Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am extremely proud to continue serving as the Principal of Mountain View School. This is an exciting time for Mountain View to welcome new families and staff members that have joined our amazing team. We look forward to accomplishing all the great things we have planned for this school year that will ensure the success of each student. In order to obtain a quality education, we must all approach each day with the readiness to learn, putting our best character in the actions and words we choose, and motivate ourselves and others to do their very best work. We must utilize our own talents and be a collaborative team to master one common goal: Excellence.

The Mountain View team is committed to continuing our efforts in providing innovative learning opportunities for all students. The staff takes an active role in Professional Learning Communities where they utilize a variety of data sources to plan targeted instruction that will enhance our students in all academic and behavioral areas. As we expand the learning possibilities for your children at school, we implore you to make the commitment to build life-long study habits at home, reinforce math skills by completing homework, and read every night focusing on fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Remember to keep the lines of communication open between home and school. Continue to monitor the learning progress of your child by reviewing their class work, checking grades frequently and looking through their agendas.

On behalf of the entire Mountain View staff, welcome to the beginning of another stellar year. We encourage you to join us on this journey as we soar to new heights.

Mountain View is looking for parents, guardians and community members who want to get involved! If you are interested in joining the school’s Site Council (five meetings a year), the Safety Committee (four meetings a year), or being a Mountain View representative on the Superintendent’s Parent Council (three meetings a year), please contact the front office.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Miller
Principal, M.Ed

Mrs. Wolford
Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates

8/1 - Meet the Teacher
8/3 - First Day of School, 9 - 3:45
8/8 - PTA meeting, 4:15, Library
8/9 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
8/21 - MVS Baseball & Softball game, 7:30 pm @ Willow Canyon High Varsity Baseball & JV Softball fields
8/23 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
8/24 - Baseball/Softball games @ Shadow Ridge Varsity fields, 4:30 pm
8/29 - MVS Site Council, 4:15 pm

Call the Attendance Line if your child will be tardy or absent!
623-876-7453
Available 24/7

Student Arrival Reminders

Please remember:
Students are not allowed to be on campus before 8:40 unless they are scheduled to be here. There is NO supervision before this time!

Please remind students not to ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in the front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by. As stated in the Dysart Student Parent Handbook on page 7, bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and once on school grounds.

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Meet the Teacher Night - Tuesday, August 1st

- Parents and students entering Preschool and grades 1 through 8 are invited to come to one of two sessions. Both sessions are identical.
- Session 1 begins at 5:30 p.m., and Session 2 begins at 6:15 p.m.
- Students are encouraged to bring any supplies to school this evening!
- Please note: Kindergarten Meet the Teacher will be held on Thursday, July 27th, from 4:30-6 p.m.

**Emergency Drills at Mountain View**

Each year at Mountain View School (MVS), we perform a number of emergency drills to help students and staff know how to respond in an emergency situation. These include Evacuations, Modified Lockdowns, Lockdowns, and Shelter-in-Place drills. Evacuation drills (i.e., fire drills) are conducted monthly, and lockdown drills are conducted throughout the year.

We encourage parents to learn about drill expectations and discuss them with students. Information about each drill can be found on the Dysart Safe home page.

In the event of an emergency situation, Dysart will communicate as frequently as possible with parents to keep them informed. Here are some tips for parents when an emergency occurs on or near a DUSD campus.

- Check the district website for updated information
- Make sure that you have given your email address and updated telephone number(s) to the front office and have indicated how you would like to receive emergency notifications
- In case of evacuation, wait for communication from the school or district to which location your child's campus will evacuate.

**iExplore K-8 Lab**

We are excited to announce a new K-8 Specials class at Mountain View called iExplore Lab! In iExplore Lab, students will learn to find and apply information as responsible digital citizens while solving problems with a real-world application. In this flexible class environment, students will integrate academic skills and practice their communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. Students will learn to plan, test, and improve their solutions as they work through problem-solving processes. Students will explore their interests and how they relate to future careers while developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for success in a rapidly changing world.

**Parent Portal**

We highly encourage all parents and guardians to create their parent portal account now. Once created, you will have access to your child's attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account. You will need one of your student's ID numbers to sign up. You can find this on the census verification form that will go home, or you may contact the front office.

**Office Reminders**

If you come to eat lunch with your child, please follow all cafeteria rules - sit at the family table and follow any rules as explained by the Cafeteria staff and School Aides. Thank you!

Please remember that the office is not permitted to call a student down to wait for a parent/guardian in the office prior to the adult’s arrival on campus. The parent/guardian must be present, and the office staff must check your identification. This is for the safety of all students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Our office is latex free! Please do not bring latex balloons to campus!

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The Dysart Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or age in its programs or activities. For information regarding discrimination grievance or complaint procedures contact the executive director for human resources at (623) 876-7000.
Fall Picture Day
Save the date! Fall pictures will be taken on September 13th.

Photo ID Required for Pickup
Reminder: a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom, or to volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. A Dysart Volunteer badge is acceptable as your photo ID even if you are not volunteering. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from Mountain View.

Privacy Issues
The front office often deals with issues involving the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We are respectfully asking that parents limit their time waiting in the front office area to 5 to 10 minutes during school hours so that the privacy of other parents and students is not violated. We appreciate your help in this.

No Dogs on Campus
Please remember that no dogs are permitted on campus, for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA Corner
8/8 PTA general meeting @ 4:15pm in library - come help YOUR PTA approve the budget & plan for the school year! Please join the PTA! Membership forms will be sent home with your student. Membership must be renewed annually.

FRY’s Community Rewards- if you shop at Fry’s remember to link your card online to Mountain View School PTA and the school earns money whenever you shop at Fry’s.

Download the SHOPAROO APP on your phone, choose Mountain View School PTA, upload any shopping receipts. Easy as 1,2,3! Grade level contests during first semester for highest volume of receipts.

Getting involved at Mountain View
Are you interested in getting involved at Mountain View School (MVS)? If so, we have great opportunities for parents and community members at MVS:

1. Join the Mountain View School Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The Mountain View School PTA meets approximately once every other month. Their first general meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8th, from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., in the MVS Library. Please come and find out more about how the PTA works with our staff and families! If you have questions prior to the first meeting, you can email the Mountain View PTA at mountainviewschoolpta@gmail.com.

2. Join the Mountain View School Site Council. The Site Council is comprised of teachers, parents, and community members who are tasked with determining how to utilize Tax Credit donations that have been made to Mountain View. Site Council meets up to 7 times over the course of the year, from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Site Council, please contact the school office.

3. Join the Mountain View Safety Committee. This committee, comprised of faculty, students, and community members, meets 2-4 times per year before school to discuss safety issues and problem solve concerns. If you would like more information, please see Assistant Principal Wolford.

4. Join the Superintendent’s Parent Council. The Parent Council meets three times per year with Superintendent Gail Pletnick at the Dysart Unified School District main office board room. If you are interested in serving on this council, please see Principal Miller.

5. Volunteer! We love when our community members volunteer their time at MVS! If you are interested in volunteering, please complete a Volunteer Application and make sure you are familiar with Dysart volunteer policies, which can be both found through the Volunteer Coordinator Office. Just a reminder: volunteers who serve for more than 5 hours will need to be fingerprinted. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator office at 623-876-7875 to set up a fingerprinting appointment.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, please contact our front office.