

**Principal:** Heather Kimmie  
**Head Teacher:** Holly Lloyd

**NEWSLETTER #4**  
**November 30, 2017**

**Secretary:** Rae Shuster  
**Trustee:** Baljinder Narang

**School motto: Kindness to Ourselves, Kindness to Others and Kindness to This Place**

## SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE AT MONTECITO!

Our seismic upgrade is now complete! At the COLA on Tuesday, we showed ‘**kindness to others**’ in thanking Jarret and the Unitech crew for all their efforts in creating a safe and beautifully modernized school. His ability to manage his crew to work as inobtrusively as possible, complete all the big construction tasks and finishing touches on the school, as well as deal with deficiencies the past couple of months has been very much appreciated. Going through a construction project takes much flexibility, patience, and teamwork, and I couldn’t be more proud of the Montecito staff, students and parents for their positive attitudes, flexibility, willingness to work with disruptions, and support of each other during the past year and a half. We can now fully enjoy our new and improved school.



You may be interested to know about the new Montecito school colour selections. During the early design process, architects considered the exterior colours not only in their aesthetic manner but also in their relationship to the size of the building. Because of this, there was a deliberate choice to pick two complimentary-contrasting colours to help mitigate the scale impact of the gymnasium while preserving the visual hierarchy of the existing building. The gym is a very distinct and identifiable space through the use of the copper cladding with contrasting dark blue highlights on the doors, while the silver portion of the school is calm with splashes of colour. The accent colour of yellow fosters sunshine, energy and joy. Red fosters energy and passion, and blue encourages stability and tranquility. These colours create playful elements on the exterior of the building and bring a little bit of life to the silver. The interior colours are much calmer to help ensure energy levels inside the building are conducive to focused learning. It is interesting to learn about the colour theory behind the new school colours.

Speaking of focused learners, we have been zooming in on the importance of social-emotional learning as a school. We are embarking on learning more about **Zones of Regulation** to help students develop their self-regulation skills. There are four Zones of Regulation which are basically states of alertness of both the body and emotions. All classes will be learning about the Zones of Regulation so that we have a common understanding and language to use to create a supportive environment for all learners. Students will feel different emotions at different times throughout the day. Ideally in most school activities, we want students to be in the **green** zone which is a calm, alert and learning state. Students will learn tools they can use to get themselves into the green zone.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

<b>BLUE ZONE</b>	<b>GREEN ZONE</b>	<b>YELLOW ZONE</b>	<b>RED ZONE</b>
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

This month has also been filled with staff reflection, and planning for growth and success of our students! Staff members were busy on the last Pro-D day looking closely at our school goals of connectedness and writing. For identifying students who are not feeling connected to peers, each class completed a sociogram and then as a school, we put all the classroom data together to create a big school picture. We have most definitely made gains in building connectedness since last year. There are many structures within classrooms as well as throughout the school (sports teams, clubs, leadership opportunities, and lunch-hour programs) that help to build connectedness. We also have intermediate students volunteering as Pal Patrol members, working as peer mediators. We are proud of the growth and will continue to work to ensure that every child feels connected at school. As for the writing goal, each student recently completed a writing sample and then teachers collaboratively marked the writing according to grade level performance standards. Staff then discussed the strengths and areas requiring improvement before brainstorming explicit ways to help improve writing (such as modelling, using graphic organizers to plan, offering choice to increase interest, conferencing with students to provide feedback, prioritizing time to write...) for every student. We have made commitments to help each child grow in writing throughout the course of this year, and will be doing check-ins at staff meetings to hear about what’s working well, what some of the challenges are, as well as learning and growing together. We are excited about the direction we are headed with our school goals this year!

Finally, thanks to our many parents who have worked tirelessly to organize events around the school this past month, such as the putting on the very well attended and fun BINGO night, coaching Odyssey teams and running fundraisers. Thanks, also to our staff coaches of the volleyball teams and the many staff members who run programs and clubs during lunch hours and after school. There are many, many ways that adults are providing various opportunities for the students at Montecito... and for that I am truly grateful!

Respectfully,  
 Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal

## WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERTS

### *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*

Tuesday, December 19 - Shows at: 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Doors open respectively at: 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.

**STUDENTS** are asked to wear:

**Div. 1-2** are asked to dress as reindeer

(home-made or store-bought antlers and brown or black clothing)

**Div. 3-5** are asked to wear silver, gold or other metallic clothing

**Div. 6 – 11** are asked to dress as Santa's elves

(wearing a homemade or store bought elf hat and green or red clothing)

**Ticket Request Forms went home Wed. Nov. 29th**

**Tickets will be issued Fri. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.** Extra tickets will be available at the office on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> starting @ 9:00 on a first come, first serve basis.

**PARENTS** are asked to bring their tickets and a monetary donation to support the refugee families that are being welcomed to Burnaby Schools.

### OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 12 - Choir sings @ Brentwood Mall @ 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20 - Choir sings @ Lougheed Mall @ 1:00 p.m.

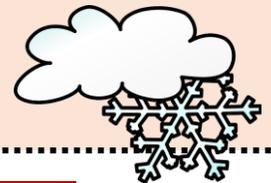


## WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

All schools will remain OPEN, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (e.g. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. In the event there are certain schools or the entire district closed due to snow, or any other weather-related issues, announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, or check the radio station websites.

Closure information will also be posted on the district website at <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/> and on Twitter @ burnabyschools (please follow us!). However, keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, for example, if there are power outages or technical problems. The most reliable way to get school closure information is to listen to the local radio stations.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Information will only be provided on school closures. If there is no closure information, our schools are open for learning! However, the decision to send your child to school or not is ultimately a family decision. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL.



## TRAFFIC SAFETY

We have been having ongoing traffic issues and they are putting your child's safety at risk... for both students crossing the streets and our safety patrol members. Please DO NOT stop or park in 'no stopping' areas, drive slowly in school zones, and make eye contact with patrol members at crosswalks. Thank-you for your due diligence to ensure safety for all!

## MONITORS OF THE MONTH!

**Natasha P. & Saaya R.**

Mrs. Manners said: Natasha and Saaya arrived on time and consistently showed up without having to be reminded. They even played games with the students.

Ms. Lloyd said: Both Saaya and Natasha are new to patrol this year and have been consistent and on time with their shift. They are really helping to make a great patrol team.

Thanks Saaya and Natasha for making a difference at Montecito!



# SUMMER READING CLUB MEDALISTS 2017

## Walk on the Wild Side Summer Reading Club Medalists

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Burnaby Public Library Reading Program, *Walk on the Wild Side* this past summer. Participants read for at least 15 minutes each day for 50 days or more. Medals were distributed by the Public Library and students were recognized at the COLA on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The following students completed the club and received medals:

Division 11: Emma G., Stephen S.

Division 8: Nicolas C.

Division 7: Frankie W., Elizabeth M., Brenna L., Dickie L., Ella B.

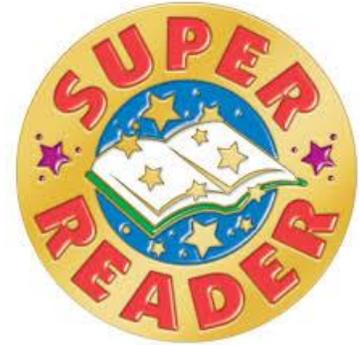
Division 6: Max W., Emma T., Avery F.

Division 5: Amanda L.

Division 4: Kaniraa A., Alex M.

Division 3: Logan H., Aidan F., Breanna L.

Division 2: Riley C.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL FOR BEING SUPER READERS!**

## LOOKING FOR WOOD SCRAPS!

As part of our new Applied Design, Skills and Technologies curriculum, we would like to have our students work with wood. If you have any scraps of wood that would be suitable for small hands to work with, we would appreciate your donations. Please send them to Mr. Singer's room.

## REMINDER: There is no bad weather... only inappropriate clothing!

We are lucky to live in a relatively moderate climate. However, some days will be wet and some days will be cold. What matters is that we all learn to dress appropriately for outdoor activities no matter the weather.

Outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy. Our students have two opportunities daily to be outside (recess and lunch) as well as times planned by teachers throughout the week. We believe in outdoor play and education and encourage students to enjoy their environment.

Encourage your children (and feel free to join in!) to play in the rain and snow, as much can be learned. Jump in or toss stones in puddles and observe the splash and ripples. Why do rocks and stones look so much more interesting when they are wet? How can water be made to flow from one puddle to another? What kind of mud makes the best mud pancakes? Notice the ice patterns that form on puddles when the temperature drops. Build forts with snow. What kind of snow is the best for tobogganing?

As we are in the rainy, cold season please be sure your child has:

### On a Rainy Day:

- Waterproof hat
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof pants
- Warm socks
- Waterproof boots
- Umbrella
- Change of clothes

### On a Snowy Day:

- Toque that covers ears
- Heavy jacket for warmth
- Snow Pants
- Snow boots
- Warm socks
- Change of clothes
- Insulated gloves or mittens suitable for handling snow



Do not fall prey to the myth that a cold can be caught or prolonged by going outside in the rain or cold. This is simply not true. Besides, if you are dressed appropriately you will be toasty warm and dry!

**Tip:** Dressing in layers is helpful when making the transition from indoors to out.

- Outer layer = protection from the weather
- Middle layer = warmth
- Inside layer = comfortable for indoor temperature



**Division 7 has been working on descriptive writing. They chose an object from their classroom to describe without telling what it is. Read along and see if you can guess the objects!**

1. This object makes a boing, boing noise. If I dropped it, it would bounce away. I wouldn't want to eat it because it would taste rubbery. It smells like mint and when I roll it, it will rock back and forth. It kind of feels bumpy and smooth. It is also dry and it feels hard. You can find it on a pencil or in a pencil case. Some smell good and most smell bad. You can top it on a pencil. What is it?  
Hannah G., Grade 2, Div. 7
2. This object makes a tinging noise when I drop it. It would fling and make a soft crashing noise. If I roll it, it might make a cunning noise. It smells like food. You can eat with it. If you touch it, it's very dirty. It's smooth and made out of plastic. It is very sharp. What is it?  
Brenna L., Grade 2, Div. 7
3. This object makes a bang noise. If I dropped it, it would make a bang noise. I can't roll it. It smells like fruit and you can eat it. If you touch it, it's hard, sticky and smells good. What is it?  
Dickie L., Grade 2, Div. 7
4. This object makes a crunching noise if you eat it. If I dropped it, it would splat and juice would go everywhere. If I roll it, it would make a rumbly sound on my desk. If I throw my object, it would make a bit of a mess. It tastes sweet. It smells fruity and fresh. It feels bumpy, rough, wet, hard and soft. What is it?  
Mariam H., Grade 3, Div. 7

Answers: (1) a mint eraser (2) a plastic fork (3) gum (4) a pear

## **SNOWMAN, SNOWMAN**

By Division 11

Snowman, snowman,  
Do a dance.  
Snowman, snowman,  
Wear your pants.  
Snowman, snowman,  
Do a march.  
Snowman, snowman,  
Make an arch.  
Snowman, snowman,  
Turn your head.  
Snowman, snowman,  
Ride a sled!



## MONTECITO VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to the grade 6/7 **GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM** on an excellent season!! They had two practices a week, with one being early on Monday mornings, and one game a week for the past 6 weeks. They always came ready and excited to play, and always put in excellent effort. Their dedication payed off as they won most of the games they played. It was a pleasure for Mrs. Nicoll and Ms. Torresan to coach them. Way to go girls!

The Montecito **BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAMS** were dedicated and committed to attending 3 practices per week. Throughout the season, they strived to improve their overall volleyball skills and team play. All of their efforts and energy came together at our final play day competing again a variety of Burnaby schools, at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School. Congratulations to the Montecito Boys' Volleyball teams for a successful and fun-filled season. Coaches: Mrs. Mann and Ms. Quan.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBERS	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBERS
Aidan M.	Emma L.
Alex R.	Basmalah A.
Austin C.	Amanda F.
Enver C.	Jenny Z.
Eric T.	Alisha D.
Ethan A.	Tianna C.
Frank G.	Alex T.
Hugh N.	Raina T.
Jamie S.	Alivia C.
James C.	Kaylee K.
Matteo R.	Maia M.
	Hala A.
	Miya J.
	Siobhan M.



## SAFETY & PROCEDURES

As you may have noticed, each month we include student safety & procedures items for your information and to discuss with your children.

### ☛ MONEY & VALUABLES

Students should not bring money and valuables such as jewelry, expensive toys, trendy toys, electronic games, cell phones or personal sports equipment to school. If families choose to disregard this advice, we cannot be responsible for missing items.

### ☛ SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for school resources used during the school year (e.g. texts, library books, school uniforms). If materials are lost or damaged, the student may be responsible for replacement costs.

### ☛ STUDENT SAFETY

The subject of personal safety and abduction prevention is discussed with our students. Here are seven important rules to review with your children to ensure their safety on the way to and from school:

1. Always walk to and from school with a relative, buddy or group of friends.
2. Do not arrive at school before 8:45 unless you have a team practice or a school job.
3. Always go directly home after school.
4. Always inform your parents where you are going and the route you are taking.
5. Always let your parents know if you are going to a friend's house. These arrangements **SHOULD** be made the night or day before and not the day of. At school, we do not allow students to use the phone to arrange playdates.
6. **NEVER** leave the school grounds during the day unless the office has been notified and permission has been granted from Mrs. Kimmie.
7. Students leaving during instructional time should be signed out by a parent at the **OFFICE**. There is a **SIGN-OUT** book on the office counter.



## SICK KIDS



A reminder to parents that if your child is unwell please do not send them to school, particularly if they have a fever, feel sick to their stomach or have a bad cough. Proper hand washing is the number one protection from sickness. Reinforcing proper hand washing at home is important.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT MONTECITO!

Have you seen the beautiful mural in our lower floor hallway demonstrating students, staff and parents working together to **make a difference** at Montecito? As discussed earlier this year, each child made a hand and wrote a commitment they could make this year. PAC parents and staff were also invited to participate. Working as a TEAM at Montecito is truly evident.



### Winter Break Daycamp

When: Dec 25th, 2017 - Jan 5th, 2018  
(Closed Dec 25th, 26th & Jan 1st)

Camp Cost : Week 1 : 9am-4pm \$83 / 7am-6pm \$129  
Week 2 : 9am-4pm \$110 / 7am-6pm \$172

For Gr. 1-7

Locations: *Clinton Steele*  
Contact on site supervisor or Stasi @ (604) 431-0400  
*Maywood, Mariborough & Suncrest*  
Contact on site supervisor or Scott @ (604) 431-0400  
*Gilpin, Lochdale & Douglas Rd*  
Contact on site supervisor or Kathy @ (604) 294-5444



The children will take part in a variety of activities such as gym games, crafts, cooking, and field trips.

## UBC GIRLSMARTS!

UBC GirlsMarts is a non-profit organization launched by the UBC Computer Science department to help girls spark and sustain an interest in computer science. Our organization has been running workshops since 2004 and we often partner up with various local tech companies (including Microsoft, Amazon, SAP, and many others) to run many different workshops and activities for girls in grades 6 to 12.

This year, we will be offering two grade 6 workshops (in partnership with Microsoft) and one grade 7 workshop (in partnership with SAP). Please note that our workshops are for girls only. Our grade 6 workshops will teach girls about programming their own game, cybersecurity, creating their own webpage, and hardware. The grade 7 workshops are run in partnership with SAP and will teach girls about design thinking, programming, social gaming, and user interface/user experience.

If you are interested in learning more, our website is at <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech/> or you can contact us at [girlsmarts-info@cs.ubc.ca](mailto:girlsmarts-info@cs.ubc.ca).

You can also check for information at [www.sd41.bc.ca/community](http://www.sd41.bc.ca/community)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



## BURNABY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

youth baseball programs for boys and girls between 4 and 18 years of age

Registration for the 2018 season opens December 1, 2017 for information visit [www.burnabybaseball.com](http://www.burnabybaseball.com)

HOME OF  
2012 ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

- 2013 13U AA (PEEWEE) WESTERN CHAMPIONS
- 2017 15U AA (BANTAM)
- 2013 13U AA (PEEWEE)
- 2013 11U AA (MOSQUITO)
- 2012 11 U AA (MOSQUITO)
- 2009 15U AAA (BANTAM)
- 2008 11U AA (MOSQUITO)



WWW.BURNABYBASEBALL.COM



### **BINGO FUN**

Thank you to everyone who attended our first family Bingo night on Nov. 17th. This fun evening brought in 120 people of all ages and raised a total of \$1,071 to help fund PAC supported initiatives. Special thank you to Ms. Lloyd as the Bingo caller, she did a phenomenal job in keeping the Bingo games moving and telling jokes. Also big thank you to Miriam Fitterer for organizing this event and obtaining the many prize donations from our community businesses.

### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING - DECEMBER 8 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking forward to our annual Holiday Buddy Activity of building gingerbread Houses on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can volunteer to help supervise some sugary architecture, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 22**

Do you hear the sleigh bells ring-ting-tingling? Montecito's annual pancake breakfast is almost here! Dress up in your most festive outfit for this popular event. We need parent volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up on Friday morning, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, please sign up for a volunteer position by Dec. 15 at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>.

We have lots of volunteer spots to fill. Students and staff will enjoy a breakfast with pancakes and sausages, and parents and younger siblings are invited too. We'll have a special jolly guest dressed in red visiting students during breakfast. Join us for this festive event.

### **SANTA PHOTOS – DECEMBER 22**

Students will have an opportunity to get their photo taken with Santa after the pancake breakfast. More information to come in December. Stay tuned.

### **FAMILY ODYSSEY/TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER - FEBRUARY 23**

For the past two years, we've had a very successful family games night fundraiser where families solve creative problems together. We'd like to organize another evening of fun in February and need someone to coordinate this event with the school. If you are available to lead this event, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> or contact [pacmontecito@gmail.com](mailto:pacmontecito@gmail.com).

### **AIDAN'S 2ND ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to Room 7 from Dec. 4-8 to benefit our Community and the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. What would you like to see under your tree?

### **BABYSITTING/STAY SAFE!**

Thanks to your support, we sold out both courses, and had to add a third course!

### **GREEN TEAM BOTTLE DRIVE**

We are holding our easy Bottle Drive over the Holiday Break to fundraise for more green initiatives in our school like the water bottle refill stations. Pick up your Bottle Drive package following the Christmas Concert on December 19.



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



# DECEMBER 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	
					1 9:00-3:00 - Div. 7, 8 & 9 to Science World Munch-a-Lunch today	2	
3	4	5 p.m. – Hour of Code	6 12:30 – 1:00 – Pop-Up Snack Day	7 Div. 10/11 ADST birdhouse making	8 Gingerbread House Making in buddy classes	9	
10	11	12 9:00 – Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening 1:00 – Intermediate Choir performs at Brentwood Town Centre	13	14 7:00 – PAC Meeting	15 Munch-a-Lunch today	16	
17	18	19 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm – Winter Concert Bottle drive begins today until January 7, 2018	20 12:30 – 1:00 – Pop-Up Snack Day 1:00 – Intermediate Choir performs at Lougheed Town Centre Report Cards home today	21	22 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast 1:15 – 3:00 – Gr. 6/7 Dance	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	<b>WINTER BREAK</b> December 23 – January 7 (School re-opens Monday, January 8)						

