

April 2018



# Eastdale Public School Newsletter



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## From the Principal's Desk

This month's newsletter will focus on the upcoming transition to Mountain View for September 2018.

I want to ensure that Eastdale students and their families are well informed as we head into the last few months of the school year. Please ensure that you take time to read through the following pages, and don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding this transition.

This past month we have been focusing on Co-Operation.

Congratulations to our award winners:

Hanna, Sammy,

Alice, Marcus,

Yagmur, Jaskaran,

Kaylee, Liam,

Victoria, Mataya,

Dhamika, Erik,

Lazar, Riley,

Deeya, Jasmin S.,

Danyal, Brook.

With the upcoming transition in mind, our next character focus will be on COURAGE.

The following message will be shared with students each morning: "For the month of April, we are focusing on COURAGE. Courage to try new things, meet new people, and take on new adventures and experiences! Courage to stand up for what is right and take care of ourselves and those around us. Courage to be risk-takers in the classroom, to think outside the box, to go outside of our comfort zones and explore our own potential and possibilities. Remind yourself this month that anything is possible if you have the courage to pursue it."

Ms. Snell

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## Upcoming Event Highlights:

Transition Meeting	4th
Transition Event (6/7)	6 <sup>th</sup>
GROOVE Education	12th
GROOVE Education	16th
Character Assembly	26 <sup>th</sup>
School Photo Shoot	26 <sup>th</sup>
Parent Council	26 <sup>th</sup>

## TRANSPORTATION

Attached to this newsletter is a document entitled "HWDSB- Mountain View Elementary School Walking Distances." This document explains which families will be eligible for busing next year at Mountain View. Any families who live in the pink section will NOT be eligible for busing (**less than 1.0 km**). Any families who live in the blue section will ONLY be eligible for busing if the student is in Kindergarten (**less than 1.6km**). Any families who live in the white section will be eligible for busing next year. If you are eligible for busing based on the above criteria, the bus company will communicate directly with you during the summer months to share all pertinent busing information with you. To support the additional busing next year at Mountain View, there will be construction taking place over the summer to expand the parking lot and ensure a safe bus turn around at the end of the parking lot for bus drop off.

## SCHOOL PHOTO

Staff and students will be participating in a school photo on April 26th at 2:00pm to capture our school and its community before Eastdale closes its doors in June. Each staff member and student will be given an Eastdale "End of an Era" T-shirt to wear for this photo and take home.

## TRANSITION EVENTS

Over the next three months, we are organizing a number of transition events to support Eastdale students and families prepare for the transition to Mountain View in September. Here is an overview of these events:

**Wednesday April 4th- TRANSITION MEETING- 6:00-8:00pm** This meeting will take place at Mountain View. It will be our final transition meeting. The Superintendent and Trustee will both be in attendance. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will also be interpreters at the meeting who speak Urdu and Punjabi.

**Friday April 6th- GRADE 6/7 TRANSITION EVENT-** This event will be taking place at Mountain View and Eastdale, with a combination of Eastdale and Mountain View students at each school. The theme at Mountain View is MATH OLYMPICS and the theme at Eastdale is SURVIVOR.

Both of these programs will encourage making connections, problem solving and community building.

**Thursday April 12th- GROOVE EDUCATION-** Our Grade 2, 3, 4 and 5 students will be walking over to Mountain View to participate alongside Mountain View students in this experience. GROOVE Education will provide students with an interactive experience, connecting the power of physical movement with music to build confidence, creativity and connection.

**Monday April 16th- GROOVE EDUCATION-** Our Kindergarten and Grade 1, 6, 7, and 8 students will be welcoming Mountain View students to Eastdale to participate alongside them in this experience. GROOVE Education will provide students with an interactive experience, connecting the

power of physical movement with music to build confidence, creativity and connection.

**Friday May 4th- ADVENTURE WORKS-** Grade 1-5 students will be walking over to Mountain View to participate in this experience. We have partnered with Adventure Works to support us with this transition, a local company who specializes in community building. Students will participate in a series of grade specific, engaging activities to provide multiple opportunities for students to make connections and build a positive energy.

**Monday June 4th (Grade 7) and Tuesday June 5th (Grade 6)- ADVENTUREWORKS** Students from both Mountain View and Eastdale will be traveling together to The Adventure Learning Centre at Canterbury Hills. The focus will be on developing a strong sense of community amongst students and developing effective leadership behaviours to support next year's transition.

## **CHILD CARE**

Next year at Mountain View, child care will be available for families both before and after school. Please find attached to this newsletter a one page document entitled, "Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton." This page is from the company who provides the child care at Mountain View. In order to accommodate the number of new families who will be attending Mountain View next year, it is important that families who are interested in this service contact them as soon as possible to let them know so that they can accommodate all of the new Eastdale families who be joining the Mountain View community next year.



## MOUNTAIN VIEW QUICK FACTS

I have been meeting with students to learn about what their questions, worries, wonderings and celebrations are regarding the transition to Mountain View next year.

One thing that I heard very clearly from students in these conversations was the need to know more about Mountain View. I put together the following information and shared it with students at our Character Assembly today. I wanted to share it with our families as well so that you are informed, and so that there can be follow up conversations at home regarding this transition, and what it will look like at Mountain View next year.

Here are the answers to the questions students were wondering about:

### ***What is Mountain View's schedule?***

Start time: 9:00am  
1st Break: 10:40-11:20am  
2nd Break: 1:00-1:40pm  
End time: 3:20pm

### ***Does Mountain View do Pizza and TCBY?***

Pizza every Wednesday

### ***Are Mountain View students allowed to go out for lunch?***

No one is allowed out for lunch unless picked up.

### ***Does Mountain View have a crossing guard?***

Yes, they have a crossing guard for Barton Street before and after school.

### ***Does Mountain View hold monthly assemblies?***

Yes, they have monthly Character Assemblies.

### ***Will we have separate sports teams next year at Mountain View (Mountain View and Eastdale)?***

We will not have separate teams next year. We will all be one school, one team.

### ***Will we have a different school name at Mountain View next year?***

Mountain View will continue to be called Mountain View

next year.

### ***What other extracurricular activities does Mountain View have?***

- Girls Leadership Club
- Student Council
- Robotics
- Intramurals
- Chess Club
- Green Team
- Dance Club
- Choir
- Band
- Yearbook Committee
- Speech Contest
- Sports Teams
- Peer Mediators (A group of trained Junior students who support Primary students during nutrition break time and wear vests)
- Bus Buddies (Every K student is paired with a responsible older student who has been trained to support them getting off and on the bus)

While these answers help to capture Mountain View's

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## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

A huge thank you to students and their families who did an outstanding job raising money for this important fundraiser! Our goal was to raise \$1338.90. We ended up raising more than \$4500! A huge thank you to Miss Drljevic for organizing this event for our school community such an amazing success!



current practices, we will be blending Eastdale and Mountain View's practices next year to make it the best school that can be! We look forward to bringing all of the wonderful things that happen at Eastdale with us and making that a part of our new community next year! Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.



# April 2018

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1	2 <i>Easter Monday</i>	3 <i>Band Festival p.m.</i>	4 <i>Transition meeting @ Mountain View 6-8 p.m.</i>	5	6 <i>Grade 6/7 Merge event Mountain View/ Eastdale</i>	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Day of Pink</i>	12 <i>Intermediate trip to Keymaster  Groove  Education at Mountain View</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>Groove  Education at Eastdale</i>	17	18	19 <i>Grade 7  Immunizations</i>	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Character Assem- bly 1:30  Drone Photo Shoot 2:30 p.m.  Parent Council</i>	27 <i>Twin Day  Spirit Day</i>	28
29	30 <i>Grade 3 Swim to Survive</i>					

