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**Mouse Mountain
School
Family Handbook**

Let's have a wonderful year!



School Contact Info

266 Taluk Ave

Fraser Lake, BC

Phone: 250-699-6627

Website: Mouse.sd91.bc.ca



Bell Schedule

8:55 AM	Morning Bell
10:30 AM	Beginning of Recess
12:05 PM	Outside Play Time
12:30 PM	Lunch Time
12:50 PM	Afternoon class begins
2:55 PM	End of Day Bell



School Mission Statement

In partnership with parents and community, the staff and students of Mouse Mountain School strive to encourage life long learning. We aim to be the best we can be, developing intellectual capabilities and a sense of social responsibility within a safe, respectful and caring environment.

We gratefully acknowledge that Mouse Mountain School is located on the traditional lands of the Stelat'en First Nation and Nadleh Whut'en First Nation. We are grateful to learn, work and play on these lands.

Indigenous Education

Mouse Mountain School respectfully and gratefully acknowledges Stelat'en First Nation and Nadleh Whut'en First Nation on whose traditional lands on which we learn, work and play. At our school, we have two full-time Indigenous Education Advocates support the connection between school and family and who also support students of Indigenous ancestry.

All students at Mouse Mountain School participate in Carrier language and culture instruction each week. As of last year, our school has had the opportunity to offer traditional drumming and singing with Mrs. Candice George. We also host an annual Education Potlatch in June; throughout the school year, students learn about Potlatch protocols and about the clans of our local First Nations communities. As a school, we strive to work together with community to honor Indigenous worldviews, increase the number of cultural learning opportunities, and continue to imbed Indigenous content into the curriculum.



Social-Emotional Learning



Our goal at Mouse Mountain School is support all learners to be confident, competent, and caring citizens.

Self-regulation skills are taught school-wide through the **WITS** program. We also use the **SNAP** program (Stop Now And Plan) in grades 2 and 3 to support students to help make problems smaller.

STOP

Stopping themselves (e.g., by counting to 10 or taking a deep breath) as soon as their body begins to react (e.g., throbbing head, tension, feeling hot). We call these reactions body cues.

**NOW
AND**

Identifying any hard thoughts (e.g., "he's doing that to make me mad") and replacing them with helpful/realistic coping statements, or cool thoughts (e.g., "I can handle this").

PLAN

Picking a plan that meets these three criteria: 1) makes the problem smaller instead of bigger, 2) doesn't hurt anyone or anything, and 3) makes them feel okay.





Buses

Parents and guardians must contact the bus garage **(250-699-6995)** to register students for the bus, or to make changes to regular bussing plans. If your child is taking a different bus, or not going home on the bus, you must let both the school and bus garage know (or send a note).

All students are expected to follow the school code of conduct on the bus, stay seated, respect the bus driver and be safe! Each year, our new K students will learn about bus safety and all buses practice evacuations

Morning Supervision

Supervision begins at 8:30 in the morning on the playground. Parents/guardians needing to drop off their child before this time must contact the school.



Attendance

Regular attendance is very important for learning! We ask families to call the school if a child will be absent. We do safe arrival calls starting at 9:00 am for any students that are not in attendance.

If transportation is an issue or your child misses the bus, please let us know. We can help!

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is located in the gym and all items are kept until the end of June.

Before & Afterschool Care Program

Mouse Mountain School is pleased to offer a Seamless Entry Before and After School Care Program (7:30 am—5:30 pm) for students in grades K-6. Bus transportation for FLESS student to and from the program is provided. Contact the school for more info.

Breakfast, Snack & Lunch Support

We offer a fresh and healthy breakfast starting at 8:30 am for any students who are hungry in the mornings. We also assist with nutritious snacks and lunches daily for any students who are needing a little more to eat!

Medication

If your child requires prescription medication at school, please contact our office. We require parents/ guardians speak to us and fill out some paperwork. We will ensure that the medication is stored and administered properly. If your child requires non-prescription medication (Advil, Tylenol) please contact us.

Code of Conduct

At Mouse Mountain Elementary School we strive to develop a sense of social responsibility within a safe, respectful and caring environment.

At Mouse Mountain School it is expected that students will:

- Be aware of and follow school rules.
- Respect the rights of all persons within the school including peers, staff and parents.
- Respect the school's physical facilities, equipment and the property of fellow students.
- Respect the diversity of our school community and the BC Human Rights Code which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of: race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, gender identification/expression, sexual orientation or sexual orientation as perceived by others.
- Behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times.
- Follow code of conduct on buses

MMES School Plan

Our school plan can be found on our website (mouse@sd91.bc.ca) and includes goals for supporting students in key areas: social emotional learning, literacy, numeracy, Indigenous education and honoring diversity. Our plan is a living document and is updated throughout the year with data to show how we are doing. Feedback and questions are always welcome!



Learning Updates

Written learning updates (report cards) are sent home in December, March, and June. Informal learning updates are sent home in October and January. We hold "Time to Talk About Learning" days in October and March. Of course, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher anytime!



Join Our PAC !

Our PAC is a wonderful group of parent volunteers. All parents/ guardians are welcome to join our PAC! Meetings are once per month and the dates are advertised in our newsletter and on our school website (mouse.sd91.bc.ca). Our PAC fundraises and covers costs for many wonderful things such as field trips and a new climbing wall for our gym!

Supports for Learning

We use a 3-tiered RTI (Response To Intervention) model to support struggling learners. Many supports are given including in-class supports, small-group instruction and 1:1 support when needed.

Kindergarten Literacy



Our Kindergarten teachers, with the help of school staff, support our youngest students in learning their letter sounds, names and sight words through Kindergarten literacy centers. Our K students spend part of each morning engaged in fun,

play-based literacy learning centers and games to help solidify their literacy skills. This program has been extremely successful!

Ukulele Program

Grade 3 students participate in learning ukulele through our partnership with DMS Music Education. Each week, our grade 3 classes learn using a live lesson from a music instructor using the classroom Smartboard! We have a recital for families in the Spring.



Counselling

Mouse Mountain School has a district counsellor, Ms. Joslin Thalheimer, who work at our school on a weekly basis and with consent from parents/guardians. We can also assist with referrals to outside agencies such as Connexus and Carrier Sekani Family Services. Please contact the school if you feel your child could benefit from services.

Hot Lunch

Our PAC provides a delicious, healthy and economical hot lunch program once each week. Families can sign up for hot lunch when order forms are sent home. Our grade 3 junior leaders deliver lunches each week to students in the school!

Mathletics

All students have an account for Mathletics, an online program that helps build math fluency. Students can also access Mathletics at home. Contact your child's teacher for more information.

Stay Connected!

We send home a weekly newsletter every Wednesday. Be sure to check your child's backpack every week for it! Email bstanga@sd91.bc.ca to receive our newsletter by email!

You can also stay connected using our Facebook page (Mouse Mountain Elementary School Group) or our website (mouse.sd91.bc.ca)



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