



# Little Mountain Elementary School Newsletter



Chilliwack  
School District

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## Happy New Year

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break! With another new calendar year comes many hopes and dreams of what is to come in 2018. Please check the school website for regular calendar and teacher updates. We want to say thank-you for your input and support and as always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or myself, if you have questions. LME is truly an amazing learning community and it is a gift to be learning alongside such wonderful students, parents and staff.

Mrs. Nicole Driscoll  
Principal

## Little Mountain is a NUT FREE School

This year we have several children who have life-threatening nut allergies. Reaction to contact (touch, ingestion, etc.) with nuts can be life-threatening to these children. Therefore, we have found it necessary to ask children to be very selective with what they bring for lunch and for snack time. We would like to have a safe environment for all of our students and therefore we are asking that you carefully monitor what your child will be eating at school each day. The rule to follow is "If in doubt, DON'T pack it" PLEASE. We are aware that for some people it may create some difficulties with preparing what your child brings each day but making a mistake for these children with allergies could result in drastic consequences. Thank you for your assistance and understanding with this matter.

## Pancake Breakfast

A huge thank you to the PAC and numerous parent volunteers who helped make the Pancake Breakfast with Santa a huge success. Thank you to Mrs. Legros for all her organization and planning! The students feasted on pancakes with whip cream, sausages and huge assortment of fruit. Thank you also to a local company, "Double D Development," who donated funds to help purchase the fruit. We still have students saying, "That was the best day ever!"

## Kindergarten Registration

If you know of any children who will be 5 years old by the end of 2018, the District has a new online registration for parents registering their child. Please forward this information to parents to register their child online as soon as possible. You will need your child's Birth Certificate and proof of residency.



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## Kindergarten Registration opens soon...

If your child will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2018, it's time to register them for Kindergarten.

Online registration begins **January 15, 2018**. Registration is available online only. For more information and to register visit:

[www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration](http://www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration)

**Web:** [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)

**Email:** [ereg@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd33.bc.ca)

**Ph:** 604.701.4939

## Library News

### Book Fair

We just wanted to say a huge “THANK YOU” to the parents and LME community for supporting our Book Fair. We sold over \$3000 worth of books which brings back \$1800 in books back to the Library and school! Ms. Thom and numerous parents helped volunteer to make this event a huge success. Thank you to Ms. Thom for all your organization, we couldn’t have done this without you!

### Dressing for the Weather

Fresh air and activity is so important for learning that we often will go outside even in the rain or cold. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather. Dressing in layers is always a good thing this time of the year. We do allow students to play in small puddles if they are wearing boots. If they are wearing runners, we ask them to stay out of the puddles. We will continue to remind students of these expectations, so they don’t come back to class or home wet. We have had some donations of gently used coats, toques and gloves. If your child could benefit from one of these items, please contact the office and we will ensure they receive them.

### Inclement Weather

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall, high winds or power outages can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca), tune into radio stations STAR FM 98.3, The Drive 89.5 FM, or CBC 91.7 FM. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent’s decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

### PAC Hot Lunch Program Information

The PAC offers online ordering for our Hot Lunch Program. Our online program gives you the opportunity to order/pay ahead for the entire year, or in increments at your own pace. Please note you are also able to change/cancel an order as long as it is done by the ordering deadline. You will be able to register your child as soon as you know who his/her teacher will be for the year.

To register your child please complete the following process:

- go to [lme.hotlunches.net](http://lme.hotlunches.net)

- click on "click here to register"
  - enter access code: Imepac
  - complete the rest of the registration form - please include an email address to ensure you receive reminders of hot lunch order deadlines as well as your child's order for upcoming lunches.
  - click the "register now" button at the bottom of the page.
  - follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends LME.
  - once your child(ren) are registered click on "orders" and proceed to place your orders.
- Please note that the order will not be completed until payment is made. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lindsey Day, our Hot Lunch Coordinator at the school or at [lindseyday182@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyday182@gmail.com).

Thank you to Mrs. Day for all her organization to help create these opportunities for our students and thank you also to the numerous parent volunteers who help each Friday to hand out the hot lunch items.

## Safe Travel Committee

We have a wonderful opportunity to work with Samantha Piper from the City who will be assisting our school with creating a "Safe Travel" plan. The committee will be analyzing the safest walking routes, good places to park and assess any needs to help create a safer environment for students coming and leaving school each day. If you are interested in being on this committee, our first meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Please email [nicole\\_driscoll@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:nicole_driscoll@sd33.bc.ca), if you are interested in being on this committee.

## School News and Updates

For updated information on weekly school and class events please visit the school website at <http://littlemountain.sd33.bc.ca>. We will also send out an "Upcoming Weekly Events" email every Friday to inform parents of important events for the upcoming week.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## January

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| 8  | School Re-Opens  |
| 15 | PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm at LME (all parents are welcome!) |
| 17 | Hot Lunch – Subway (make up day from snow day)         |
| 19 | Hot Lunch - Panago                                     |
| 25 | 1:30 Safe Travel Committee Meeting at LME              |
| 26 | Professional Development Day (no school)               |

## February

- 2 Hot Lunch - Subway
- 7 DARE Lessons begin for Grade 5 students – taught by Cst. Parr
- 8 12:00 Early Dismissal (no busses running)
- 9 Hot Lunch - Panago
- 12 Family Day – schools closed
- 16 Hot Lunch – Perogies and Farmer’s Sausage
- 19 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm at LME (all parents are welcome!)
- 22 Monthly Assembly @ 1:00 (all parents are welcome to attend)
- 23 Professional Development Day – no school
- 28 Harmony Day (Wear your pink shirt!)