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

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday filled with lots of special family time!

From ALL of us at Montecito School.



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 Elly Pour
 Monique MacLean
 Charlotte Blight

WARM THANKS!

Numerous students have been making a difference by caring and showing kindness to others this month. We would like to recognize a few people for their outstanding contributions.

- An enormous thanks to Aiden F. for spearheading the 2nd Montecito toy drive. Thanks also, to all the students and families who contributed gifts. There were 60 toys donated and \$100 cash. These donations go a long way to helping bring joy to some of our own needy families and the Burnaby Christmas Bureau.
- Another huge thank-you to the following students and Ms. Foy for planning a food drive to help fill hampers for some of our families and provide donations to the food bank: Michelle L., Richard L., Kayla S., Alex M., Nadja K., Natasha P., Saaya R., and Alessia V.
- Thanks, as well, to Mrs. Rego and Starbucks on Holdom for donating hot chocolate in December. Safety patrol, various school monitors and Pal Patrol members were recognized with a delicious cup of hot chocolate for their time and dedication to helping ensure students are safe and cared for at Montecito!
- A huge shout out to all the parents who helped with planning, organizing and helping out at the gingerbread house making event! It was a lot of fun and we couldn't have done it without you!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Friday, December 22nd

9:00 – 9:40 am Breakfast Seating will be:

Divisions: 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11

9:50 – 10:30 am Breakfast Seating will be:

Divisions: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8



PICTURES WITH SANTA – 11:00 – 2:00 in the Library

- Bring your Toonie for a picture or pay on SchoolCash Online!

WINTER CONCERT

Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer

Tuesday, December 19

Shows at: 1:30 & 6:30 pm

Doors open respectively at: 1:00 & 6:00 pm

ALL CAST & CREW MEMBERS PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:00 P.M.

**ALL OTHER STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE TO THEIR CLASSROOM
BY 6:15 P.M.**

Please remember to bring your tickets! Mrs. Kimmie will be welcoming you at the door to collect them! There are still tickets available at the office. Anyone without tickets will be seated last.

Please READ the reminder to the right,
regarding videos or photographs.

Thank you for your cooperation!



School Performance Notice

PLEASE REMEMBER:

For the safety of our students, any photos or video taken during a school event or performance that include children other than your child, should not be posted on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or any other social media site.

You are welcome to take videos or photographs for your personal enjoyment.



STAFFING CHANGES

We wish all the best to Ms. Alex Peters as she takes a maternity leave. We are thankful to have Mrs. Fraser step in for the month of December since Ms. Peters had to go off on an early leave. In January, we welcome Ms. Katrina Torres who is excited about joining the Montecito staff and teaching kindergarten.

After 3½ years, we unfortunately say good-bye to Mr. Pascual, our daytime custodian. The district is changing the custodial model and Montecito's daytime custodian will begin at 10:00 am starting in January. Mr. Pascual is heading to University Highlands School so that he can continue to get up early with the birds and start a 6:45 a.m. shift. We will miss him! Mr. Ash Ram will be returning back to Montecito as our new daytime custodian from 10-6:30 each day, and our evening custodian is yet to be determined but will work from 5-11 p.m.

In addition, we welcome Ms. Monique MacLean and Ms. Aamina Bhatti, two EAs joining our Montecito team. Ms. MacLean is here half time and spends the other part of her day at Lochdale. Ms. Bhatti starts on Dec. 18th and is filling in for Ms. Poldner until she returns from her leave.

REPORT CARDS

Our students have now completed Term 1 and on December 20th they will be bringing home their report cards. Please remember that your child's report card is a snapshot of his/her learning and provides an opportunity to discuss and celebrate accomplishments as well as assist in setting new goals for the next term. As you sit down and read the report card with your child, you may want to ask the following questions:

- What did you enjoy learning the most?
- What are you proud of accomplishing this past term?
- What are your goals for next term?
- What can we do at home to help you accomplish your goals?

The report card discussion you have with your child helps to support him/her, to discover and encourage passions, and empower him/her to be the best they can be! Thank-you for sharing in your child's learning.

MONITORS OF THE MONTH

DANIEL LIN:

MS. LLOYD SAYS: Daniel is a conscientious and committed patrol member. He shows up for his shift on time every week, and volunteers often to help fill in for people who can't make it or don't show up. He is responsible at the crosswalk, ensuring the safety of others is his top focus. Thank you, Daniel, for being such a great patrol member.

AZIZ HAMID:

MRS. MANNERS SAYS: Aziz has been an excellent classroom monitor. He circulates the room while supervising. He reminds students of the lunchtime expectations in a firm, but kind way. It has been a pleasure having him as a monitor as I know the students are well cared for. Thank you, Aziz, for contributing to our school in such a positive way!



THANK YOU! Many thanks to all the parents who helped during the Gingerbread House making event on Dec. 8. We had more than 50 volunteers helping throughout the day. We couldn't do this without your support. Special thanks to Connie Hosie for taking the lead and coordinating this event with staff.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SANTA PHOTOS - DECEMBER 22: Our annual pancake breakfast is almost here. Thank you to all parents who have already signed up to help out. We are looking forward to another fun festive morning. Many thanks to our community business sponsors including: Super Valu - Greystone, Safeway - Kensington, Superstore - Metrotown, Starbucks - Holdom, White Spot - Kensington, Costco - Willingdon and Save On Foods - Madison. We wouldn't be able to have this event without their generous donations. Please thank them the next time you visit their business.

- **Santa Photos** will be taken from 11-2 after breakfast. Cost is \$2 per photo. Money from this event will be used to cover the cost of printing and the remaining amount will be donated to Montecito families in need. Students are welcome to take individual or group photos.

2018 ACTIVITIES: The volunteer sign up for 2018 PAC events are now available for sign up. Visit <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> and sign up for an activity.

NEXT PAC MEETING: The next PAC meeting is Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 pm in the library.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: The PAC executive wish all Montecito families and staff a merry Christmas. May you all have a safe and joyful holiday season. It's been a great school year so far and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

KNITTING CLUB: Looking for something fun to do on a Tuesday afternoon? Knitting club is taking place Tuesdays at 12:25 in Ms. Foy's room and has been especially busy on rainy days. Any extra volunteers would be fantastic!

GREEN TEAM: Green Team Bottle Drive: Winter Festivities are here and it is time for our **1st bottle drive of the year** at Montecito. These funds support our school in various ways including our Green Team's efforts to provide recycling bins and a water bottle refill station. Pick-up your package following the Winter Concert at the School.

AIDAN'S TOY DRIVE: Thanks to your generosity, we are able to brighten the holidays for many local children!!! We collected 60 toys and games, plus \$100 and delivered it all to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau on Friday, December 8th.

MUNCH-A-LUNCH AND POP UP SNACK DAYS: Hot lunch will be once every two weeks again next year. Mark your calendar for these hot lunch dates: Jan 19, Feb 1, 15, Mar 2, 16, Apr 13, 27, May 11, 25, Jun 8 and 22. Hot lunch menu will be set and open for ordering before the Christmas break so stay tuned. Treat day dates will be announced in January. Kindly note that the lunch order cutoff date is 5 days prior to the actual lunch date.

Please visit
(Scroll down to *Upcoming Events*) for the
most up-to-date information.



JANUARY 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 First Day Back	9	10 Pop-Up Snack Day – Popcorn	11	12 School Wide Skate 9:15-10:30 (Div. 2,5,6,7,10) 10:00 – 11:15 – (Div. 1,3,4,8,9,11)	13
14	15	16 Gr. K-7 Art Starts Program – Teddy Anderson (Hoop Dancing) 3:30 – Boys’ Basketball game	17	18 3:30 – Girls’ Basketball game 7:00 – PAC Meeting	19 Munch-a-Lunch Today 9:30 – COLA – Literacy Week Kick off	20
21	22	23 3:30 – Boys’ Basketball game	24 a.m. - Young People’s Concert #2 (Gr. 4-7)	25 3:30 – Girls’ Basketball game	26 1:30 – Literacy Week Wrap-up Assembly	27
28	29 Hip Hop Dance	30 Hip Hop Dance 3:30 – Boys’ Basketball game	31 Hip Hop Dance	Feb. 1 Munch-a-Lunch Hip Hop Dance	Feb. 2 1:30 – Hip Hop Whole School Performance – Parents Welcome!	