

École Mountainview

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Happy New Year! Bonne Année!

Wait, what? What do you mean I've gotta' go back!?

The year was over. Done. Fini. How come I gotta' go back? Uh, I mean, "Welcome back everybody! So happy to see you all again". I hope everyone had a nice, restful, and relaxing break because it is gonna' be one heckuva month at EMV! We're doing our best to help keep all those of us - yes, I said "us" - who've resolved to get healthy and maybe shed a little holiday weight this month with *tons* of physical activities planned. However, there are a couple of loose ends to tie up before we move on to new business:

Our Christmas concert, "Jingle Bell Jukebox", was a roaring success and, if I may be so bold, arguably one of the better productions we've put on in recent memory. The kids were terrific, the singing was audible, the costumes were "period-correct", the kindies were *adorable*, and the direction was impeccable!

I'd like to thank Mme Robertson again for all of her hard work and dedication to our students, our school and to her teaching craft. I'd also like to thank the whole Staff for their patience and commitment to the event which really took things to a whole other level.

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar, judging by all the running and giggling, was a success again this year. We raised \$1019.35 for Henny's Sharing Tree all while getting glue and sparkles and dough all over the place! Good deal in my opinion. News of our (your?) generosity was made public and we even got a "Thank You" phone message from an impressed citizen! Pretty cool, eh?



"Sweatin' to the Oldies"?



"I dunno."

"Everybody was Kung-Fu fight-iiii-ing"

Those kids were fast as lightning.

So. The "Interesting" bit. TaeKwonDo @ EMV. Totally happening. Oh, also, totally free.

Sahyun Cody Skog of Altantis Taewkondo has kindly offered to provide instruction to all students from Grade 2 through to Grade 6. Our gymnasium will be converted to a makeshift Dojang as students are instructed for an hour during the afternoons of Jan 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, and 25. It's gonna' be incredible. I can tell.

Needless to say, there will be permission forms to fill out so keep an eye out for those in your kids' backpacks. The goal in this endeavour is to offer *another* venue to explore physical education through a non-traditional classroom setting and to promote a lifelong interest in health and physical well-being. (And to practice wicked-awesome ninja skills.)

Hopefully this clears some dietary concerns up

Long story short: still no peanuts.

EMV remains **PEANUT FREE** due to the allergy risks it poses to students at the school. Other nuts, however, are permitted on school grounds as they pose no immediate health risks to our population. Almonds? Good. Cashews? Good. Anything with peanuts - or even TRACE amounts of peanuts? Very, very, very BAD.



STILL Public Enemy Number One.

Keep in mind, of course, that our current list of dietary allowances may be altered at any point due to changes in enrolment.

Kindergarten Registration

Know anybody in the market for a great bilingual education?

School registration for the 2018-2019 school year has opened and we are always interested in welcoming new families and siblings to our growing student population.

It's not all baguettes and berets around here; this is an academically *challenging* programme that boasts some exceptionally skilled and talented teachers leading the way.

In addition to celebrating the "Big" French Canadian events and enjoying the various cultural rituals - and cuisine! - we try to offer an ever-increasing number of learning opportunities and experiences to our students and their families.



If you, or someone you know, are interested in registering their child(ren), please come and visit us to fill out the required documents to help ensure a spot for your young learner(s). Space is limited and so, in an effort to avoid heartbreak and disappointment, I *strongly* suggest registering sooner than later as applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received...

Let's be honest with one another: we all know what a great school this is; how passionate and devoted the teaching staff is; how top-notch the facilities are; and how much love and dedication we all have in having École Mountainview thrive and grow and succeed.

How "Shames Mountain" Days Work

If you can survive the drive there, you're golden.

Everyone is to arrive at EMV by 8:00am so that head-counts can be made, rides can be [re-]allocated, and tattoos can be applied. All vehicles destined for Shames will depart the parking lot no later than 8:30am. At 8:31, you're walking to the hill yourself...

Once again, we've got more than enough drivers - thank you very much! - and so the commutes to and from the hill should be nice and comfy.

At Shames, head on over to the Rental Shack so that equipment can be doled out. You'll need your lift tickets too - one of the teachers will have those as well as those little "loopy" things to attach it to your coat/pants.

Students will [hopefully] have to "earn their 'C'" again this year by demonstrating adequate skill before be permitted to use the chairlift.

Depending on when your lesson is - morning or afternoon - you'll either be off with friends - in groups no smaller than 3! - or meeting your instructors. If your lesson's in the morning, you'll get the afternoon off.

When you get hungry - and it's after 11am - go upstairs in the chalet inside to find a teacher; she'll have your lunch ticket. Bring it to the cafeteria and they'll get you your food. (Hold onto your receipt and keep an ear open for your number. You'll understand once you're there...)

Have fun. Enjoy yourself. Behave. Stay in groups. Make friends. Watch out for "The Bench". Laugh a lot. Most importantly, *BEHAVE!*

January Events

HOT LUNCH - Thursday, January 11

Donna's Kitchen & Catering

SHAMES MOUNTAIN - Friday, January 12

Caravan leaves EMV at 8:30 sharp. Don't be late.

TAEKWONDO - Monday, January 15

You have much to learn, Grasshopper.

"SPEED CONTROL" - Tuesday, January 16

Rock and Roll - Canada vs. the World. Awesome.

TAEKWONDO - Wednesday, January 17

Don't block with your face!

HOT LUNCH - Thursday, January 18

Boston Pizza

SKATING - Friday, January 19

Our turn! Kindergartens only.

TAEKWONDO - Friday, January 19

SHOES OFF ON THE MAT!

TAEKWONDO - Monday, January 22

Just TaeKwon-DO it!

TAEKWONDO - Wednesday, January 24

A black belt is a white belt that never gave up.

HOT LUNCH - Thursday, January 25

Safeway

TAEKWONDO - Thursday, January 25

Ninjas. Tiny ninjas everywhere.

SHAMES MOUNTAIN - Friday, January 26

We got time for a Timmy's run today!

Carnaval

That's French for "eat greasy snacks".

While no firm dates have been confirmed, EMV is looking forward to a week-long celebration of the Carnaval de Québec. In fact, we're even sending a few teachers and a whole slough of French Immersion students from Skeena and Cal to experience the REAL THING!

If you're interested in volunteering your time here at EMV to help out - maybe even strut around in The Suit or participate in the poutine-eating contest - please let us know at the Office.



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