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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy 2018 Montecito students, parents and community members!

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few staff changes this year. Ms. Peters had a beautiful baby boy on Jan. 16th... 5 weeks early! Both baby Evan and Ms. Peters are doing well. Ms. Katrina Torres has been a welcome addition as our new Kindergarten teacher. The children in Division 11 have adjusted well to her routines and expectations, and are busy exploring and learning each day. Ms. Janice Newkirk has been hired with an increase of funding from the district and is primarily providing additional literacy support. She will be at Montecito all day Tuesdays and on Friday mornings. The other days she will be working at Lyndhurst and Lochdale Schools. We are excited to have Mr. Ash Ram, our daytime custodian, back at Montecito helping to keep our school clean! We are very fortunate to have all of these staff members join our team!

December was a very fun-filled month of community building activities. A special shout out to all the parent volunteers and community sponsors who helped make the gingerbread house activity, Santa photos, and pancake breakfast such memorable experiences. The picture shows our guest visitors Santa and Olaf who were an absolute hit with the students, and the plethora of parents who helped out at the pancake breakfast this year. Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you...you truly make a difference!



In January each year, we celebrate Family Literacy Week. At Montecito, we have many fun activities planned throughout the week. Have you ever read any Elephant and Piggie books? This year Ms. Lloyd and I acted out one of the stories to help kick off the week and engage students with the fun of literature. This past Monday, we had our Family Read event and it was wonderful to see siblings together and the classes filled with grandparents and parents sharing books with their children. Reading in the Dark in buddy classes was a blast. Guest reader, poem in your pocket, and writing a whole school story are other activities planned to help us celebrate literacy this week. Please join us at the COLA on Friday, January 26th at 1:30 p.m. to hear the unveiling of the school story!

Reading is one of the most important skills a child can learn. Prioritizing time to read at home each night has huge benefits, and helps your child build confidence and competence as a reader. Asking questions helps to develop your child's thinking skills and build comprehension. Prompts could be:

- What did you notice? What do you think?
- Does this book remind you of anything? Can you make any connections?
- What have you been wondering as you read?
- What was your favourite part? Why?



By promoting reading at home and working in partnership with your child's teacher, we can develop literacy skills and foster a love of reading that will hopefully last a lifetime!

Respectfully,
 Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal



If you have a child born in 2013 STARTING KINDERGARTEN OR going into GRADE 8 in September 2018, please see the next page for information.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please read the following regarding registration in Burnaby Schools for September 2018. (Info can also be found on the Montecito website and at <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/>)

FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH

- February is registration month for children born in 2013 for Kindergarten starting in September 2018.
- All forms, procedures and a list of required documents can be downloaded from the Burnaby School District website <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/>. A list of required documents is included below to assist you.
- **For ALL registrations please bring original documents for photocopying. You do not need to make an appointment, but we will only be accepting registrations from 9:30 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. each day at Montecito.**

BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Contact the school that serves the attendance area in which you reside. Students must reside with their parents or legal guardian. Parents or guardians must accompany their child for registration and bring the following original documentation:

1. **Proof of birth date for the student** (birth certificate or passport)
2. **Proof of guardianship** (parents' or guardians' as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order). Note that a notarized custodial guardian appointment is not the same as a guardianship order granted by the courts.
3. **Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student** (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).
4. **Proof of residency of the parent or guardian and student:**
This must include TWO items, AT LEAST ONE being from Category A below:
 - i. Category A: proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident
 - ii. Category B: BC Hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's licence, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards
5. **Immunization Records**
6. **Care Card/Personal Health Number**
7. A completed **Burnaby School District Student Information Form (registration form)**
8. A completed **Burnaby School District Medical Information Form**. Note: Severe health concerns require additional forms. These can be obtained from the school that you are applying to attend.
9. **Copy of the student's most recent school marks** (including summer school), such as:
 - a. An official copy of marks from the student's Permanent Record Card; or
 - b. The student's most recent report card; or
 - c. A transcript of academic record; or
 - d. A transfer form with marks
10. An **emergency telephone contact number** of a local person who is available during school hours
11. The **name and telephone number of the family doctor or medical clinic**

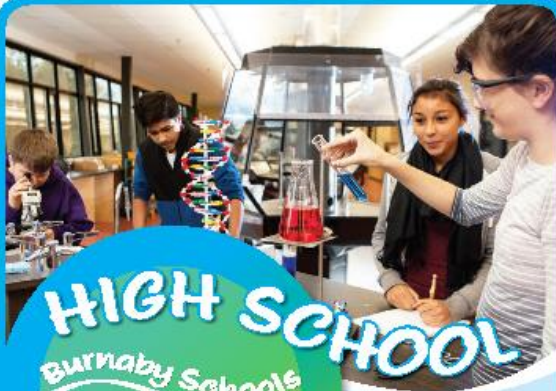
CROSS DISTRICT, OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND DISTRICT LANGUAGE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS:

- If you do not live in our catchment area and are applying to attend Montecito School, you **MUST** first register at your attendance area (catchment) school. A CROSS-DISTRICT application form must accompany the registration form and **MUST** be signed by the school principal at your catchment school. The catchment area school will then forward the applicable form(s) to the other appropriate school(s).
- Students living outside of Burnaby can apply to attend a Burnaby school by submitting an OUT-OF-DISTRICT form.
- All CROSS-DISTRICT and OUT-OF-DISTRICT applications submitted ON TIME will be reviewed by the school district and you will be notified of their decision by March 31. Applications submitted within the established timelines (Feb. 2 – 28) are considered first.
- DISTRICT LANGUAGE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS – please visit <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/> for information regarding District Language Program Options – all forms and procedures are available there.

STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE 8

- Current Grade 7 district students will automatically be registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides within Burnaby. Current Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-district or Out-of-district Transfer Application in order to be considered for admission to that secondary school. All forms and procedures can be downloaded from the Burnaby School District website <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/>

INFORMATION REGARDING OPEN HOUSE/INFO NIGHTS FOR PARENTS OF GR. 7 STUDENTS:



HIGH SCHOOL
Burnaby Schools
SO MANY REASONS TO BE PROUD

2018/19
Burnaby's Secondary Schools offer so many opportunities for students to be inspired to reach their potential.

Learning options include Career Education, French Immersion, Summit Programs, Sports Academies, BETA Mini-school for Highly Able Learners, AP courses, and the AP Capstone program. New programs for fall 2018 include a lacrosse academy, volleyball academy and three leading edge technology programs – all offered at Cariboo Hill.

Students going into grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend our Secondary School Open House Events. They provide an opportunity to tour the schools, meet the teachers and principals, and learn about optional programs, and course selection.
Event details are available on each school website.


Alpha	Wed, Jan 24	6pm	
Burnaby Central	Wed, Jan 17	6pm	7pm Gr. 9-12
Burnaby Mountain	Thurs, Feb 1	6pm	
Burnaby North	Tues, Jan 30	6pm	7pm Gr. 9-12
Burnaby South	Thurs, Jan 18	6pm	
Byrne Creek	Thurs, Feb 1	6pm	7pm Gr. 9-12
Cariboo Hill	Thurs, Jan 18	6pm	
Moscrop	Thurs, Jan 25	6:45pm	

Burnaby Online staff will be available at each event to discuss online learning options.

Our secondary schools offer a variety of Career Education options. Attend our info session to learn more.

Career Education Industry Training
INFO SESSION
Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30pm
Burnaby Central Secondary 6011 Deer Lake Parkway

Learn More:
BurnabySchools.ca



Secondary School Transition Information Evening for Parents/Guardians and Students in Grades 5, 6 & 7 with Learning Support Needs and/or Special Education Needs

Sessions at all Burnaby Secondary Schools
from January 17 through February 1

The Learning Support Services departments at each secondary school will be hosting sessions that will give students and parents/guardians an opportunity to hear about Burnaby School District practices for preparing students with exceptional learning needs for the transition from elementary school to secondary school. Parents/guardians will have an opportunity to meet with Learning Support Services Staff from each secondary school to get a better understanding of the programs and supports available, and hear about some of the transition activities and supports that are unique to each secondary school.

School	Date	Time	Place
Burnaby Central	January 17	6:30 – 7:00pm	Room A206
Cariboo Hill	January 18	6:00pm	Small Gym
Burnaby South	January 18	6:30pm	Room C103
Alpha	January 24	7:00 – 7:30pm	Room 211
Moscrop	January 25	6:15pm	Library
Burnaby North	January 30	7:00pm	Room 218
Byrne Creek	February 1	6:00pm	Atrium
Burnaby Mountain	February 1	6:30pm	Room 207

Please note that most of these info sessions begin following the larger grade 7 transition information evening.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR OUR MONTECITO FAMILIES!

TRAFFIC SAFETY

We are still having ongoing traffic issues and they are continuing to put your child's safety at risk... 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 when approaching and before proceeding at crosswalk areas. We now have some parents who are donating their time to help support our patrol. Thank-you! Drivers, please do your part to ensure safety for all!

This is also a reminder that the school parking lot is for staff only. Please do not drop off students or pick them up in the staff parking lot. Thanks!



CUTLERY ISSUES

Numerous students have been forgetting to bring cutlery such as forks and spoons to school. Please pack a spare fork and/or spoon in your child's lunch kit or backpack so that they always have the cutlery they need.

Please respect the instruction times of students as much as possible and **DELIVER LUNCHES, ETC. TO THE OFFICE.**

SCHOOL FEES PAYABLE ON-LINE (SchoolCash Online)!

We have seen an increased number of *Unsuccessful Payments*, due to *Invalid/Incorrect Account Numbers* being entered. Please double check your entries before submitting payments or consider using the *My Wallet* option in SchoolCash.

As of today 81.01%, that is 209 out of 258 students, have been registered and their families are using SchoolCash Online. 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. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH TO SCHOOL.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE & PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION

If you have a change of address, please provide the following original documents to the office so that photocopies can be made to update your child's file.

Proof of residence of the parent or guardian and student. This must include two items, at least one being from Category A below:

- *Category A:* proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident
- *Category B:* BC Hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's licence, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COLDS AND FLU

The best way to prevent the spread of germs is to **WASH YOUR HANDS** and keep germs away!!

The UBC Department of Pharmacy suggests:

The BEST TIME to wash your hands is:

- 🍃 Before eating or touching food
- 🍃 After using the bathroom
- 🍃 After blowing your nose or coughing
- 🍃 After touching pets or other animals
- 🍃 After playing outside
- 🍃 After visiting a sick relative or friend





PAC NEWS

FUN Pancake Breakfast & Santa Photos

Thank you to the 50+ parents who helped during the pancake breakfast. It was a lot of fun with special appearances from Santa and Olaf! Special thanks to Dave Holisky and Teresa Lee for taking lead roles during the planning process. Also a big thank you to Traci Rego and Kristi Turner for running the Santa photo session! We raised approximately \$220 for Montecito families in need.

February 6 - Coffee Chat with the Principal

Join us for a coffee chat on Tues. Feb. 6 from 9:00-10:00 in the library with the principal and a PAC executive member. This is an opportunity for parents who are unable to attend evening PAC meetings, and to learn more about what's happening at the school, hear highlights of past or upcoming PAC meetings and ask questions. This is an informal meeting, so come and drop in.

February 6 - Drug Awareness Information Session

Register for this free parent information session on Tues. Feb. 6 from 7:00-8:30pm. Our presenters will provide an overview of the drugs that are prevalent in today's society, strategies on how to keep your kids safe, and a question/answer period at the end. Free babysitting is provided upon request. RSVP your attendance and babysitting requests to Montecito School at [604-296-9023](tel:604-296-9023) or rae.shuster@sd41.ca.

February 23 - Family Games Night

The 3rd Annual Family Games Night is coming. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun as you work together to solve creative problems similar to those in Odyssey of the Mind. This is a fundraiser to support our Odyssey team(s) that win the opportunity to attend World Finals. Look for the notice in early February.

March 9 - Pub Night

Save the date for our pub night at Lougheed Village Bar & Grill. This fundraiser will support our grade 7's year-end camp/activity. Stay tuned for more details.

Multicultural Planning Meeting & Call for Activity Stations

Multicultural Day is set for **Thursday, May 31 from 9:00-2:10**. On this day, students will have an opportunity to travel to different activity stations that represent various countries from around the world. The activity stations are run by parent volunteers and community groups. The planning committee will meet once a month in the evenings. If you are interested to be part of the planning team please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>

We are looking for station activity ideas. If you have a fun activity, craft or game idea that is representative of your cultural heritage and you would like to share it with our students and staff at the school, please contact Susan at pacmontecito@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a number of events between now and the end of June. We need volunteers to help make these events happen. The events are posted online at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>, please sign up for a position.

Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is **Thursday, February 15** in the library at 7:00pm. The next few meetings will be focused on updating our PAC Constitution and Bylaws. If you would like to be involved in the updates, please attend.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Burnaby School District Communications Department has put together a newsletter of some important District information and some unique community opportunities too! [CLICK HERE](#) to view this newsletter.



Burnaby has everything you need for Spring Break!

Our camps have an excellent reputation, and our program leaders are chosen for their valuable experience, abilities and dedication. Leaders are trained in first aid, accident prevention and emergency procedures. Your child's safety is our priority. We are committed to ensuring a safe and fun experiences for your child.

For more information on the City of Burnaby's Spring Break Camps, visit www.burnaby.ca/camps

BALLOHOLICS YOUTH BASKETBALL

Balloholics provides classes for students in a fun environment from 5 years old to grade 9 in a year round program. Our coaches are trained and students learn the FUNdamentals of basketball in a modified games format. Classes are located throughout Burnaby in elementary and secondary schools. The program is designed to follow the LTAD model for sport in Canada.

Registration for the Winter Session of Balloholics youth basketball has begun. We look forward to the many new faces we see have registered so far. Please check the website for further details and to register: <http://www.balloholic.com/programs/winter-session/> or email info@balloholic.com

Family Day February 12, 2018
burnaby.ca/familyday



Celebrate togetherness and be Active!

The Winter Festival at the Bill Copeland is a new event as part of Burnaby's Family Day activities or come join us at other city facilities for skating, swimming, Zumba®, visual arts and more. Find out more »

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



FEBRUARY 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Munch-a-Lunch today Hip Hop Dance 3:30 – Girls' Basketball game @ home	2 1:30 – Hip Hop Whole School Presentation – Parents Welcome!	3
4	5	6 Div. 4, 5 & 6 to Science Centre – all day 9:00 – 10:00 – PAC Coffee Chat (All Parents Welcome) 3:30 – Boys' Basketball game @ home 7:00 – 8:30 – PAC Drug Awareness Presentation	7 Popcorn Day today 	8 9:50 – 10:50 – Burnaby North Counsellor visits Gr. 7's 3:30 – Girls' Basketball game @ Sperling	9	10
11	12 FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL TODAY	13 3:30 – Boys' Basketball game @ Lochdale	14 RED or PINK Spirit Day Happy Valentine's Day 	15 Munch-a-Lunch 3:30 – Girls' Basketball Game @ home 7:00 – PAC Meeting	16 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY	17
18	19 Ski Program # 1 – (Gr. 6/7) to Mount Seymour Mtn.	20 9:00 – Young People's Concert #3 3:30 – Boys' Basketball Recreational Playday @ Burnaby Mountain	21 Golf Program (Div. 1- 5) PAC Treat Day @ lunchtime	22 3:30 – Girls' Basketball Recreational Playday @ Burnaby Mountain	23 6:00 – 8:30 - PAC Family Games Night	24
25	26 Ski Program # 2 – (Gr. 6/7) to Mount Seymour Mtn.	27 11:00 - COLA	28 Div. 10 & 11 to Science World 1:00 – Choir to Swedish Residence			

