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The Máthxwi Mustangs Messenger – *Summer to September*

✨ Principal's Message – End of Year Reflection ✨

Ey Swayel Máthxwi,

As we wrap up the 2024–25 school year, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to all our students, families, and staff for a year filled with growth, learning, and community spirit. Whether your summer plans include staying close to home, exploring the beauty of British Columbia, or venturing abroad, the staff at Máthxwi Elementary wishes you a restful, joyful, and safe summer break.

Looking ahead, preparations are already underway to ensure a smooth and welcoming start to the 2025–26 school year. We're excited for what's to come and look forward to seeing everyone back in September, ready for another great year of learning together.

👋 Who Is That Guy?

Introducing Mr. Cochrane – Máthxwi Elementary's New Principal

I'm very pleased to officially announce that I have been named the new Principal of Máthxwi Elementary School. After spending some time here in late December, and then returning in March through to the end of the school year, it has truly been a pleasure getting to know the students, staff, and families of this vibrant school community.

I'm excited about the opportunity to become a part of the fabric of Máthxwi and to work alongside all of you to make this the best school it can be—a place where every student feels seen, supported, and inspired to grow.

My journey in education spans 19 years. I began my career teaching middle school at Abbotsford Traditional Middle School, where I spent 11 wonderful years. From there, I moved into administration, serving as Vice Principal at ATMS, Reimer, Clayburn, and most recently at Colleen and Gordie Howe Middle School. Over the years, I've also had the privilege of stepping in as Acting Principal at several elementary schools across the district—experiences that have helped prepare me for this exciting new chapter at Máthxwi.

I look forward to the year ahead and to building strong connections with students, families, and staff. Thank you for the warm welcome—I'm honoured to be here.

Warm regards,

Nicolas Cochrane

Principal

Here is some information that you might need to know for summer:

1. Summer Office Hours: Máthxwi Elementary will be open on the following dates from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM:

- Monday, June 30th
- Wednesday, July 2nd
- Thursday, July 3rd

- Friday, July 4th
- Monday, August 25 – Friday, August 29th

2. Local School [Calendar for 2025-26](#)

3. School Supplies for 2025-26? Already Taken Care Of!

We're excited to share that Máthxwi Elementary has once again taken the hassle out of back-to-school shopping! All school supplies for the 2025–26 school year have already been purchased and sorted for every student. Thanks to bulk purchasing and the incredible effort of our teachers—who personally sorted the supplies—we were able to keep costs low and ensure everything is ready to go. Supplies will be handed out by your child's teacher during the first week of school.

What do you need to do?

Please pay through **SchoolCash Online**, price point will be between \$45-\$60 depending on the grade. This will be available to pay in September. Your child will be all set for the year! And don't forget to give a big **thank you** to our amazing staff for making this possible.

4. Kindergarten Gradual Entry: To help parents plan for the first two weeks, here is some information about how things will unfold. Tuesday, September 2nd will start with a parent meeting at 9:15 in the library. Yes, your child can attend but we will be speaking to the adults about what to expect. Then, **September 2nd and 3rd are dedicated to 15-minute interviews.** This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet each other in the Kindergarten classroom. This is time for your child to come into the classroom with the comfort of a parent to visit and meet the teachers.

From **September 4th - September 12th** students are invited to a variety of **Gradual Entry Small Group Sessions** where they will work with their classmates. This enables us to introduce beginning routines in a smaller setting and provide more individualized attention. We ask that your child attend school during the times marked with their group on the calendar below. Please drop off and pick up your child at the exterior door of the school, Room 121.

Kindergarten gradual entry schedules will be sent home at the end of August directly to new Kindergarten families. We are currently finalizing a few details. Stay tuned for more information.

5. Visit the Máthxwi Garden This Summer!

At Máthxwi Elementary, we're proud to be building a welcoming, community-centered school that fosters school spirit and connectedness. One way we're doing that is through our beautiful Máthxwi Garden, located beside the gym. If you find yourself walking your dog or enjoying a stroll through the neighborhood this summer, we invite you to stop by the garden. Students and community members are encouraged to help care for the space by using the large water reservoir and watering cans to give the plants a drink.

You'll find corn, tomatoes, squash, potatoes, pumpkins, and more growing—feel free to harvest anything you'd like to enjoy at home, so nothing goes to waste. It's all part of what makes Máthxwi a true community school. Thank you for helping us grow—literally and figuratively!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

As we turn the page to a new school year, we do so with hope, excitement, and a renewed commitment to learning and growing together. September brings fresh opportunities, new friendships, and the chance to build an even stronger school community. Let's make it a great year—together.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nicolas Cochrane
Proud Principal of Máthxwi Elementary