



Principal: Mrs. Heather Kimmie

Head Teacher: Ms Holly Lloyd

Secretary: Mrs. Rae Shuster

Sept. 6, 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! The summer seems to have flown by and we hope you enjoyed some quality time with your child/children over the holidays. We are looking forward to another great year at Montecito! Students will attend school from 9:00-9:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Regular school hours will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Please help your child/children arrive on time and note the new dismissal time to accommodate the Ministry of Education requirements.

First bell	8:55
All classes begin	9:00
Recess	10:40 – 10:55
Lunch begins	12:15
Bell... all students must head outside	12:35
Bell to come in after lunch	1:03
Classes resume	1:08
Dismissal	3:01

We have an exciting first week planned with a focus on making Montecito's school motto come to life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Peters and Ms. Quan who devoted time this summer to planning the first week...bravo! Students will be engaged in activities with a theme on *Creating & Contributing to a Community where we are **KIND to Ourselves, Others and this Place.*** Students will start and end each day with their last year's teacher and spend the rest of each day in Grades 1-3 or Grades 4-7 groupings. They will travel in these groups to various stations. Each group of students will also have an opportunity to learn some circus tricks with Sand Northrup as part of our Art Starts program. On Friday, Sept. 9th at 1:00 we will have a Celebration of Learning Assembly (COLA) to showcase some of the fun and key learnings of the week. You are all invited to come and join us! **Please send your child with a pencil, colouring materials and runners this week as well as a water bottle, healthy recess snack and lunch.** Students should bring all of their school supplies on Monday, Sept. 12th. We are hoping that students will be assigned to their regular classes on Monday if all goes according to plan!

Class room assignments for first week:

***Students will return to last year's teachers and classrooms except for the changes in bold below.

Last year's classes	Where to take students for the first week and next Monday	Homeroom teacher for first week
Ms. Cook's class (Div. 2)	Portable 2	Ms. Cook
Ms.Lloyd/Ms.Copeland's class (Div. 3)	Room 14	Ms. Lloyd
Ms. Cole's class (Div. 4)	Room 9	Ms. Cole
Mr. Hayes' class (Div. 5)	Portable 1	Mr. Singer
Ms. Vaughan's class (Div. 6)	Room 13	Ms. Vaughan
Ms. Nicoll/Ms. Manners class (Div. 7)	Room 12	Ms. Nicoll/Ms. Manners
Ms. Manners/Ms. Leroux's class (Div. 8)	Room 11	Ms. Manners/Ms. Leroux
Ms. Quan's class (Div. 9)	Room 1	Ms. Quan
Ms. Peter's class (Div. 10)	Room 10	Ms. Peters (Tues), Ms. Anderson (Wed-Mon)
Ms. Chin's class (Div. 11)	Modular 1	Ms. Chin
Ms. Toth's class (Div. 12)	Portable 3	Mr. Smith (Tues.), Ms. James (Wed-Mon)

Addition and Seismic Upgrade Update:

You have probably noticed that we are behind where we thought we'd be for the addition and seismic upgrade project. The proposed August 15th start date has now been postponed. The Burnaby Board of Education has had to put the project back out to tender as they only received one bid and it was well over budget. At this point the district is still looking for a construction company to work with. Last week I was told that the absolute earliest the project will start now is October and it will likely be later than that. I will keep you updated as I hear more news.

Message from the new principal:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Heather Kimmie and I am sure many of you are curious to know a bit about me. This is the 25th year I have worked in the Burnaby School District. I began my career at Stride Community School as a primary PE specialist but have been a grade 3, 4, or 5 classroom teacher for most of my career. I spent numerous years teaching at Nelson School and the past three years at Morley School where I was half time classroom teacher and half time Head Teacher and administrative support. I also have two teenage sons, one entering grade 10 and another entering first year at SFU.

I am looking forward to the many exciting things happening at Montecito this year...from the upcoming, although delayed, start of the addition and seismic upgrading project to our continued work on our connectedness goal and work on our new academic goal of improving student writing. In addition, learning more about and implementing the redesigned curriculum will be a fun challenge.

I believe that establishing strong relationships is the foundation necessary for success. We need to work as a **TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More)** of students, staff and parents in order to make the best possible difference we can for your children. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any positive comments as well as questions, concerns or suggestions. I am thrilled to be joining the existing team of students, parents and staff at Montecito School and look forward to getting to know you, learning from you and working with you this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff members to Montecito:

- **Ms. Tanis Anderson** will be a primary/intermediate teacher. She is coming with a wealth of experience from Brentwood Park School and has also worked in the district as a Literacy Helping Teacher. We are thrilled to have her join our team!
- **Ms. Jennifer Ingham** will be our counsellor two days a week and will also be working at Stoney Creek School twice a week. She is coming from Burnaby North and is excited to be working at the elementary level this year.
- **Ms. Flora Chang** will be our new Noon Hour Supervisor. She already knows some of the students as she has also taught Chinese School at Montecito after school. Welcome to a new role at Montecito!

Mark your calendar! September Dates to Remember ...

Sept. 9th – Celebration of Learning Assembly at 1:00

Sept. 15th – PAC meeting at 7:00...all parents welcome to attend

Sept. 19th – Sept. 22nd – Scholastic Book Fair

Sept. 20th – Grade 7 Band 1st lesson and rental night

Sept. 21st – Parents as Partners Conferences 2:15 – 4:30 *****early dismissal at 2:00**

Sept. 22nd – Parents as Partners conferences 3:15 – 6:30

Sept. 28th – COLA (Celebration of Learning Assembly) time TBD

Sept. 29th – Terry Fox Run 1:00

Sept. 30th – Curriculum Implementation Day: staff are learning - students do not attend school

Oct. 3rd – Professional Development Day: staff are learning - students do not attend school