



Mountain View News

May 2017

Principal's Message

Lots of great things happening in our school and I wanted to share a few of them here. When I arrived at this school in September I was immediately impressed with the way that students supported and cared for each other. One prime example is the bus buddy program where older students help and look after the kindergarten students on the bus. These older students do an amazing job of making sure their bus buddies are safe and happy. Our older students also act as classroom lunch monitors and peer mediators outside during breaks; again, our students work together wonderfully.

I also noticed how many different opportunities there are for students to participate in extra-curricular clubs, teams, and events. I appreciate these extra opportunities that staff provide for our students.

Three of our grade eight students created, organized, and led the Mountain View Cares campaign for the Ronald McDonald House in Hamilton. Through two events (change for charity & movies), \$1243.02 was raised. In the middle of April the three students, accompanied by Mrs. Graves (our learning resource teacher) and Mrs. Norton (our school council representative), visited the Ronald McDonald House and presented them with a cheque. I am incredibly proud of these students and they are pictured below.



Upcoming Dates

Please cut out this calendar and attach to your refrigerator for future reference.

May 2nd	Grade 7 & 8 Immunization
May 2nd	Open House 5:00-6:30
May 5th	Swim Meet
May 16th	Kindergarten Orientation 4:30-6:00
May 17th	Special Olympics
May 17th	Water Polo Tournament
May 19th	Orchard Park Hosts Paul Davis from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
May 19th	PALS Intermediate Trip
May 26th	May Awards Assembly 1:50-2:50 p.m.
May 29th	School Council Meeting 6:00-7:00 P.M. in the staffroom
May 29th- June 2nd	Grade 6 EQAO each day in the morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
June 1st, 2nd, 5th- 7th	Grade 3 EQAO each day in the morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
June 1st	Intermediate Classes going to Battlefield Park today

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Kindergarten

Registration

Junior Kindergarten registration has begun for any children born in 2013. Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to enrol their child now. Registration forms can be found on the board website or at the office. A birth certificate and proof of address must be presented at time of registration. The kindergarten orientation is on May 16th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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Mountain View Student Participates in Fashion Show!



On Sunday April 23rd, Long Vu-Tran, a student in grade four, participated in the "Strutting Acceptance Fashion Show for Autism". The show took place at the Marquis Gardens and all of the models are on the autism spectrum. The models' clothes were all donated by local stores and the event was attended by Walter Gretzky and the Mayor of Hamilton. All the models were also supported by their families in attendance.

Internet Safety Presentation on May 19th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Secondary School will be hosting Paul Davis who will speak about social networking safety and digital citizenship. He will be sharing a message of responsible digital citizenship and safety tailored to parents of pre-teens and teens growing up during this digital age.

Electronics Policy Updated

We have updated our electronics policy with the support and help from school council, staff, and students (from student council).

As a parent myself I understand how cell phones can support communication between parent and child. My two sons have cell phones so I understand as much of my communication with them is through text.

Here are the two main areas of this policy:

- i). Ensure that cell phones and other devices do not interfere with students' learning and experience during school hours (9:00-3:20);
- ii). Ensure that parents have means to communicate with their children (and vice-versa) if they need to during these hours, including when they are on the bus.

Here are the practical outlines of this policy:

- i). Electronics are not be to used any point of the school day without the permission and under the supervision of a staff member. This includes during nutrition breaks (inside and outside). If students need to call home they are welcome to do so using an office phone and if parents need to relay a message of talk with their child we will support that from the main office.
- ii). Students caught using the phone without permission will have it confiscated and it will stay in my office until 3:20 p.m. If there are students who repeatedly ignore this then they will begin their day at 9:00 a.m. by giving me their phone to keep safe until 3:20. The phones would be returned to all students at the end of the day (at 3:20); students would come to the office to pick up their phones.

iii). Busing. On the bus I am okay with students texting or calling someone on the phone **but not with pictures or videos being taken or viewed**. This is consistent with my earlier statement that these electronic devices are used to support communication between parent and child. I have no difficulty with students using their phone to call or text to share information with a parent/guardian.