

Principal:	Heather Kimmie	NEWSLETTER #6	Secretary:	Rae Shuster
Head Teacher:	Lisa Parsonson	December 17, 2018	Trustee:	tba

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



Wishing you happy
holidays and a Happy New
Year! Best wishes from the
Montecito Staff.

Heather Kimmie	Lisa Parsonson	Adam Singer	Laurie Copeland	Janelle Cook
Matthew Houghland	Marian Mann	Jessica Vaughan	Sajeeda Kassam	Marnie Manners
Jennifer Leroux	Alicia Kumar	Helen Quan	Juliana Chang	Amy Chin
Hanna Foy	Steve Smith	Jennifer Ingham	Winnie Yip	Melissa Wood
Steve Denroche	Sharon Lusignan	Robin Reid	Elly Pour	Jayne Chan
Audrey Hall	Maria Poldner	Ana Gherman	Kari Smith	Rae Shuster
Sue Goss	Teresa Lavorato	Joanne Jahns	Danny Carrasco	Steven Matias

THE MONTECITO BAND played a noteworthy presentation to the school on Friday, December 14th. All those early Tuesday mornings paid off with a concert for the school that was enjoyed by all.

Earlier that week students from all ten of Mr. D's bands were invited to play at Nelson on Monday evening and Seaforth on Tuesday evening. This year, about 60 students and 150 parents were at each performance. Many parents were surprised at the level to which the band students were able to play after only three months of band classes and Mr. D heard many appreciative comments at the end of both evenings. Mr. D was especially pleased with the massed band's great intonation and the way students from all his schools were able to play so well together. Well done Montecito band!



This is a QR Code which links to an audio file of our band students playing *Jingle Bells*. If you listen carefully you will also hear our students singing along. To hear this audio file:

1. Turn on the camera and hover it over the QR code. The QR Code will link directly to the audio file and play. Make sure your volume is on. (This will work for most cell phones and tablets.)
2. If the file does not open, you will need an app that reads QR codes. There are many available and you can download one for free at your app store.

JANUARY WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

January 9th AM:

Skating at Burnaby Lake or Bill Copeland Arena



January 29th – February 1st:

Axé Capoeira lessons with a performance for parents on Friday, Feb. 1st in the afternoon. Axé Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian art form. Lessons will provide an enriching multicultural experience combining elements of dance, music and acrobatics.

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be sent home **on Wednesday, Dec. 19th**. Please make the time to read the report card WITH your child and discuss your child's strengths and successes. Discuss the areas that require further development and help to develop a plan for supporting your child in their learning during term 2. Please sign the envelope and return to the school with your child by Friday, Dec. 21st. You keep the overview and report card inserts but the envelope gets re-used throughout the remainder of the year.

Over the holidays, the most important thing that you can do to support your child is read to or with your child and/or encourage them to read. Discuss what is being read to help ensure comprehension. Don't forget to have your child record their reading on their Library Home Reading Club form.

STAFFING CHANGES

Ms. Juliana Chang's last day at Montecito will be Friday, Dec. 21st. She has loved being a part of the Montecito Community and the students in her class have had a wonderful start in Grade 1/2. We will miss Ms. Chang and thank her for caring deeply about each and every child in her class. In January, we welcome back Ms. Alexandra Peters who is returning from her maternity leave and will teach Div. 10. She is excited to be back at Montecito.

We also say 'see you later' to Ms. Lisa Parsonson who is taking a six month Educational Leave. We thank her for her many contributions in her four months at Montecito, especially in the areas of technology, staff professional development, and supporting our many English language learners. We welcome back to Montecito, Mr. Ian Fraser, who taught at Montecito years ago and will be taking over Ms. Parsonson's ELL portfolio and will also be teaching some LSS.

Ms. Hanna Foy will be the Head Teacher until the end of June and as a staff, we are excited about working with her in this capacity. Ms. Foy will also continue to teach in Div. 5, teach Reading Recovery and provide some NIS and Learning Support Services. Ms. Foy wears many hats at Montecito and is keen to learn and grow in her newest role.

WINTER CONCERT

Carols From Around the World

Tuesday, December 18

Shows at: 1:30 & 6:30 pm

Front doors to the school 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.

The students are asked to wear black & white or green & red clothing.

Santa hats or reindeer antlers are okay to wear but not required.

Please remember to bring your tickets! Mrs. Kimmie will be welcoming you at the door to collect them! There are still tickets available for the afternoon concert 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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Friday, December 21st

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

Divisions: 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10

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

Divisions: 1, 2, 6, 7 & 11

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

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





Christmas Wishes

Thank you for granting Christmas wishes this year! If you wish to continue to do so, please consider taking a classroom wish ornament. The deadline has been extended until 2019.

Thank You Gingerbread Volunteers

A big round of applause for all the parent volunteers who helped with the gingerbread house making day! We had more than 50 people helping for this event. It was a very smooth event with many creative houses. Thank you to Connie H. for overseeing the event and keeping everyone on track, Tanya L. for her help in collecting supplies, and Teresa L. for overseeing the making of the pre-constructed houses.

2019 Activities

The volunteer sign up for 2019 PAC events are now available for sign up. Visit <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> and sign up for an activity. New volunteer signs up are posted as dates are confirmed, so please check the sign up link on a regular basis.

Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in the library.

Happy Holidays

The PAC executive team wish all Montecito families and staff a safe and festive season. We hope you enjoy your time with family and friends during this special time. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Winter Bottle Drive

Thank you for helping to support students in need by picking up your bottle drive package and dropping off your refundable bottles and cans to the Kensington Bottle Depot. Packages will be given to every family at the Christmas Concert and available on the table outside the office.

WARM THANKS

What a giving community we have at Montecito! Thank-you very much to the plethora of volunteers who helped with the gingerbread house making buddy class activity. We'd like to extend a special thank-you to Connie H. for leading the event, and kudos to her enormous team of volunteers who worked diligently at planning and prepping materials so all children could be successful and have fun. Thanks also to Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Chin for helping with planning and gathering materials.



Thanks, also, to the amazing PAC parents, Laura K., Lynda K. Jayme S. and Connie H., who spearheaded the Christmas Wish Tree project this year. They created 'angels' for hamper gifts and other shapes for classroom toy/games wishes. Thanks also, to Emerson P., a grade 5 student, who has exhibited a kind and caring heart as well as tremendous leadership with her announcements promoting the angel hamper initiative both in every classroom and over the PA system numerous mornings. She also created some informative posters adorning the walls of Montecito. Emerson will help deliver toys to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau after the hampers all get put together. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we had 68 gifts donated for the hampers plus \$100.00 to help buy food and gift cards. We also had generous gift certificate donations from Cockney Kings for each hamper as well as grocery store gift cards from another donor. In addition, we had 23 toys donated for student use in classrooms. For all of the families who were able to contribute this year, thanks for putting smiles on children's faces... you have made a difference with your giving spirit and kind-heartedness!

Afterschool Programs

Winter 2019

Lego™Mania Grades K-5

This is a Lego program like no other! Each week there will be a new challenge. Come be creative with us and play some fun games!

Wednesdays, Jan 23 - Mar 13
3:00 - 4:30pm 8 sessions \$32.40
Barcode: 499974



Food on a Stick Grades 4-7

Join us for this creative food program where we put everything on a stick...See what delicious creations we can come up with!

Thursdays, Jan 24 - Mar 14
3:00 - 4:30pm 8 sessions \$76.80
Barcode: 499970



Registration starts Dec 18th

Sports Zone Grades K-3

Enjoy a variety of your favourite high-energy sports and games with a focus on Floor Hockey! Bring a water bottle, a pair of running shoes and a lot of energy!

Fridays, Jan 25 - Mar 15
3:00 - 4:30pm 7 sessions \$54.00
Barcode: 499975
(No program Feb 22)



It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure their children are dropped off and picked up from their program. If your child is walking home, a signed note must be given to the program leader at the start of the program.

It is important children are picked up at the end of the program on time. If you are late, we will try to contact you. Please ensure we have a correct phone number. Thank you.

Montecito Elementary School

To register, call Cameron Recreation Centre 604-297-4456
Or online at www.burnaby.ca/webreg
For more information call: Laurie Bedford 604-297-4529
Maria Bamba 604-294-7390



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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3	4	5
6	7 School re-opens today	8	9 School Wide Skate • <u>Group 1</u> - Div. 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10 arrive at school @ 8:45 a.m. • <u>Group 2</u> - Div. 2, 4, 6, 9 & 11	10	11 9:00 – Coffee Chat in Library	12
13	14 6:30 – Odyssey Team Member Parent Meeting	15 3:30 - Boys' Basketball game	16	17 3:30 – Girls' Basketball game 7:00 – PAC Meeting	18	19
20	21 2:00 - COLA	22 3:30 - Boys' Basketball game	23	24 3:30 – Girls' Basketball game	25	26
27	28 Curriculum Implementation Day STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	29 Gr. K- 7 workshops <i>Axé Capoeira</i> 3:30 - Boys' Basketball game	30 Gr. K- 7 workshops <i>Axé Capoeira</i>	31 Gr. K- 7 workshops <i>Axé Capoeira</i> 3:30 – Girls' Basketball game	February 1 Afternoon Performance <i>Axé Capoeira</i> – Parents invited.	