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LEARNING AND BECOMING A MORE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY AT MONTECITO!

The past month seems to have flown by and the school has been abuzz with wonderful sights and sounds of kids learning!

As a whole school, the students at Montecito have been focusing on ways to become a more socially responsible community. The main focus has been on safety both inside and outside on the playground. We have been reviewing expectations with students (such as walking in the hallways, keeping our hands to ourselves, and playing in appropriate areas) as well as discussing the reasons why they should make these responsible choices. Students are also trying to become more dedicated recyclers!

Not only are the students learning, but the staff have been engaged in rich learning activities as well. We have been delving deeper into the redesigned curriculum and are working with the big ideas, curricular competencies and core competencies (intellectual, personal and social skills). Staff have also been focusing on the two school goals and ways to support growth in their students in these areas:

- **Goal 1: Increasing connectedness.** Our goal is for every child to have at least two adults they feel care about them or they can trust in the school. In addition we are also working on increasing peer to peer connectedness.
- **Goal 2: Improving personal writing with a focus on meaning.** Our goal is to increase our students' abilities in writing with meaning. This means producing personal writing where the ideas are related, flow and include details. In the intermediate grades the students will work on adding more logical explanations, examples and reasons to support their thinking.

We have numerous teachers working in learning teams with other teachers across the district to broaden their knowledge base in writing, reflect on their practice and share their learning with others. I am very excited about the expertise we have on staff and the passion they have for learning, sharing and growing as educators.

At this time we would like to wish Ms. Jessica Cole good luck as she begins her maternity leave on Monday. We will miss her! Ms. Vivian Cheng will be replacing Ms. Cole and we welcome her to Montecito with open arms. She is coming from University Highlands where she recently completed her teaching practicums.

Thank-you parents for working as partners in your child's education!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal

ME TO WE 2016

Fourteen of our Grade 6/7 Me to We participants will be attending We Day at Roger's Arena on **Thursday, November 3rd**. This full day event includes guest speakers and performers such as Paula Abdul, George Takei, Margaret Trudeau and Craig and Marc Keilburger. Last year our students returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for helping to make our world a better place! The **We Scare Hunger drive is happening now (October 24-28)**. All donated foods will be given to our local food bank.



HALLOWE'EN AT MONTECITO

Halloween is just around the corner and we want to remind students to be safe. Teachers will be going over the expectations for costumes and activities at school, but here are some important guidelines:

- No weapons of any kind (no play swords, knives, guns, etc.)
- No costumes or face paint that will scare children
- No costumes that cause tripping hazards for the child wearing the costume or for others
- No masks. Please allow for safe vision, hearing and eating.

We will be having a Halloween Parade/Assembly on Monday morning at 9:45 a.m. Please come and join us in the gym for the Monster Mash and other fun presentations! If your child would like to bring a carved pumpkin to help decorate the gym for the assembly, please bring it to the gym at 9:00 on Oct. 31st. At 3:00 they can come and collect it from the gym. Please make sure your child's name is clearly printed on the bottom of the pumpkin.

FIRECRACKERS FORBIDDEN AT SCHOOL & IN THE COMMUNITY

Firecrackers are defined as small fireworks with fuses used as noisemakers. We appreciate your support in keeping firecrackers out of the community. Students should NOT bring firecrackers to school.

To ensure a safe Halloween is enjoyed by all students, we hope you will bring the following reminders to the attention of your child:

Burnaby By-Law 8047 states:

- a) Fireworks can only be discharged on private property with the knowledge and consent of the owner between October 25th and October 31st.
- b) No person shall offer for sale, sell, and use, detonate or explode firecrackers.
- c) **Students may NOT have fireworks or firecrackers at school.** These items will be immediately confiscated.



For more information on this topic, please visit the City of Burnaby web site:

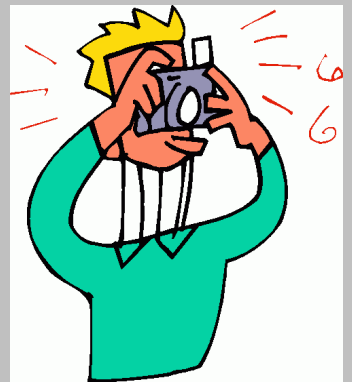
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PHOTO RETAKES – Wednesday, November 9th

from 9:00-10:00 a.m. approx.

PARENTS PLEASE READ:

1. **If your child was absent on the original Photo Day, the photographer has your child's name and they will be called down for a photo retake.**
2. If you were not satisfied with the original photo you would have returned the photo proof order envelope to the teacher or the office, with the **NEED A RETAKE BOX** marked. The photographer will be given these envelopes on photo day, so no further action is required on your part.
3. If you did not return the proof envelope stating you wished a retake, there are forms on the office counter, please complete this form and they must be returned prior to the morning of November 9th.



Within a few days after retake day, families will receive proof envelopes and these envelopes will indicate the due date on them. Please note: No late orders will be accepted. After this deadline, you would need to contact Mountain West Studios directly and your order would be subject to a \$10.00 Handling Fee.

Monitors of the Month.....NEW THIS YEAR!

Alisha Daya - Mrs. Manners and Mrs. Leroux said:

She stopped by our room twice last month and noticed we didn't have any monitors and offered to stay and supervise our kids so we could leave for lunch. While in the room, she clapped to get the students' attention, introduced herself to the class and was circulating and attentive to the students in our class. Thank you, Alisha, for your commitment and dedication to helping out around our school!

Miya Joson and Siobhan McClean, Tianna Chang and Caterina Fonseca - Mrs. Chin said:

These students have been on time each day. They have assisted with kids' lunches by helping them with their thermos, getting them utensils and encouraging the children to eat quietly. They help wipe down the tables afterwards. They write notes to me in my daily lunch log book. One of the parents even commented, saying how much better his son is doing with the help of the monitors during lunch. Thank you Miya, Siobhan, Tianna and Caterina for doing so much to make lunch fun for the primary students!



THANK YOU AND A FEW REMINDERS....

At the beginning of each year we have many important forms to be completed. There are also payments for several items, such as School Planners, Young People's Concerts and Kindergarten fees. We would like to thank you for your cooperation and getting them back to us in such a timely manner.

We would like to remind families of the following items:

- Please remember to sign the permission forms. If your child is assisting you to complete these forms, please make sure you have also read them before signing and dating these forms.
- When you send cheques payments, please put your child's name and division number on the cheques.
- Montecito is only accepting SchoolCash Online or cheques for payments this year.

Please consider registering for SchoolCash Online, see details below.

SCHOOL FEES PAYABLE ON-LINE!

Last year at this time 46% of Montecito families had registered for SchoolCash Online. **As of today that number has increased to 67.18%** (that means 174 out of 259 students have been registered and their families are now using this option).

During the course of the year you will be able to pay for the fieldtrips, performances and other school related events. There is NO COST to parents or the school for this service.

If you haven't already signed up, please consider this convenient and safe payment option offered to our families to pay school fees online. **Montecito is only accepting SchoolCash Online or cheques for payments this year.**

FOR DETAILED STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS, please visit our website <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca> under the **School Info** tab look for **SchoolCash Online.**

You can register at any time, please refer to the following steps:

- **Step 1:** Visit <https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com>
OR see this direct link on our website ➔
- **Step 2:** Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.
- **Step 3:** You will receive a confirmation email. Select the "click here" option, sign in and add your child(ren) to your household account.



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

We are looking to build our Odyssey teams again this year. If you are interested in getting your child involved, or you have some hours each week to coach a team, please come to our Odyssey Awareness session **Tuesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.** Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving program that helps to develop divergent thinking skills and team building skills.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are very fortunate to have the public library here again Friday, November 18th. They will be bringing children's books for our students to sign-out. If your child does not have a public library card yet, we have forms at the office to apply. Students may have the books for up to two weeks and books should be returned to the public library.

**REMINDER:
School starts
@ 10:00 a.m.
on November 1st.**



TERRY FOX RUN

This year the school raised \$535.00. We set a goal of \$600.00 through our Toonie for Terry campaign. Thank you to everyone who donated! A special thank you to our P.A.C. for providing oranges after the run, for parents who helped us cross roads safely and to Ms James and her 'crew' who helped us warm up before the run.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS:

We strongly advise parents to check our lost & found for items your child may have left at school.

The box is located outside the Music Room.

Parents, PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING, ESPECIALLY JACKETS, this way items can be easily returned.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE FOR GRADE 6/7 STUDENTS

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

- Montecito, Nov. 25th, 2016, 8:30-3:30
- \$60 + GST online registration
- <http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>



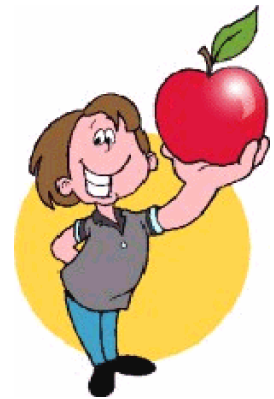
STUDENT SAFETY

Drop-Off & Pick-Up of Students

- With 260 students coming and going twice daily in a building with most classrooms concentrated on the second floor we have found, over time, that the safest and most efficient way for students to be dropped off and picked up is for that to happen outside the building. Students are not encouraged to arrive before 8:45 a.m. and the bell inviting students into the building rings at 8:55 a.m.
- If students are coming by car, they MUST be dropped off and picked up on Montecito by the playground and NOT the staff Parking Lot.
- At the end of the day, it is best if parents arrange a meeting spot outside. Teachers will inform students to either come back to the classroom or go to the office if they do not see their parent/guardian at the agreed upon meeting spot.

Entrance and Exit Doors:

Students are asked to enter and exit through specific doors this year in order to keep our doorway traffic flowing, and reduce the risk of injury to younger students. Students in Ms Ward/Copeland/Lloyd's and Ms Cole's classes will enter and exit through the doorway nearest the gym. Students in Ms Quan's class will enter and exit through the doorway near the undercover area and music room. Students in Mrs. Manners/Leroux, Mrs. Anderson's, Mrs. Nicoll's and Mrs. Vaughan's class will enter and exit through the far stairwell closest to the portables.



Leaving the School Grounds

Students MAY NOT leave the school grounds without teacher permission (except to go home for lunch, IF parents have given prior written permission). If it is necessary for us to send students home during the day, we will call parents to pick-up, students MAY NOT go home alone.

Lunches

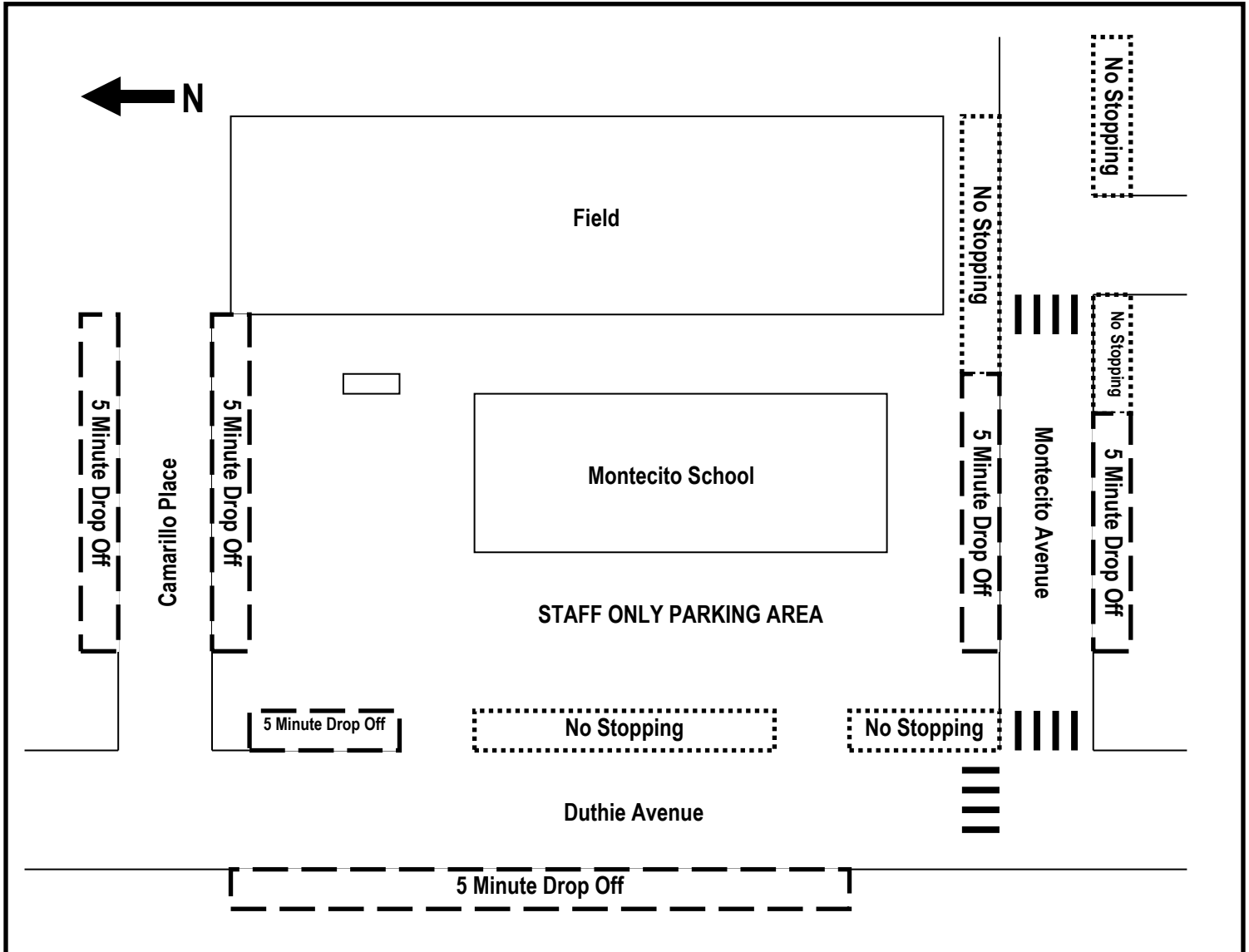
Students who do stay for lunch are expected to behave acceptably. Students who are unable to show socially responsible behaviour will have a note sent home and parents will be asked to have a discussion with their child and may be asked to make other noon hour arrangements.

The following behaviours should be practiced during lunch at school.

1. Stay seated while eating
2. Practice good manners
3. Socialize in a friendly, respectful manner
4. Place garbage in garbage cans/recycling bins and clean up desk area
5. Visit washrooms
6. Walk outside after the bell
7. Play in a safe and socially acceptable manner on the fields or playground

"But I'll Only Be A Minute" – Map of Pick-up, Drop Off and Parking Zones

I have included a map below of the school indicating where parking and "drop off" is allowed and where it is not allowed. The map is not drawn to scale and is intended as a guide.



✂ CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Christmas can be a difficult time for some families who are struggling financially. This year we will be able to offer some families a hamper filled with food and treats. If you would like us to consider your family for a hamper or know of a family that would benefit from a hamper please fill in below and submit it in a sealed envelope to Mrs. Kimmie. All names are kept strictly confidential.

Christmas Hamper Request

For confidentiality purposes please place this request form in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Kimmie

Please submit by November 7, 2016

Family Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____



Back due to popular demand.....Neufeld and Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Holidays are fast approaching and Montecito is proud to bring back our Holiday Fundraiser.

Neufeld Farms will easily provide you with delicious pre-made meals from appetizers to entrees and desserts too.

Need a last minute gift? Stock up on a few extra boxes from Purdy's Chocolates. Information and **order forms will be sent home on November 1.**

Fall Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Our school sold \$2800 in books with 60% of sales going back into our library: helping to purchase primary readers, books for our library, and to stock our mini library "Desperation Station".

Mark your calendars for the Spring Book Fair April 11-13!

Terry Fox Run Volunteers

Thank you to all parents who helped during the Terry Fox Run in September. You helped keep our children safe during this fun fundraiser and refreshed with sliced oranges. Special thanks to Stephanie Tsotsos for being the course marshall and Jarnail Darar for coordinating the orange delivery to classrooms.

Santa Breakfast - Dec. 16

Mark your calendar for our annual school pancake breakfast. This event is the last day of school before the holidays. Students and staff will enjoy delicious pancakes and sausages in the morning along with a jolly visitor dressed in red. Parents and younger siblings are invited.

Parent volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, as well as clean up at the end. If you are able to help, please sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>.

Next PAC Meeting

Join us for our next general meeting on **Thursday, November 17** at 7:00 pm in school staff room.

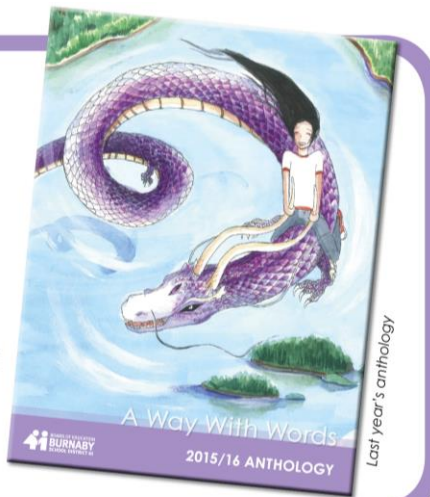
DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about writing a story or poem for this year's

WORDS WRITING PROJECT.

It might be chosen to be printed in the 2016/17 WORDS Anthology!

Submit your written work to your teacher by February 6, 2017



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LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our program runs from Sept to April. Practices are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays from 5-7 pm. Games are played on Sundays with locations to be announced.

Contact Zoran Maletic at 778-328-2657 or email contact@burnabywaterpolo.com for more information or visit www.burnabywaterpolo.com

LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE? LET THE YMCA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL HELP!

We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we're here to help!

Contact us at:
Metrotown Community Resource Centre
4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC
604.294.1109
www.gv.ymca.ca

BURNABY CAPRICE SYNCHRONIZED SWIM CLUB

Burnaby Caprice Synchro offers synchronized swimming programs for all levels of athletes, for younger boys and girls just learning the sport to those competing on the national level. Synchronized swimming is a wonderful mix of swimming, music, dance, gymnastics and drama. It develops water orientation, balance and aquatic skills. Synchro also promotes cardiac, respiratory and muscular fitness while focusing on improving the athlete's strength, power, endurance and flexibility.

We believe in a "holistic" or "whole person" approach to athletics; at Burnaby Caprice, we incorporate a STEPS approach:

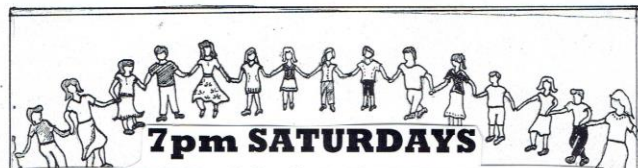
- Synchronized skill development
- Teamwork
- Expression through music and movement
- Physical fitness and personal growth
- Spirit and sportsmanship

We are having a FREE come-try-synchro at Eileen Daily Pool on Wednesday, October 5 from 730-830 pm. To register for this program contact Eileen Daily Pool.

The next 10 session come-try-synchro starts on October 8. For more information go to our website or e-mail the club info@bcssc.org <http://www.bcssc.org>

Capitol Hill Country Dance & Song Society presents...

COMMUNITY DANCE!



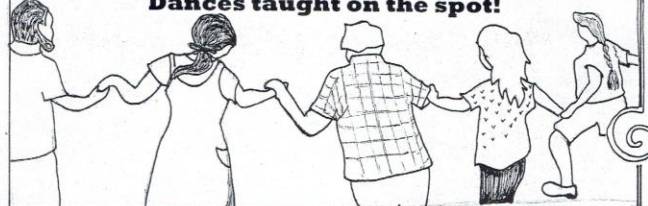
7pm SATURDAYS
OCTOBER 22 & NOVEMBER 12

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live music by FLYING ALLEMANDE

join us for an evening of relaxed social dancing

All ages! No experience or partner needed! Fun!
Dances taught on the spot!



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\$20 family
free under 12

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please visit <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca/> (Scroll down to *Upcoming Events*) for the most up-to-date information.



November 2016

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
 <p>REMINDER:→ School starts @ 10:00 a.m. on November 1st.</p>		<p>1 3:30 – Boys' Volleyball @ Parkcrest 7:00 p.m. Odyssey Awareness Mtg. in Library</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Me to We Day 3:30 – Girls' Volleyball @ Parkcrest</p>	<p>4 Munch-a-Lunch today</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Fruit & Veggies served (Baby carrots) 3:30 – Boys' Volleyball @ Aubrey</p>	<p>9 PHOTO RETAKES TODAY from 9:00–10:00 am (approx.)</p> 	<p>10 11:00 – 12:00 – Remembrance Day Assembly Munch-a-Lunch today 3:30 – Girls' Volleyball @ Aubrey</p>	<p>11 NO SCHOOL TODAY – REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 3:30 – Boys' Volleyball @ Sperling</p>	<p>16 Div. 4, 5 & 6 to Fort Langley</p>	<p>17 3:30 – Girls' Volleyball @ Sperling 7:00 p.m. – P.A.C. Meeting</p>	<p>18 Pop-up Library here for all classes Munch-a-Lunch today</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Fruit & Veggies served (Salish Apples) Young People's (Gr. 4-7) – p.m. 3:30 – Boys' Volleyball Rec. Playday tba</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Munch-a-Lunch today 3:30 – Girls' Volleyball Playday tba</p>	<p>25 NO SCHOOL TODAY - Non-Instructional Day Babysitter's Course offered see Montecito webpage for details.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 Kindergarten Vision, Hearing and Dental Screening – time tba</p>	<p>29 1:30 p.m. - Celebration of Learning Assembly (Parents please join us!)</p>	<p>30 Div. 3 – Marsville Event – time t.b.a. notice to follow.</p>			