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MEET THE TEACHER

While many of our parents have already come in to meet their child's teacher during the past two weeks, our "official" **Meet the Teacher Night is this coming Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30pm.** If you haven't already met your child's teacher, or you want to spend just a few more minutes with them, please come out and join us for this event. This is a great time to bring your child with you and have them show you their room and their school.



In past years we've found that a very informal "meet and greet" session has worked well for parents and teachers so we will be doing this again this year. Parents are invited to drop by the school any time between 6:30 and 7:30pm to meet with teachers. There won't be a gathering and "talk" by me in the gym and all teachers are going to run a more flexible and fluid evening.

Just a reminder that this is NOT a good time to ask teachers about your child's progress and/or any other issues you may have as we've just started the year and they are just getting to know their new students. It is a good time for parents and teachers to share some strengths of the children. If you need to talk with your child's teacher in more depth please book a separate appointment for this in order to ensure that you get enough time and that confidentiality is assured.

TERRY FOX RUN

Terry Fox pledge forms have been sent home and we are currently training in our PE classes and during lunch hours for the upcoming run. This year's run will take place on **Thursday, September 24th, starting around 12:45pm.** Older students will run our traditional Gunn-A-Noot road route while younger students will run laps around the school's playing fields. We love to have a lot of parents participate on this day so please mark this on your calendar and join us for the afternoon. We ask that students return their pledge sheets on Thursday as well. Happy running!!!



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

A couple of years back a special day was dedicated to learning more about the effects of the Residential Schools and their impact on our First Nations families. It is now an officially recognized day and happens every year on September 30th. On that day we encourage all students and staff to participate by wearing something orange to school. There will be activities at Boitanio Park as well. The opening and welcome will commence at 10am, there will be workshops for students, and it will all wrap up around 11am. Please help us on this recognition day by encouraging your child to wear orange. Thanks!



EMERGENCY EVACUATION

A couple of years ago the school had to do an emergency evacuation of students due to a water & power issues. It all went very well with one exception **the school DID NOT have the proper home and/or emergency contact information for some of our students.** We were lucky that while it was an urgent evacuation it wasn't an emergency therefore we had a bit more time to deal with the students that had no contacts. **PARENTS: IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE SCHOOL HAS ACCURATE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN! I can't stress enough that we require up-to-date and accurate contact and emergency contact info for each family/child in our school.** Later this month all families will receive student information verification forms that need to be updated and returned to the school. Please complete & return them in a timely manner.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Yesterday we changed our lunch hour to run 10 minutes later. Our new bell schedule is: Lunch start – 11:25am. Lunch end – 12:05pm.
- Every child received their “**Planner**” last week. Please take the time to read and sign it every day. Planners are \$7 so if you haven’t paid the school yet for this we’d appreciate having the money soon.
- Our **Farm to School Salad Bar** runs every Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is currently extremely well attended by the students & staff at Mountview. Again, if you’ve not yet paid for this month please do so soon.
- The students I’ve spoken to are really enjoying their **new school supplies**. Just a reminder to make sure these are paid for very soon as it is a costly bill for the school to cover. K’s = \$30, Gr. 1’s = \$35, Gr 2 & 3’s = \$40 and Gr. 4, 5 & 6 = \$45. Thanks!
- Our **Strong Start** program for children 0 – 4 years of age is up and running, every day from 8:30am to 11:30am. Drop in any time to see what this fun and dynamic program is all about!
- Back by popular demand we are set to start our **bottle and can recycling program** this year. “Waste Wise Wednesday” starts tomorrow so please send your aluminum cans, water bottles, juice boxes, etc to school with your child(ren). Students are entered into a weekly draw. Last year we raised just under \$2000 which went directly back to support students at Mountview. Wow!! Here’s an interesting fact If every child brought in \$1 worth of refundables each week we could make over \$7000 this year. Please help! Just a reminder that this is for “REFUNDABLE” items only it’s not a “RECYCLING” program.
- The first **Pro-D-Day** of this year is Friday, September 25th. Our teachers will be very busy attending workshops to improve their teaching for your children. Students do not attend school.
- The annual SD27 **Cross-Country Meet** is scheduled for Friday, October 2nd from 10:00am to 1pm in Boitiano Park. The plan this year is to expand the run to include all interested and qualified runners from Grades 3 - 7. This should be a great day!
- **Thanksgiving holiday** is Monday, October 12th.
- **Parent-Teacher interviews** will be held during the week of October 19th – 22nd. School will dismiss 1 hour earlier on those days. More info to come.
- **Safe Arrival** – If your child is ill or won’t be at school for any reason, please phone in the morning and let us know. There is always someone at the school by 7:15am and Mrs. Murphy starts by 7:45am so you can phone early. For those of you who already do this, thanks!

Parents' Advisory Council

The Mountview Parents Advisory Council is geared up for another school year! We have thoughts, ideas, plans and goals for making 2013/2014 the best it can be for our kids and our school.

At our September PAC Meeting an Executive was solidified, and they are:

- President - Becky Waterhouse
- Vice-President - Carrie Knox
- Treasurer - Dena Gysel
- Secretary - Christina Lambe
- Fundraising Coordinator - Sarah Landry

Throughout the year fundraisers will come your way and the PAC members wish to remind parents **that it's not expected that families participate in all of them! Pick the ones that you like and do them.**

A HUGE thanks goes out to the great folks at DQ as well as the McDonald family as all of the items for our hot-dog sale at the Fall Fair was donated. Such generosity is truly appreciated!!!! The other Fall fundraisers are:

- ✓ Apple Sales - If you ordered, please pick these up at the school on Thursday, September 24th after 1:30pm. Someone is at the school until 6pm.
- ✓ Dielman's fundraiser - packages to come home first week in October.
- ✓ BC Fresh Produce - Late October/early Nov.
- ✓ Purdy's Chocolates - This will be offered in early November.
- ✓ Christmas Poinsettias - Same time as Purdy's.

Lastly, we have a **Mountview PAC FaceBook page** and we welcome everyone to follow us and check out events on line. Another easy way to stay current.

Cut out and send back to school

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS Yes Please!

It seems that having newsletters emailed to parents is a popular option, so if you check your email regularly and want to be part of a paperless society, then this is for you. If you’d like to receive your newsletters electronically please complete and return this slip to the school. Currently over 50 families get theirs this way.

Please send my newsletter by email

Family Name: _____

Email address: _____