



Mountview School News

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Principals Message

I can't believe that it is October already! We have had a great first month of school. Due to our enrollment numbers we have had to re-organize the school. All students are now in their new classes effective September 30, 2019 and we are ready to move forward with a great year. As a school we are working towards our goal of making Mountview a kind and caring community for everyone who enters. Our EQAO scores were released this past week and I am very proud to report that Mountview continued to score very high in all areas of testing. The chart below give you the % of students who are at or above the standard (both board and the province)

| | Grade 3 | Grade 6 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Reading | 88 | 100 |
| Writing | 88 | 100 |
| Math | 83 | 86 |

IMPORTANT! Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to reduce our paper consumption and support the environment, effective November 1, 2019 we are going electronic with our newsletters and calendar. Please follow the directions below to subscribe to the Mountview Website to be notified when new content becomes available (including newsletters which will be posted on the 1st Monday of each month).

1. Visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/mountview/
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Subscribe envelope
3. Enter the email address where you would like the notification emails sent
4. We recommend that you also say yes to receiving Board News as this will give you notifications of school closures, changes, events etc...

Thank you for you cooperation and support of this new process.

SMILE! Picture Day is Coming!

Picture day will be on Thursday October 3, 2019. Individual student pictures will be taken in the gym and weather permitting class photos will be taken outside in the courtyard. Picture re-take day is November 13.

Meet The Teacher BBQ

Join us Thursday October 3, 2019 for our Annual Meet the Teacher BBQ from 5—6:30. Hot Dog, Drink and Chip dinner combos will be available for sale for \$5.00 and our Parent Council will be taking spirit wear orders. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Thanksgiving Food Drive—Mountview “Chips” In!!

Mountview school will be holding a thanksgiving food drive from Monday October 7—Friday October 11. Donations will go to support Neighbour 2 Neighbour food bank in our local community. Please send in non-perishable food items that are NOT expired by Friday October 11. The class that collects the most items will receive a potato chip party to celebrate their hard work!



Agendas

We are still accepting donations towards student agendas. All students in Grades 1—6 have been provided with an agenda. We are kindly asking for a donation of \$5 from each student to help offset the cost of these agendas. Payments can be made via SchoolCash Online (preferred method), or by cash or cheque made payable to Mountview School.

School Cash On-Line

If you have not already signed up for school cash online we encourage you to do so. It is the preferred method of payment for school trips, milk, pizza etc.. It is safe and secure and no need to scramble around for change! If you need information on getting your account set up please contact Mrs. Adam in the school office 905-388-1677.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at Mountview this year (field trips included), as per board policy, all volunteers must have a completed volunteer package on file and a valid police check including vulnerable sector screening. Returning volunteers must complete a new volunteer package each year (pink & purple forms), however police checks are valid for 3 years if there has been no interruption of service. Contact the school office to have the forms sent home. If you are unsure if you require a new police check, please contact Mrs. Adam at 905-388-1677.



Safety

We kindly remind you that you're not to be in the hallways or classrooms with your child prior to or after school. Your child is learning to be independent and we need you to allow them the opportunity to do so. It is also very congested in the hallways at those times and it becomes a safety issue. Parents are asked to wait outside for your child to be dismissed by the back doors. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment that is convenient for both you and the teacher. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter



October 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|-----|
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 Pizza Day | 3 Picture Day Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:00—6:30pm | 4 Grade 3—6 Cross Country | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Mountview “Chips” In Donations will be accepted all week | | | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Thanksgiving No School | 15 | 16 Pizza Day | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Pizza Day | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Progress Reports Go Home | 30 Pizza Day | 31 Happy Halloween!! | 1 | 2 |

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Mountview Elementary

Message from Parent Council

LET'S START THE JOURNEY

Can you believe it?

Another year is in full swing...

On behalf of the Parent Council members, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and parents as well as our new additions to the staff team at Mountview School. Also, a heartfelt welcome back to our returning staff, students and parents. This year promises to be another stellar year for our school, as Parent Council ramps up to tackle a few projects that will continue with the success that Mountview is becoming known for.



Spirit Wear

Coming to a Meet the Teacher event near you, stay tuned...

Ways to Connect:



Mountview Elementary School Council or mountviewparentscouncil@gmail.com



Next Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday October 23
@ 6.30

In the Staff Room

What to expect this year:

This years Parent Council aims to work with the administration and teachers to reinforce the values and dedication to education that Mountview exemplifies as a leader not only in Hamilton but across the province as reflected in last year's EQAO scores. We will be transparent and realistic with our goals and keep open lines of communication between parents and Administration. Also, we will be present at all school functions to reinforce our commitment to parents, students and staff to make Mountview the best school in Hamilton. We will forge and nurture relationships with our neighbours to make the mountview and surrounding neighbourhood safer for our students.

We will be launching our first wave of fundraising initiatives in the coming weeks. Our First campaign will through the KidsPerks program. This years fundraising funds will go towards a hydration station in the junior hallway as well as the purchase of more iPads. Be on the lookout for more information.

Special thanks to our local grocery Farm Boy for supplying tasty snacks for the Kindergarten Orientation last Spring!



Respectfully Submitted: Kevin Charles
Mountview Parent Council Chairman

NEW PARENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVES

Chair - Kevin Charles

Vice Chair - Kiley Boyd

Secretary - Amanda Colyer

New Members are always welcome. We typically meet once a month in the evening for about 1.5 hours. This is a great opportunity to work alongside a great group of parents and staff and get involved at Mountview. Thank you for supporting Parent Council.