

Mountview Alternative Public School

What to expect for the school year 2009/2010

The first week of school is busy and the lazy days of summer will quickly become a fond memory. In order to ease your way in to the school year we send home with your child a welcome package on the first day. Here is a bit about what you can expect to find.

Calendar of Events and Meeting Dates

- The Mountview website is updated on a regular basis. Please check periodically for Calendar updates. There are always MORE exciting things just around the corner! www.mountviewalternative.ca
- You can expect a number of important evening events in September, including the **Welcome Back Pizza Party and General Meeting on September 16th** and the **Keele/Mountview Curriculum Night on September 24th**. These are two very informative evenings and we strongly urge you to attend both. These 2 events will give you a great opportunity to understand your school, meet other parents and teachers and find out what we have in store for your children this year!
- Social Events are also scheduled throughout the year in the form of Family Fun Nights and Parents Night Out. These are a great opportunity to get to know your community and they're FUN too!
- You will notice four friendship assemblies scheduled for the year, exact dates TBA. All Mountview classrooms take part in trust games, cooperative games, talent sharing, and storytelling. These activities help foster friendships across the grades and encourage the students to work together, respect and support one another. Friendship Assemblies are run by the Parents with the support of the Teachers. They generally last about an hour and a half; two will be held in the morning and two will be held in the afternoon, giving all the JK's and SK's a chance to participate in a minimum of 2.

Parents Handbook

- This informative booklet will be included in each Welcome Package. It outlines school policy, protocols and general information.

The Mountview Constitution

- This document will also be included in the Parent's Handbook and gives a more thorough description of the Mountview Alternative School Mission and Objectives.

Mountview School Phone Directory Information Form

- A form will be sent home to be completed by you and returned. The directory is distributed to Mountview parents ONLY and is not to be used to solicit business. You have the option of not having your information published in the directory; however we do ask you to fill in the form for administrative updates and cross checking.
- Please return this form ASAP to your child's teacher.

Field Trip fund Donation Form

- Here at Mountview we ask for a once a year donation to the field trip fund of a suggested amount per child. This enables us to book field trips and busses and bring special artists and guests to the school without asking you for money each time.
- You are not obligated to give the requested amount; some families give more and some less, and it is in this way we can offer field trips to everyone.

Volunteer Information Form

- This questionnaire gives us an idea of in what areas your family is able to get involved with the School. The information will be compiled and shared with teachers, class reps and event coordinators. You can expect to be contacted to help out in various ways. It is your involvement that makes Mountview the success it is.

Volunteer Police Check Form

- Anyone who is volunteering in the school on a regular basis needs to complete a Police check form the cost (\$16.05 pp) is covered by Council.

Keele/Mountview TDSB Permission Forms

- Separate from your Welcome Package you will find various other permission forms coming home. (Keep a close eye on those backpacks in the first weeks of school!) Among them you will find walking excursion forms, physical education participation forms as well as information regarding staying at school for lunch. These forms are as important as those that come in your Welcome Package. If for any reason you misplace any form please ask your classroom teacher for a duplicate.