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Newsletter



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MOUSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

Message from the Principal

Hadih and Hello!

Yesterday was Pink Shirt Day, a day where we celebrate kindness and caring! We had LOTS of PINK in our school yesterday!

Thank you to our grade 3 junior leaders who read the story "Be Kind" in our virtual assembly. All students received a special pink toque; a big thank you to our Mouse Mountain PAC for helping us gift each student with a toque!

We have been working on kindness all month and we have almost filled up BOTH of our giant hearts with heart tickets (for small acts of kindness). Way to go Mouse Mountain!

Friday Feb 26th is a pro-d day and there is no school. Our staff will be engaged in learning this day!

On **March 2nd at 5:00 pm**, our school district is hosting **Kevin Lamoureux** as the first speaker in a **virtual speaker series** called "**Honouring Diversity**". You can find the link on the SD91

website under Latest News. Kevin's talk is on "Imagining Schools as Places of Healing Through Truth and Reconciliation".

Next week our grade 2 and 3 classes will start ukulele lessons! We are very excited!

Report cards will be coming home on March 12th and we are planning for an **early dismissal on Tues March 16th** for parent-teacher phone interviews.

Last chance to order Mouse Mountain apparel (t-shirts and hoodies)! If you have not sent back your order form yet, please be sure to do this by next Wednesday at the very latest. Please let Mrs. Stanga in the office know if you need another form.

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!



Coming Events

Feb 26
March 16

Mar 22-Apr 5

Pro D Day - No Students
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Early Dismissal
Spring Break



PINK SHIRT DAY

SNAP



To keep problems small

This week we are talking about stealing.

What is stealing?

SNAP uses the acronym BBF to help us with the definition.

B – keeping something that doesn't Belong to you

B – Borrowing something and not returning it

F – Finding something and not trying to find the owner

Children can use SNAP to help them when there's something they really want, that doesn't belong to them.

STOP - take a breath or put their hands in their pockets

Now and - think how the other person would feel or how they'd feel if it happened to them

Plan - two things they could do instead

Stealing is a choice. Choose to keep your problems small.



School Board Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021

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.

Pre-Registration Kindergarten

Pre-registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2021 will take place
March 15-19, 2021 at

Mouse Mountain Elementary School from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mouse Mountain Elementary School Pink Shirt Day

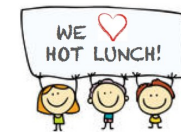


Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is Thursdays

Mar 4 Spaghetti

Mar 11 Chicken Nuggets



To still send snacks!

MMES Parent Advisory Council

Meeting: March 4 @ 4:30 Online

PAC
PARENT
ADVISORY
COUNCIL

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



K – 12 ENHANCED GUIDELINES

Attention Parents / Guardians

Last Thursday, the Ministry of Education announced **updated health and safety guidelines** which will now require all K – 12 staff in schools and all students in middle and secondary schools to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are in their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- They are sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom
- There is a barrier in place
- They are eating or drinking

Mask exemptions remain in place for students and staff who cannot wear a mask for health or behavioural reasons.

Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group.

Elementary school students are not required to wear masks and it remains a family decision.

If a student or staff member develops symptoms while at school, they must wear a mask while they are preparing to go home.

In addition to the evolving guidelines around masks, there have been some changes to the way that physical education and music classes are offered, primarily at the secondary level and as we work through these changes we will inform parents.

NEW K-12 HEALTH CHECK APP

The Ministry of Education has worked with Public Health and the BCCDC to create a daily health check website and mobile app for students and their parents to complete before heading to school in the morning. The website and app will contain the most up-to-date BC health guideline information.

The design of the app was developed in collaboration with BC students to create an age-appropriate user-experience. It will allow for students and their parents to make the best decisions on whether to attend school, not to attend school, or take other measures based on the information they provide.

The health check application will be available online as a [mobile enabled website](#), an [iPhone application](#), and a [Google Android application](#).

Daily Health Check

1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE
	Fever	YES NO
	Chills	YES NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES NO
	Shortness of breath	YES NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES NO
	Diarrhea	YES NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES NO

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, your child may return to school when they feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or your child has a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, your child should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- ☐ If the COVID-19 test is positive, your child should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- ☐ If the COVID-19 test is negative, your child can return to school once symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.

☐ If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, your child should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then they may return if they are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, your child can return to school when symptoms improve and they feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should seek testing for COVID19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) is not required to confirm the health status of any individual.