

April 8, 2021
Newsletter



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MOUSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

Message from the Principal

Hadih and Hello!

It was so great to see everyone back this week and I hope all our Mouse Mountain families had an enjoyable Spring Break!

As you know, Dr. Bonnie Henry recently announced some increased measures for BC. One of those measures was an expanded mask mandate for grade 4-7 students. There is no requirement for students in grades K-3 to wear a mask at school or on the bus; this remains a family choice that will be respected. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact me.

This week, all classes began learning about the watershed through **Stream of Dreams**. We are learning how we can care for our land, waters and the species who share it, such as salmon. On Friday April 9th and Monday April 12th, we will be painting wooden fish. The paint

we are using does not come out of clothing so, if possible, **please send an old shirt to school with your child on their painting day:**

- ◆ **Friday April 9:** Mrs. Beier (K), Mrs. Anderson (K/1) and Ms. Micklich (1)
- ◆ **Monday April 12:** Ms. April (2/3), Mrs. Shulz (3) and Ms. Russell (2)

This Spring, students will be learning about different types of traditional Indigenous homes. As part of this project, we are collecting empty, plastic milk cartons (especially 4L jugs) if you have some to donate.

Mouse Mountain apparel orders arrived and went home with students. Please note that a few items were back-ordered and should be arriving soon! Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Mrs. Megan Boniface

Daily Health Check

Thank you for your continued efforts in completing the daily health check with your children before school each day!

The K to 12 Health Check App is also available on your mobile phone.



Coming Events

April 23	PRO D Day
May 14	PRO D Day
May 24	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
June 29	Last 1/2 day of school

Hot Lunch

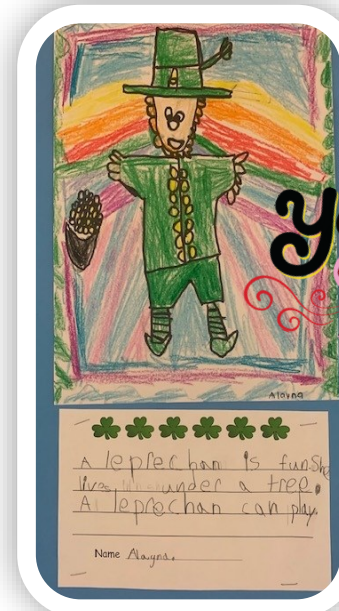
April 8	Hot Dogs
April 15	Sloppy Joes
April 22	Chicken Nuggets & Veggie Straws
April 29	Pizza Subs



Pre-Registration Kindergarten

Pre-registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2021 is now open.

Please call the school and we will either send you the required forms electronically or set up an appointment :)



Young at ART



School Board Meeting

**Monday,
April 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm**
Meeting will be held virtually

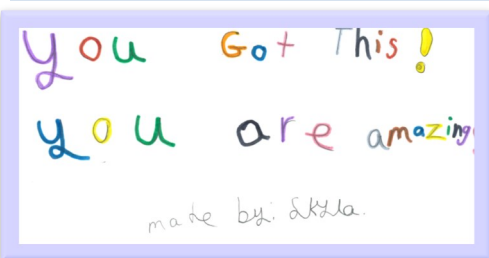
Public Attendance Notice:

*** 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.

At the Board meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, the following policies were given various readings:

- 200.1 – Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education
- 204.4 – Protocol Regarding Concern about Personnel or Situations within the School District
- 701.1 – Nutrition and Sale of Food in Schools

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policy and regulation. Please click on the “feedback” link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is April 14, 2021.



Meeting: April 8 @ 4:30 Online

All parents welcome. Please call or text Christine at (250) 640-0990 for information about our PAC. The link to attend our next PAC meeting virtually is on our Mouse website: mouse.sd91.bc.ca



PLAY is the highest form of research
- Albert Einstein



HONOURING DIVERSITY SPEAKER SERIES 2021

We are pleased to have so many excellent speakers join us for our 2021 Honouring Diversity Speaker Series. Please see the SD91 website for the upcoming events. Our speakers have consented to us recording and sharing their presentations as long as we have restricted the videos by password. If you would like to access any of our Speaker Series recordings, please email speakerseries@sd91.bc.ca and you will be provided a link and a password.

Please know that it takes nearly a week from the event date for us to receive the recording from Microsoft TEAMS, convert it into a viewable video format and load to our YouTube channel.

Honouring Diversity Speaker Series 2021



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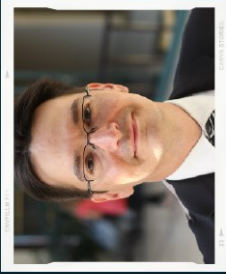
Dr. Dustin Louie

Tuesday, April 13th @ 5 pm
Microsoft TEAMS

Dustin is an LDSS graduate and a proud member of Nee Tahí Buhn and Nadleḥ Whut'en First Nations. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education who specializes in teaching courses related to Indigenous Education, social justice, and educational philosophy. Dustin's work is recognized as being strength based providing a roadmap for change.

Join our panel of students and parents in this unique opportunity to hear from a local graduate making a difference in the Canadian educationandscape.

Please send any questions to info@sd91.bc.ca. You can register for our entire speaker series at www.honouringdiversity8.com.



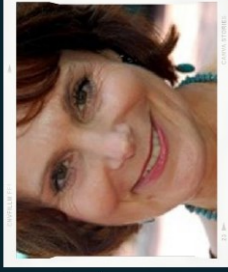
Kevin Lamoureux ~ **March 2 @ 5 pm**

Kevin is a Faculty member at the University of Winnipeg and a well known public speaker. He has served as Associate Vice President for the University of Winnipeg, Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, and as Scholar in Residence for several school divisions.



Dr. Nancy Doda ~ **March 16 @ 5 pm**

Nancy is a globally recognized expert & advocate for Middle Years education. She has helped to coach Middle Year teachers globally and has been a critical friend to SD 91 middle year educators. Nancy will be speaking twice during this series to help provide concluding remarks to the series.

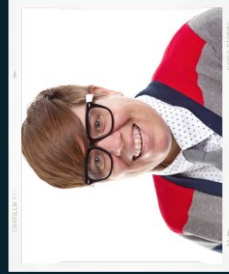


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Leyton is an Associate Professor at UBC's School of Education and the Eleanor Rix Professor of Rural Teacher Education. His scholarship attends to how teachers and teaching and learners and learning can mindfully embrace student diversity and inclusive education. Dr Schnellert is also the co-chair of BC's Rural Education Advisory.



Shelley Moore ~ **May 6 @ 5 pm**

Originally from Edmonton, Alberta, and now based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Shelley is a highly sought-after teacher, researcher, speaker, and storyteller and has worked with school districts and community organizations throughout both Canada and the United States.

You're Invited to:



HONOURING DIVERSITY SPEAKER SERIES 2021

Each of these events will be on Microsoft TEAMS with links shared on our websites and social media feeds. Each of our guest speakers will be joined by a six member panel consisting of four high school students and two parents who will engage the speaker with questions and dialogue.