.mouse.sd91.bc.ca. We will continue to keep you updated with any changes or new information throughout the year. Our first PAC meeting of the year is on Tues Sept 22nd at 3:30 pm and will

include a Q&A session for parents on our COVID action plan. Parents may join in person or virtually. If joining in person, please call Mrs. Stanga in our office. If joining online, the link will be posted to our Mouse Mountain Website.

Providing a safe and nurturing environment for our students is very important to all of us at Mouse Mountain School. It is our goal to support students socially and emotionally and we will continue to teach students about using their WITS when faced with a problem.

I hope that you will reach out anytime if you have a question or concern. We are here for you and your child as we navigate the year ahead together!

Mrs. Megan Boniface



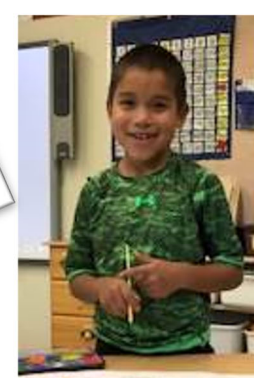
Hadih!

Hadih means hello in the Dakelh language. Dakelh or Central Carrier is the name of the language spoken in the area of Central BC. You can hear this word spoken here: <http://www.firstvoices.com/en/Nakazdli-Dakelh/welcome>

Allergy Information

Mouse Mountain would like to let our parents know that we are not aware of any students with dangerous peanut allergies. We do have seaweed allergies so **please do not send seaweed** to school.

If your child has any Life-Threatening or other medical condition(s) please call the office to ensure these details are in your child's file and that a safety plan is in place.



School District 91 Busing protocols for COVID 19

Welcome back for the new school year of 2020-21. The transportation Department has been working on some new procedures and practices for the return of all our Learners. Some of these new things will be:

--Assigned seating on all buses to keep contact down to a minimum. Students will be seated in family groups or learning cohorts, whenever possible.

--Grade 8 to 12 students (7 to 12 in Vanderhoof) will be required to wear masks when riding the bus. The District is providing 2 reusable masks to Students which they will be responsible to keep safe and clean. Elementary students *are not required* to wear masks.

--Buses will be disinfected daily by the driver after each morning and afternoon route.

It is vitally important that Parent/Guardians monitor their child(ren) for any COVID19, common cold, fever, influenza, or other infectious respiratory symptoms prior to sending them out to the bus stop. We would also like to remind parents to have their children wash their hands with soap and water before leaving their home in the morning.

If you have any inquiries regarding busing please call your local bus garage:

Burns Lake Bus Garage 250-692-3130

Fraser Lake Bus Garage 250-699-6995

Fort St. James Bus Garage 250-996-7835

Vanderhoof Bus Garage 250-567-9618

PARENTS/GUARDIANS of bus students are asked to be sure to update phone numbers in your child(ren)'s file as we use a messaging system to notify parents of bus cancellations and bus delays.



School Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2020
6:00 pm

Location: Integris Community Theatre
At Nechako Valley Secondary School, Vanderhoof

Public Attendance Notice:

***Due to current public health and safety requirements, we are requesting that members of the public interested in attending this meeting, contact Tracy Austin at taustin@sd91.bc.ca or 250-567-2284 prior to the meeting so that seating arrangements for appropriate social distancing can be made.

Coming Events

Sept 22	PAC Meeting 3:30
Sept 25	District Planning Day—No School for Students
Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day
October 12	Thanksgiving STAT holiday
Oct 20	Picture Day

MMES Parent Advisory Council

Meeting: September 22nd @ 3:30 at the school.

All parents welcome. Please call or text Christine at (250) 640-0990 if you would like to attend. Social distancing and virtual attendance options are available :)

CANADIAN PATH



Join Us

1st Tintah 'Uskeh Scouts

21 Sept 2020

6pm

@ Mouse Mountain Elementary Field
to Register for Scouts, learn more about the program and see what our amazing sponsors have done to help us start strong!

Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/fraserlakescouting

or

Nikki Roebuck 250-699-1401

to register



SCOUTS CANADA + STEM



In School District 91, we value communication with parents/guardians and are always looking to improve the ways we can do this. In September 2018, the district launched a new service to improve and enhance how the district and schools communicate with you. School Messenger is a notification service that is used by many districts in Canada including Central Okanagan and Kamloops-Thompson here in BC.

School Messenger will allow our district to provide timely and important communication through a variety of options. With the School Messenger service, we can easily communicate information about:

- Weather delays
- Transportation issues
- School events
- Emergency situations
- Last minute cancellations
- Daily attendance for high school students

School Messenger also plays an important role in emergency situations. This service has the capability to send information to thousands of people in a matter of seconds from the District office, which will benefit parents/guardians and our staff.

Parents and Guardians have the option to download the School Messenger App for Apple or Android phones and tablets. The app allows users to customize their preferences and the ability to review and save messages. We believe in strong communication with you and are always looking at ways to improve the ways we can do this as a district.

Student contact information is automatically uploaded from our school information system based on the email addresses and phone numbers that you have provided to your child's school. To ensure we can reach you, this information must be current and accurate. If there are changes to your contact information, please call or visit your child's school.





Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school District utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For CANADA-BASED numbers: 978338

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

School Messenger will never sell or give out your contact information and is compliant with BC FOIPOP regulations.



Opt-In from
your mobile now!



Just send "Y" or
"Yes" to 978338.

(For Canada-based numbers).



If you would like to keep all your school and district messages in one place, please download the app to save all information.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact your local school or view these online resources below.

For more information on School Messenger:
<https://vimeo.com/180768415>

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx>

School messenger app sign up:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMumTtQOUj4>



*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea or vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	YES	NO	
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should NOT come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8- 1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.