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| <b>Principal:</b>    | Heather Kimmie | <b>NEWSLETTER #3</b>    | <b>Secretary:</b> | Rae Shuster      |
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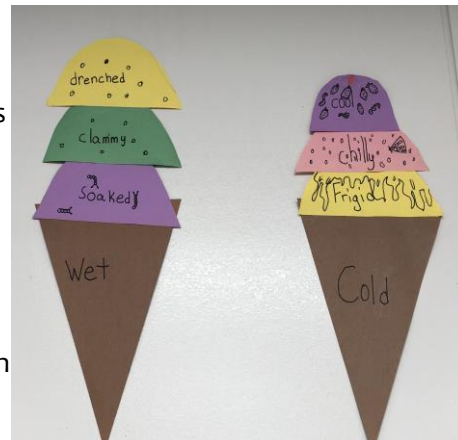
**School motto: Kindness to Ourselves, Kindness to Others and Kindness to This Place**

## LEARNING AND GROWING AT MONTECITO

Not only have the Montecito students been busy learning during the past month, but the staff have been engaged in rich learning activities as well. On our recent Professional Days, we have attended numerous and varied conferences, deepened our understanding of the curriculum, explored making learning visible through assessment and reporting practices, and focused on our two school goals and ways to support continued growth in 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.

What is a way we are trying to improve student writing? An example of a strategy students in Div. 4 have been using to develop rich language, is incorporating 'triple scoop words' in their writing. Using interesting word choices helps to convey ideas and meaning more effectively than using basic words, and also keeps readers engaged. Students have brainstormed synonyms for some simple words then posted these 'triple scoop words' around the room for future reference. The students have also been learning how to use a thesaurus to help expand their word choices. I have been asked how parents can help improve student writing. One idea could be playing a game taking turns brainstorming synonyms for basic words when sitting around the dinner table or when driving in the car. Sad – unhappy- gloomy- miserable- glum – heartbroken... How many words can you come up with?



Last year, with explicit teaching and supports, we showed significant growth in writing and connectedness in our target groups of children. However, we still have work to do on these goals, particularly in increasing peer to peer connectedness and improving writing. More specific information about what we are doing to support our school goals and tips for parents will come in future newsletters.

You may have noticed our amazing new outdoor learning space as well as our new table and benches. The City of Burnaby paid 1/3 of the \$12,000.00 cost of our beautifully crafted river rocks and our PAC generously contributed the other 2/3 of the project costs. Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you! Teachers and students are excited about exploring the new spaces and taking their learning outdoors. I am confident that the areas will get well used by students and staff in the months and years to come.



Respectfully,  
Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal

## HALLOWE'EN AT MONTECITO

Hallowe'en is just around the corner and we want to remind students to be safe. We will be reviewing 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.



**NOTE THE TIME CHANGE:** We will be having a Hallowe'en Parade/Assembly on **Wednesday, Oct. 31st at 9:30 a.m.** Please come and join us in the gym for the costume parade and other fun presentations!

## 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.

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 states:** Fireworks may ONLY be set off or discharged on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, on private property with the consent of the owner of the property. (No fireworks shall be set off or discharged on public property without a permit from the Fire Chief).
- **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:

<https://www.burnaby.ca/Assets/city+services/Fire+Department/Fireworks+-+Halloween+Info.pdf>

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

This year in honour of Orange Shirt Day on September 30th, the students at Montecito learned about the origin and purpose behind the day by reading "The Orange Shirt Story" by Phyllis Webstad, the founder of Orange Shirt Day. After reading the story, each class discussed ways they can help ensure all students feel safe and happy at school. These ideas were then written on orange shirts and signed by each student in the class. Currently our shirts are hanging outside the office together to show our respect for residential school survivors and their families. In November, the shirts will be returned to the classes that created them to be displayed as a constant reminder that every child matters.



## CROSS COUNTRY

This year's Cross Country Team at Montecito really showcased the positive impact school athletics can have on building community. The commitment and positivity that our athletes demonstrated was a positive reflection of how wonderful the student athletes at Montecito are. We had many grade 4 students signed up to join our grade 5 and 6 team veterans. All team members showed great dedication by attending practices and all the meets. Way to go Mustangs!

Coaches, Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Chin



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| Nicolas C. | Finley D. | Avery F.  | Kaitlyn R. | Melissa S. | Max W.   |
| Jawad A.   | Jimmy C.  | Kamran D. | Ali G.     | Layla J.   | Lucas L. |
| Bianca M.  | Jeff N.   | Drew S.   | Felicia G. | Nadja K.   |          |

A special thank-you to our coaches – Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Chin – for their dedication and encouragement. Thanks, also, to our parent drivers. We couldn't attend the meets without your support.

## THANK YOU AND A FEW REMINDERS....

At the beginning of each year we have many important forms to be completed. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in getting them back to us in such a timely manner.

We would like to remind families of the following items:

- Please remember to sign permission forms. If your child is assisting you in completing these forms, please make sure you have also read them before signing and dating these forms.
- When you send cheque payments, please put your child's name and division number on the cheque.

## SCHOOL FEES PAYABLE THROUGH SCHOOLCASH ON-LINE!

**MONTECITO IS ONLY ACCEPTING SCHOOLCASH ONLINE OR CHEQUES FOR PAYMENTS THIS YEAR. We now have 86.48% of our families signed up and using SchoolCash Online.**

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.

**FOR DETAILED STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS,** please visit our website <http://montecito.burnabyschools.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 the direct link on the school 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.

### REMINDER:

**School starts @ 10:00 am  
on  
Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### LOST & FOUND ITEMS:

**ALL ITEMS CURRENTLY IN THE LOST AND FOUND WILL BE  
DISPLAYED ON TABLES IN THE OFFICE HALLWAY  
TOMORROW THROUGH OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.  
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK.**

The lost and found box is located outside Room 3.

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

### TOONIES FOR TERRY FOX... exciting update!

A huge appreciation to all of our students and their families who contributed and supported our school during this worthwhile campaign in September. Our school's goal was to raise \$500.00 towards the Terry Fox Foundation and this year we exceeded our target... we collected \$616.40!! We would like to mention that the Montecito community has made a real difference with all of your generous efforts! Thank you!

### WESTCOAST RECESS & LUNCH

Students will be heading outside for fresh air at recess and lunch even when it is raining. Please make sure your child dresses properly for the wet weather (waterproof boots and jackets, umbrella) and has a dry change of clothes and footwear at school.



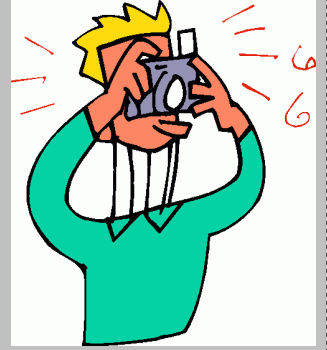


**PHOTO PROOFS** from Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> were sent home this week. If you wish to order, please return your envelope to the school no later than Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. After this deadline, you will need to contact Mountain West Studios directly and your order will be subject to a \$10.00 Handling Fee.

## **PHOTO RETAKES** – take place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

### **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 should 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 14<sup>th</sup>.



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 will need to contact Mountain West Studios directly and your order would be subject to a \$10.00 Handling Fee.

## **STUDENT SAFETY**

Please continue to be mindful and follow all traffic rules to ensure safety for our patrol members and all students.

### **LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:**

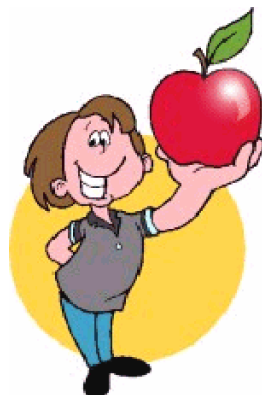
Students **MAY NOT** leave the school grounds without teacher permission except to go home for lunch, IF parents have given written permission. If it is necessary for us to send students home during the day, we will call to check with parents. Students **MAY NOT** go home alone.

### **LUNCHES**

Students who do stay for lunch are expected to behave acceptably. Students who are repeatedly unable to show socially responsible behavior 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 items in garbage cans/recycling bins and clean up desk area
5. Visit washrooms
6. Walk outside after the bell
7. Stay in bounds and play in a safe and socially acceptable manner on the fields or playground





### **THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT**

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual direct donation drive and participated at our Bingo Night. We raised approximately \$5,320 through direct donations and \$970 for Bingo Night. These funds will be used to support PAC's annual budget items and help purchase items from the staff wish list. Kudos to Andrew & Sandi Lin for coordinating a fun Bingo Night and to Brian Calvert for being an awesome Bingo caller! Thank you to our community businesses who donated prizes for our Bingo Night: White Spot (Kensington), Cockney Kings Fish & Chips (Kensington), Cobs Breads (Kensington), Fresh Slice (Hastings & Nanaimo), and London Drugs (Brentwood).

### **BABYSITTING / STAY SAFE RED CROSS CERTIFICATION**

Friday November 23rd @ Montecito Elementary  
\$60/\$50, Ages 9 - 13, pre-registration required by November 16th  
Contact Miriam at 604-313-5121 or [fitteremiriam@gmail.com](mailto:fitteremiriam@gmail.com) for more info.  
Sign-up sheets available by the office.

### **FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM**

We are always looking for volunteers to help deliver fresh produce to the classrooms. From 9-10am on Wednesdays, we meet in the gym kitchen.  
Next dates are: Oct 31- pears; Nov 21- carrots; Dec 5- mandarins

### **PURDY'S/NEUFELD FUNDRAISER**

It's that time again for Neufeld and Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser! Holidays are fast approaching and Montecito is proud to bring back our popular 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 16th.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Our children will be participating in gingerbread house making on Dec. 7. We need a parent to help coordinate the event with the school and parents to help throughout the day. No architectural experience is needed. It's a fun day for students as they create and decorate their houses.  
Pancake Breakfast is Dec 21 and we need help with food prep, cooking and serving food.  
To volunteer at these events, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>





**Div. 8 students shared and expressed their gratitude during Thanksgiving in October. Here are some heartfelt examples:**

I am grateful for Faye because she is in grade ten in high school. I am very proud of her (she does not even care ha ha!) and I am also grateful for my mom. She has been working very very hard.

**Louis M.**

I'm grateful for my family because they keep me safe. I'm also grateful for my puppy because she plays with me and makes me smile. And lastly, I'm grateful for my imagination because it makes me creative.

**Hannah G.**

I'm grateful for family because they take care of me.

**Sebastian T.**

I'm grateful for my mom because she makes yummy food for my lunch.

**Levi A.**

I'm grateful for my mom because she is special to me. I'm also grateful for my dad because he's special to me.

**Kiev L.**

I'm grateful for my daddy because he makes me laugh and I think dad is a good cook.

**Cooper B.**

I'm grateful for school because I learn things that I didn't know.

**Juandiego B.**

I'm grateful for my baby brother because he is very funny when he laughs.

**Marianne C.**

## **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 5, 2018**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_


Address \_\_\_\_\_



Lest We Forget.

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

# November 2018

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| 4    | 5<br>2:30 – Reading in the Dark<br>in the gym                                                                                                     | 6<br>3:30 – Boys’ Volleyball<br>game @ Sperling                                             | 7                                                           | 8<br>11:00 am – Remembrance<br>Day Assembly<br>3:30 – Girls’ Volleyball<br>game @ home | 9                                                                   | 10   |
| 11   | 12<br><b>Remembrance Day<br/>Holiday – No School today</b><br> | 13<br>3:30 – Boys’ Volleyball<br>game @ home                                                | 14<br><b>PHOTO RETAKES TODAY</b><br>Pizza & Treat Day today | 15<br>3:30 – Girls’ Volleyball<br>game @ Parkcrest                                     | 16                                                                  | 17   |
| 18   | 19                                                                                                                                                | 20<br>Boys’ Volleyball Playday<br>1:15 – ArtStarts<br>presentation Dancer of<br>Damelahamid | 21                                                          | 22<br>Girls’ Volleyball Playday<br>7:00 – PAC Meeting                                  | 23<br><b>Non-Instructional Day –<br/>STUDENTS DO NOT<br/>ATTEND</b> | 24   |
| 25   | 26                                                                                                                                                | 27                                                                                          | 28<br>Pizza & Treat Day today                               | 29                                                                                     | 30                                                                  |      |