



Elementary School

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November 29, 2018

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

It has been a very busy November at Montecito. We said good-bye to our Office Support Clerk, Ms. Lawler, who accepted a secretarial position at Rosser School. We have also welcomed a few new staff members:

- * Danny Carrasco – daytime custodian 10:00-6:30
- * Christina Merwin – extra support 1½ days per week (Tuesdays all day and Thursday mornings)
- * Sue Goss – office support clerk (Tuesday and Thursday mornings)
- * Laura Qin – district TTOC who will come as additional extra support if not called out on assignment

Alongside the learning taking place in classes, students on the Grade 6/7 Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams have enjoyed their practices and games, and have shown much improvement in skill development throughout the course of the season. Most of all they have had fun and learned what it takes to be a good sport and work as a team. A very special thanks to Ms. Quan, Ms. Kassam and Mrs. Mann who have dedicated numerous mornings, lunch hours and after school times to coaching! Thanks, also, to all the parents who supported our students through driving and cheering on the teams at the games. In January, Grade 6/7 students will have the opportunity to join the school basketball teams.

Are you and your children in the giving spirit? We will be holding the toy drive again this year. Toys donated to school will go to hampers for some of our families and any extra toys will be donated to the Christmas Bureau. If you would like to buy something specific, you can grab an angel from the Christmas tree in the lobby, which gives the age of a child we are looking for toys for. Please return this tag with the donated gift. Otherwise, you can just donate what works for you. Please have all donated toys delivered to the office by December 14th. Thanks, in advance for your kindness and generosity.

It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks, we will be celebrating the Winter Break with our families and friends. Our students have almost completed Term 1 and on December 19th 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 and the next steps to achieving your goals?
- * 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 child they can be! Thank-you for sharing in your child's learning.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal



TWEET TWEET...

Did you know that Montecito now has a twitter account? If you want to check out some exciting learning and event information throughout the year, please follow us at @montecitoSD41



WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Carols From Around the World

Tuesday, December 18 - Shows at: 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

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

STUDENTS are asked to wear:

Black, white, green and red clothing
(Santa hats & reindeer antlers are okay but not required)



Ticket Request Forms go home Nov. 29th and are due back Wed. Dec. 5th

Tickets will be issued Fri. Dec. 7th.

Extra tickets will be available at the office on Tuesday, December 11th
starting @ 9:00 on a first come, first serve basis.

PARENTS are asked to bring their tickets to the concert and
we will be collecting a monetary donation at the door to help with Christmas Hampers

OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS:

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

Wednesday, December 19 - Choir sings @ Lougheed Mall @ 1:00 p.m.

BAND CONCERTS:

What: "Squeak and Squawk" / meet the teacher concerts

Dates: Monday, December 10th @ Nelson Elementary – 4850 Irmin Street

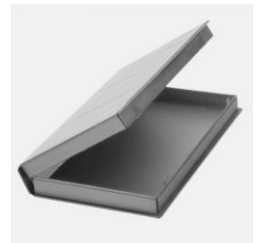
Tuesday, December 11th @ École Seaforth Elementary – 7881 Government Street

Time: 6:15 p.m. arrival, 6:30 p.m. concert (until approximately 7:00 p.m.)

LIBRARY

Ms. Field, our librarian, would like to see if anyone has any VHS tape cases they could donate to the library - any colour will do!

If you are able to donate, please have your child take them to the library. Thank you!!



STEM 2018



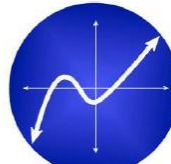
Science



Technology



Engineering



Mathematics

Not long ago, I had the exceptional opportunity to attend a STEM workshop, alongside a few of my peers. We traveled to Cariboo Hill Secondary School for the day, filled of educational learning. For me personally, I felt the program was immensely beneficial to all of the attendees, as it taught us several skills that we wouldn't have learned anywhere else. For one, we were exposed to various fields that women didn't usually take interest in and had the opportunity to interact with individuals who work in STEM fields. They spoke with us on topics such as, "Why we should have more female involvement in STEM fields" and "How does this impact our society?", and we were all quite fascinated by this. We also shortly learned about how drastic the lack of women in STEM fields truly is, and instantly realized that this issue was quite severe. From then on, we began to start conversing this issue and came to a straightforward conclusion that, attracting more women in STEM related fields will not only maximize the innovation, creativity and competitiveness but will also change the statistic difference. I think I can say on behalf of the attendees of STEM 2018, thank you.

By Alisha D. (Gr. 7)

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.burnabyschools.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.



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.

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

On a Snowy Day:

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



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

DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about writing a story or poem for this year's Words Writing Project.

It might be chosen to be printed in the 2018-19 Words Anthology! Open to all grades K-12. Submissions can be written in French or English.

Submit your written work to your teacher by February 15, 2019.

LEARN MORE: www.burnabyschools.ca



Inspired by the picture book, *What Does Peace Feel Like?*, Division Four used all of their senses to see, hear, smell, feel and taste what peace means to them. Students have been learning how to add detail in their writing to create imagery and allow the reader to sense everything they are!

Peace

Peace looks like beautiful poppies blowing in the wind.

Peace sounds like the soothing waves of the ocean.

Peace smells like the summer breeze by the ocean.

Peace feels like my mom and dad giving me a hug.

Peace tastes like freshly baked cookies.

By Isabel S.

Peace Is....

Peace looks like the bright, yellow beautiful sun shining on the pretty blue ocean.

Peace sounds like quiet and calm music as you relax on your bed.

Peace smells like lavender spray spreading in the room.

Peace feels like cold water running from a river.

Peace tastes like your favourite food getting put into your mouth.

By Kamran D.

Mrs. Chin and Mrs. Copeland/Mrs. Cook's classes worked on a poster about Peace. The children worked together with their buddies and came up with some writing for their poster. "Peace begins with love..."

Peace begins with love... Peace begins with sharing candy. Peace begins with being in the green zone, ready to learn. Peace begins with helping your friend when they fall down. Peace begins with dancing. Peace begins with working together. Peace begins with no fighting. Peace is caring. Peace begins with standing up for someone. Peace begins with calming down. Peace begins with not being in the red zone. Peace begins with friends.

By Greta (Gr. 6) and Sophie (Kindergarten)

Peace begins with love... Peace begins with reading. Peace begins with friendship. Peace begins with ice cream. Peace begins with a good attitude. Peace begins with sleep. Peace begins with happiness. Peace begins with colour! Peace begins with smiling. Peace begins with reading. Peace begins with food. Peace begins with rainbows. Peace is listening. Peace begins with playing. Peace begins with love. Peace begins with laughing.

By Felicia (Gr. 6), Lily (Gr. 7) and Breanna (Kindergarten)

Peace begins with love... Peace begins with friends, pets, raisins, food, family, bagels, white cheese, lizard named Cervy, Atticus, Ernie

By Kimi (Gr. 6) and Sawyer (Gr. 1)

Peace begins with love... Peace is French Waffles with real whip cream, Peace is a dog named Sady. Peace is sun light. Peace is kindness. Peace is positivity. Peace is buddies and friends.

By Bowen (Gr. 6), Aiden (Gr. 6) and Atticus (Gr. 1)



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The following descriptive writing activity describes a baby and its' stuffy duct taped to a wall. Students in Mr. Singer's Grade 6/7 class were asked to use precise sensory words and phrases through devices such as similies, metaphors and imagery. Here is a sample of their Baby Descriptive Writing.



The Baby has a light pink shirt with short sleeves and pink pants/shorts and is taped to the wall with silver duct tape (56 straps) exactly. The duck is yellow with small eyes with an orange beak and feet. The baby has burgundy /blondish-golden hair, with blue-grayish eyes and peach-pink skin based on the photo lighting. Look closely because there's faint photo lines on the picture. The right hand is by her side while the left is on the duck. If you noticed, both her arms are at a 90 degree angle, well, the way her arms are positioned. She also has a small fluffy thin little ponytail on top of her head. There are two semi-circles while the orange-yellow semi-circle is on top of the red one. The baby is also chubby. The baby's hair is sticking up like static like Albert-Einstein! The baby is a girl. There is a diamond shape above the baby's head using duct tape. There is also a V shape holding the babies bottom for support. And the whole photo itself is a rectangle. The ducks' head is a squished deformed circle with a fluffy texture. The baby is smiling/not smiling with a half happy half grumpy expression. Beside the right leg of the baby, the duct shape is making an X sign. A sideways X sign.

By Andrea Y.

Imagine a world where everything was running ideally. Where your voice was always heard, where your views were always respected. Sadly, this is not our society. The abandoned toddler left duct taped, onto a wall. Supported by only insignificant amount of silver and harsh 2 by 10 duct tape. Envision this happening to yourself, being held captive, seeing the entire world ahead of you, yet you cannot take a single step, to move and go anywhere, this is just devastating. Being only left with a single toy, a yellow and orange flappy stuffed duck, who now becomes your dearest and closest friend. Clothed in only a thin t-shirt and sweatpants, the young lad must be freezing. Light blond hair up like an elf, hanged at the height, of only a bookshelf. A beautiful angel, being treated, as a devil, the abuse, is to another level. Skin gets redder, and redder, as more tension is drawn to the face, this family is just a disgrace, being only left stranded for a little while, will prevent, a single smile. Every moment that passes, every second you could be doing something beneficial with your life, rather, you are just lying there desperate and in need, and cries for help.

By Alisha D.

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). 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.

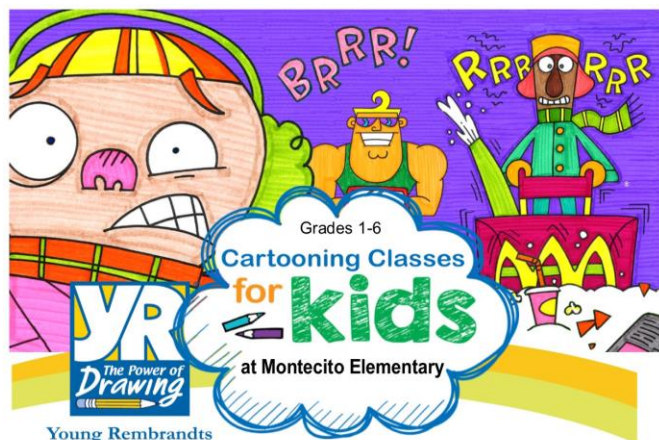
☀ VOLUNTEERS

If you are volunteering at the school, please check in at the office and sign in the book on the office counter.



Summit Dance for Grade 6 & 7 students at Lochdale Community School

6990 Aubrey Street Phone: (604) 296-9019
On Friday, December 7 from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.



Young Rembrandts

Learning to draw can be fun, especially when we create silly characters, funny expressions and drawing sequences that tell a joke! This winter season, our ALL NEW cartoon drawing lessons will stoke your child's artistic fire. This delightful program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humour and their vivid imaginations. Come Draw With Us! All NEW Lessons Every Session!



classes

Tuesdays | 3:05 - 4:15 p.m.
January 22 - March 12, 2019
Library



tuition

\$148 (tax & supplies included)
Pay all at once or in 2 payments



enrollment

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www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver

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YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies. Classes are held immediately after school.

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver - 604.448.8883

2019 INTRO TO LACROSSE!

PRESENTED BY BURNABY MINOR LACROSSE

Boys and Girls born anytime during 2009-2014 are invited to learn the basics of Lacrosse in 4 sessions for \$40.00. Pick Friday or Saturday morning sessions held at Edmonds Community School, 7651 18th Ave., Burnaby.

No Equipment needed

Lacrosse stick and soft ball provided

- Visit www.burnabylacrosse.com for session availability and registration link
- Register for Intro to Lacrosse and receive a \$10.00 discount off the 2019 Burnaby spring/summer box lacrosse season!

READING BUDDIES:

Information for Parents

What is Reading Buddies?

Reading Buddies is a reading program where teens and children are matched up for reading in a safe, fun and friendly environment. Younger children will gain practice reading with a caring teen mentors. Teens will develop leadership experience and community involvement. Each child will be matched with teens that like to read and have attended a training workshop provided by the library. Reading will take place in the children's area and the program room. Each session will be supervised by a librarian.

Please note: Reading Buddies is NOT a tutoring service. Our teen readers are neither trained nor expected to correct learning problems or teach children how to read.

Who are the Little Buddies?

Children who are in grade 2, 3, or 4. They must live in Burnaby or attend school in Burnaby. All reading levels welcome!

Is my child expected to attend all five sessions?

Yes! Children are expected to attend all five sessions.

This is a popular program. If you're not sure you will be in town during these weeks, please do not sign up and instead wait for another session in the coming months.

Who are the Big Buddies?

Burnaby teens who are in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12.

What will the Buddies do?

Teens will listen and encourage your child in their reading practice, and help select reading material appropriate to their interests and reading level. They will read for approximately 30 minutes and participate in activities together.

We will attempt to match one child with one teen, but there may be days where one teen will read with two children.

Where: McGill Branch, 4595 Albert Street

When: Tuesdays, February 12 to March 12

Time: 4:15 – 5:15 pm

QUESTIONS? Please contact the McGill Branch directly at 604-297-4599 for more information, or email Kathryn Lee at Kathryn.lee@bpl.bc.ca

You can also check for information at www.burnabyschools.ca/community

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Thank you

A big thanks to Cobs Breads - Kensington for donating \$200 to the school PAC! Through their in-store *Doughraiser* program, they were able to donate a percentage of their profits back to our school. When you purchase baked goods from them, make sure you mention Montecito Elementary to the cashier so that money will be donated back to our school.

Family Games/Odyssey Night Fundraiser - February 15

For the past three 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're available to lead this event, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> or contact pacmontecito@gmail.com.

Family Christmas hampers and classroom wishes

Let's spread JOY this holiday season! Come visit our Christmas tree located in the school lobby. On the tree, we have placed **wish ornaments** for our Christmas hampers and classrooms. Please consider granting a wish this year, by taking an ornament, purchasing a new, unwrapped toy or game and delivering it to the office. The games (listed on various shapes made out of old Christmas cards) are part of the classroom wish list - these items can be new or gently used. Toys for hampers are on white angel shapes. All donations will be accepted until December 21st. Let's spread a little bit more kindness before the end of the year!

Pancake Breakfast - Friday December 21st

Do I smell pancakes?! That's right it's almost time for the annual Montecito Pancake Breakfast. Students, staff, parents and younger siblings are invited to come enjoy pancakes and sausages, and a special visit from Santa. Please consider dressing up in festive clothes or PJ's and come help make this special event possible. We need lots of volunteers to help with set up, food prep, serving and clean up. Please sign up by Dec. 14th at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>. This is a wonderful festive way to kick off the holidays!

Gingerbread House Buddy Event

Come join us and volunteer to help the children create Christmas Gingerbread Houses...you can help during setup on Thursday, Dec. 6th or Friday, Dec. 7th during your child's class time: Please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>.

Fruit And Vegetable Delivery

Come join us on Dec. 5 for 1/2 hour to delivery oranges and milk to all the classrooms. Meet in the gym at 9:00 am or see <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> for more info.

Next PAC Meeting

There will be no meeting in December. The next PAC meeting is Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in the library. Free childminding is available.



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



December 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
2	3	4	5 Winter Concert – ticket request forms due today Fruit & Veggies (mandarin oranges) +K-5 milk served	6 Div. 4, 5 & 6 – Northwest Wildlife Workshops here	7 Gingerbread House Activity (Buddy Activity)	8
9	10 2:30 Pick-up your Purdy's/Neufeld orders today 6:30 – Squeak & Squawk Band Concert @ Nelson School	11 9:00 am start – Winter Concert EXTRA TICKETS, 1 st come, 1 st serve Div. 4, 5, 6 & 8 Owl Rehab In-class presentation 6:30 – Squeak & Squawk Band Concert @ Seaforth School	12 12:05 – Pizza & Treat Day 1:00 – Int. Choir @ Brentwood Town Centre	13	14 9:15 – Band Concert in gym	15
16	17	18 1:30 – Winter Concert 6:30 – Winter Concert	19 Report Cards home today 12:15 – Popcorn Day 1:00 – Int. Choir @ Lougheed Town Centre	20	21 Pancake Breakfast / PJ Day Last Day before Winter Break	22
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