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Dear Mountain View Families,

Welcome back! I am very excited for the 2011-2012 school year and to announce that Mountain View is now officially an Integrated Arts for Achievement focus school. Using integrated arts strategies, we look forward to working with students, parents, staff, and the community to develop a positive, standards-based learning environment, with high expectations for all students to achieve academic excellence.



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As we begin the 2011-2012 school year, I'd like to share with you two of my most important priorities: keeping kids safe and helping kids learn. With that, there are several procedures and rules in place that I ask you, as partners in your child's education, to please follow and respect:

- **Dropping off/Picking up students:** When you are dropping off and picking up students in the morning and afternoon, they may not get out of the car in the middle of the street by the east crosswalk or in front of the school. This is very dangerous, and it also holds up the traffic flow. Please park your car and have students get out!
- **Dogs:** For safety reasons, if at all possible please refrain from walking your dog to pick-up and drop-off your child. There have been a few instances where safety was a concern.
- **Attendance:** Please take the time to review the district attendance policy that was sent home with your child. St. Vrain Valley School District has a strict attendance policy that Mountain View strongly adheres to.
- **Parking lot:** Please keep speed to 5 mph or lower and remember that 14th Ave. is one-way heading east!! Also, you may not pick up or drop off students in front of the main doors. This area is for our school buses and day care buses.

- **Smoking:** There is **NO SMOKING** allowed anywhere on school grounds!!!
- **Morning Supervision:** There is no staff outside to supervise children until 8:10am. Please have your children arrive between 8:10am and 8:15am, unless they are eating breakfast here at school. Students that are eating breakfast should not arrive before 7:50am.
- **Playground:** Students and their younger or older siblings are **NOT** allowed on the playground equipment immediately before or after school due to a lack of supervision. Please feel free to come and use the playground anytime after 3:30.
- **Hallways:** We please need parents to wait outside to pick up their students at the end of the day. Having parents in the hallway, outside of their children's room, is disruptive to the class. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment or wait until after students have been led outside of the building.
- **After school:** Students need to go home immediately after school, unless they are staying for a scheduled school activity.
- **School Visits:** **All** school visitors need to check in at the office and are expected to wear a visitor's tag. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom, however; these should be quiet visits. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, it is best to make an appointment so classroom instruction isn't interrupted.

The staff at Mountain View is aware of these rules and will provide gentle reminders to parents and children who need them. Please set a good example for your children by politely agreeing to follow these beneficial rules. Thank you so much!!

As most of you know, we are continuing our Professional Learning Community late start days the first Wednesday of every month (except January). **On our Late Start Days, school will begin 2 ½ hours later than usual, beginning at 10:50am.**

A reminder that we are very excited to be offering before and after school daycare this year. Please inquire at the office if you are interested.

My door is almost always open, so please feel free to stop by if you have any questions or concerns. If I'm not available at that time, I would be happy to schedule an appointment with you at a later time.

Here's to a great year!

Nancy Pitz
Principal



P.E. News-

Welcome back everyone!!! It has been a great start to the year so far and I am very excited to be working with all of your children during P.E. I have a couple of reminders for parents as we get moving into the school year! First, I ask that you help to keep your child or children safe in P.E. class by having them wear proper shoes for P.E. A proper shoe will cover the toes, not have a heel, and also be able to be tightened. Wearing the proper shoes for P.E. will allow your child to move and be active with less chance of falling or tripping due to an improper shoe!! If you do not know the days your child has P.E. I suggest checking with the classroom teacher or you can just remember that your child will have P.E. every third day of school! I always tell kids that if they are wearing boots or some other form of shoe not made for activity that they can pack their P.E. shoes in their backpacks. They can then change when they come to P.E. class!!



Thanks for your help with this and remember to encourage your kids to get plenty of exercise. Proper exercise will promote better health and will also help stimulate your child's brain and promote better learning!!! Just remember an hour of active play is what is recommended for these young growing bodies!!!!

Thanks Again,

Mr. Law



Health News-

Hearing and Vision Volunteers Needed

Hearing and Vision day is **Thursday September 15th**. We need volunteers from approximately 8:45am to 2:00pm. If you would like to help please contact Marnie Dwyer in the health office at [720 652-8261](tel:7206528261).



Fourth Grade Class Reminder-

Here are some nuts and bolts for planners and communication.

Planners are \$6 this year. Planners go home every night! Planners should have homework assignments written in them DAILY! If a homework assignment was completed in class, we still ask that the assignment be written in the planner and taken home for you to look at. Please sign planner IF homework is complete and student has read 30 minutes. An unsigned planner or incomplete work will result in an "X" for the day. This means the student will miss afternoon recess (they will still have lunch recess).

Planners are also a way for us to communicate. If you have any questions or comments, please write them in the planner. We will respond through the planner if appropriate, or call if requested. We will also document if homework is incomplete.

If a student does NOT complete homework, 2 times in 1 week, the consequence is Study Hall on Friday afternoons. If 4 days of homework is completed, Friday afternoon brings a 25 minute recess and the opportunity to buy candy at the 5th grade candy bar.

Please feel free to come into the classroom to observe or volunteer. We could always use the help and an extra pair of eyes and ears is beneficial.

Thank you for your support!

Calendar of Events

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| Sept 5 th | NO SCHOOL- Labor Day |
| Sept 7 th | Late Start Day- School starts at 10:50 am |
| Sept 12 th | PTO Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 pm |
| Sept 15 th | Hearing and Vision Screening- Volunteers Needed |
| Sept 27 th Sept 29 th and Oct 5 th | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Sept 28 th | Movin' with Mountain View Jog-a-thon Fundraiser |
| Oct 5 th | Late Start Day- School starts at 10:50 am |



