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Sept. 5, 2017 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 attend school from 9:00-9:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. Regular school hours will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 6th. Please help your child/children arrive on time.

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	3:00

We have an exciting first week planned with a focus on helping Montecito's school community thrive on kindness to ourselves, others and this place. Students will be engaged in activities with a theme titled **Make a Difference!** Students will start and end each day with their last year's teacher and spend time each day in Grades 1-3 or Grades 4-7 groupings. They will travel in these groups to various stations. On Friday, Sept. 8th at 11:15 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!

Classroom assignments for first week:

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

LAST YEAR'S CLASSES	WHERE TO TAKE STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK
Div. 11 – Ms. Peter's (T), Mrs. Fraser (W-F)	Room 2 Tuesday Room 3 (Old Music Room rest of week)
Div. 10 – Mrs. Chin (T), Mrs. Kumar (W-F)	Modular classroom
Div. 9 – Ms. Quan	Room 1
Div. 8 – Mrs. Manners (T,W), Mrs. Leroux (Th, F)	Room 12
Div. 7 – Mrs. Nicoll (T, W, F), Mrs. Manners (Th)	Room 13
Div. 6 – Mr. Houghland (LAST YEAR – MR. GOMEZ)	Room 14
Div. 5 – Mrs. Vaughan	Room 15
Div. 4 – Mrs. Mann (LAST YEAR – MS. CHENG)	Room 16
Div. 3 – Ms. Copeland (T,W,F), Ms. Lloyd (Th) (LAST YEAR-MR. HO)	Room 17
Div. 1 & 2 – Mr. Singer & (LAST YEAR – MS. CARSON)	Room 10

**Div. 1-7 room locations have changed...
Maps are posted at the school to show the new room locations.**

Addition and Seismic Upgrade Update:

We are incredibly excited to be in our new, safe, bright building! You will notice some physical changes, such as a freshly paved parking lot, a different entryway, many upgrades such as new windows, flooring, paint, siding, additional washrooms, and a brand new library, music room, computer lab and three additional classrooms. The list of work done is exhaustive to ensure a seismically safe and functional building, these are only a few of the visible highlights! The three old portables have been removed from the property and we now have space in the building for all classes except for Mrs. Chin's class, who will remain in the Modular. In the next month or so we will have a fully functioning library and a furnished computer lab. Yahoo! The school is coming together although there will still be work to finish before the project is completely done. We are very thankful to Jarret Scott and his Unitech crew for working so hard on this construction, especially over the summer, and helping us settle back into our rooms. Many staff have new classroom spaces this year and they have been working incredibly hard setting up their rooms. I appreciate their positive attitudes, dedication and hard work. When the project is completely done, we will have a celebration...stay tuned!

WORKING TOGETHER:

I am thrilled to be back at Montecito for my second year! I was extremely proud of the work we accomplished in so many areas, specifically social emotional learning, on our school writing and connectedness goals, and with the redesigned curriculum last year. I look forward to continuing the learning with staff and students this school year.

It is an honour to work in a school with a very supportive and caring community of PAC executive members, parents, grandparents and other community members. As a team we can accomplish a lot, have fun, and truly **make a difference** for the students at Montecito! I look forward to working with you all this year, my door is always open if you have a concern, question, compliment or great idea to share.

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

- **Mr. Matthew Houghland** will be a primary/intermediate teacher. He has worked as an Aboriginal support teacher and an Advanced Learning helping teacher for the district over the past couple of years. We look forward to having him on staff.
- **Mrs. Marian Mann** will be an intermediate teacher. She is coming with a wealth of experience from Cascade Heights School, where she taught for the past decade. We are thrilled to have her join our team!
- **Ms. Elly Pour** is an Educational Assistant (EA) joining the Montecito team. She has worked in a few different schools over the past few years and we welcome her experience at Montecito.
- **Ms. Teresa Lavorato** will be our new Noon Hour Supervisor. She has worked as a noon hour supervisor and crossing guard in the district for years and is excited to come to Montecito.

Mark your calendar! September Dates to Remember ...

Sept. 8th	Celebration of Learning Assembly at 11:15
Sept. 14th	PAC meeting at 7:00 in Library...all parents welcome to attend
Sept. 19th – Sept. 21st	Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 19th	Grade 7 Band 1 st lesson and rental night
Sept. 20th	Parents as Partners Conferences 2:15 – 4:30 *** early dismissal at 2:00
Sept. 21st	Parents as Partners Conferences 3:15 – 6:30
Sept. 22nd	Professional Development Day: staff are learning - students do not attend school
Sept. 25th	COLA (Celebration of Learning Assembly) 1:30
Sept. 28th	Terry Fox Run 1:00
Sept. 29th	Orange Shirt Day (Every child matters...Aboriginal reconciliation focus)