



Elementary School

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SCHOOL MOTTO: Kindness to Ourselves, Kindness to Others and Kindness to This Place

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air! There are many wonderful learning opportunities that have taken place during the past few months at Montecito. In addition to the engaging and fun learning in class, some of our students have been exposed to French sugar taffy making, Burnaby Art Gallery programs, coding and digital citizenship workshops, Indigenous blanket exercise and golf lessons as well as the school-wide Mobile Dairy Farm and tennis lessons. We have also been fortunate to have our Primary Choir perform at Primary Days of Music and our Intermediate Choir perform at two senior homes and the Intermediate Choir Festival. We are lucky to have a dedicated and passionate Music teacher in Mr. Smith!

Students excitedly shared their learning during our recent student-led conferences and we thank you for showing a vested interest in your children's learning by attending this special event. Thanks also to the many parents who supported our Grade 7s during their recent raffle ticket fundraiser. They raised a whopping \$2420 in ticket sales and another \$22 in straight donations for a total of \$2442.00. This money will go a long way in helping to cover their camp costs this year. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Mr. Homes (Riley's uncle) who generously donated the Whitecaps and BC Lions tickets to us for the draw! Thanks also to Mrs. Hosie and her team of volunteers for running another successful Book Fair, which will see over \$1000 worth of books donated to the Montecito library.

We also had our school plan sharing meeting in early March. Many staff members shared specific ways they are helping to build connections and improve writing. We were also privileged to have four parents, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Hosie, Ms. Choo and Ms. Calvert, share their perspectives and thinking about the school goals. The district team of Trustee Ms. Mezei, District LST Ms. Gardner and two fellow administrators from north zone schools listened, asked questions and then provided promising practices and recommendations to consider. Some of the **promising practices** were the "collaborative sense of responsibility that all staff have for all students in relation to connectedness and belonging" and the "ever evolving layers of connectedness and a sense of community and belonging expressed by teachers and parents". As for writing, they acknowledged the focus on offering "choice as well as deep critical thinking as a springboard for writing" and the "collaborative work of staff to share knowledge and build skills together". They also liked the "access for students to use technology as needed, peer to peer conversations, reflection and support" as well as "strong methods of communicating learning through descriptive feedback, peer editing, rubrics and focus on 'next steps' in writing". Lastly, they recognized "PAC's appreciation that their ideas and suggestions are heard and considered". As for **recommendations**, they suggest, "layering more strategies to help build connections for students with more complex needs and potentially weaving mental health literacy into our SEL goal". Another recommendation is "continuing to focus on evidence-based teaching strategies in writing and building tier 1 supports across classrooms". As a staff, we will be looking at the promising practices and recommendations as we continue to learn and focus on our school goals.

One of the ways, we are trying to help more students identify staff members is by creating a bulletin board of staff photos. We are thankful to Mrs. Chin and parent, Ms. Phan, for creating this display outside the staffroom!

Our third term brings a few staffing changes. We wish Mrs. Melissa Wood good luck as she begins her maternity leave with her brand-new baby girl, Mackenzie Rae, born on April 24th. She will be greatly missed by Montecito students and staff and we hope that she has lots of fun as a new mom. She says she will be by to visit regularly and we look forward to these visits. We welcome, Ms. Emma Parke, our new LSS teacher, who is eager to get to know students and make a difference! We are already moved by her breadth of experience and positive energy. We also wish our daytime custodian, Mr. Danny Carrasco, all the best. He has accepted an evening shift at Burnaby South as the hours work better for him and his family. We welcome, Mr. Dean Birlie, as our new daytime custodian who joins us most recently from Burnaby South and previously from Stoney Creek where he worked for numerous years.



Respectfully,
Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION



Thank You!

Montecito School would like to thank Salmon Rentals for donating dishes to our school. We look forward to using the beautiful dishes for our school functions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our PAC Member, Miriam Fitterer, for approaching Salmon Rentals with the idea.

Thank you to Fortis for donating the high vis pedestrian crossing signs for the Duthie crosswalk! We appreciate your donation to help keep our children safe!



Thanks, also to Fresh Slice for the Fresh Slice Cares grant that allowed us to purchase 20 team jerseys. We are so appreciative of your generosity. Our track team members are currently wearing the jerseys proudly at the district track meets! A very special thank-you to Mrs. Kingsley who wrote the grant application!




Please help! Students should not bring personal toys from home to school. The reason is that unfortunately they can get lost or get broken and are often a distraction to learning. At times they also cause disagreements between students. We have made announcements to the students, please help reiterate this with your children at home.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

REMINDER: we will be having a FULL Earthquake Drill with evacuation and parent pick-up on **Thursday, May 9th**. We are asking parents to pick up from **2:00 pm onward, if possible**. More specific details to follow soon in a separate notice.

BRING PICTURE ID!



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BURNABY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS
Prière de les faire traduire.**

**重要資料
請找人為你翻譯**

これはたいせつなお知らせです。
どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。

**알려드립니다
이것을 번역해 주십시오**

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ**

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਹਿੰਦੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਟਰਾਂਸਲੇਟ ਕਰਵਾਓ।**

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE
Busque alguien que le traduzca.**

اطلاعات مهم و سودمند
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند

ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan

**برجی ترجمه هذا
معلومات هامة**

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

LIBRARY NEWS

HOME READING PROGRAM: Students are well into their goal of reading for 200 nights in our Home Reading Program!



The following students have completed **50 nights** for reading:

Division 4	Division 8	Division 9
Alexandru H.	Adrian Z.	Marlowe B.
		Knox W.



The following students have completed **100 nights** of reading:

Division 2	Division 7	Division 8	Division 10
Isabella T.	Mohammad Al.	Kiev L.	Madeline C.

The following students have completed **150 nights** of reading:

Division 1	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5	Division 6	Division 7	Division 9	Division 10
Logan H.	Connor H.	Koichi S.	Markus D.	Ethan L.	Ella B.	Emma G.	Kyle D.
Tyichi S.		Melissa S.	Rashid M.	Dickie L.		Stephen S.	Tianna H.
				Cissi H.		Andy L.	Alexander L.
				Yilia Y.			

The following students have completed **200 nights** of reading:

Division 6	Division 11
Ethan L.	Mia L.
	Yousuf M.
	Harlow D.

Congratulations to all of our readers! It is not too late to start the home reading program. Sheets for recording home reading can be found in our school library.

BABY WANTED

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is going to have a baby this August? If so, Mrs. Mann is looking for a volunteer who would like to participate in the Roots of Empathy program starting in October 2019. Roots of Empathy is an international, evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children by raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. The program is designed for children ages 5 to 13. For more information, please visit <https://rootsofempathy.org>. Please contact Mrs. Mann at marian.mann@burnabyschools.ca if you or someone you know is interested.



CONGRATULATIONS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAMS!

We had four teams compete at the recent Odyssey of the Mind Provincial Championship Tournament on Saturday, April 6th. Our teams did an outstanding job with all four teams winning gold medals! A clean sweep for Montecito this year! Winning gold medals qualifies each of the teams to attend the World Finals Championship in Michigan, USA at the end of May.

A huge congratulations to the 28 students from Grades 2-7 who participated in Odyssey this year. You have all worked hard to think creatively and critically to find solutions to challenging problems. Thanks to the amazing coaches who have donated huge amounts of time and patience to make this the most spectacular year ever! We couldn't run this engaging after school program without our dedicated volunteer coaches. A special thank-you to Mrs. Field who has also spent time coordinating the teams and assisting with travel details this year.

Well done teams! Good luck on the world stage.

Grade 6/7 Team – Coach Mr. Lee

Christopher L., Conrad H., Ryan H., Greta L., Natasha P., Emily D., Aaron O.

Grade 5/6 Team – Coaches Mrs. Hosie and Mrs. Merwin

Logan H., Alex M., Kayla S., Saaya R., Markus D., Tristan N., Nadja K.

Grade 3-5 Team – Coach Ms. White

Elizabeth M., Emily H., Aaron Z., Lilianna Z., Koichi S., Nehal C., Cindy L.

Grade 2-4 Team – Coaches Ms. Senga and Ms. Numainville

Elyse N., Sadie N., Kiev L., Melissa S., Sylvie H., Brenna L., Edie C.



STUDENTS IN GRADE 3 IN DIVISION 7 have been exploring different styles of poetry this term. These examples of Colour Poetry required them to describe colours in interesting ways, either in free verse or rhyming patterns.

Blue is the colour of a blue jay.
Yellow is the colour of a sunflower in May.
Orange is the colour of an orange you eat.
Red juicy watermelons are really sweet.
Pink is Brooklyn's vest.
White is the paper colour of a test.
Green is the colour of grass and tree.
Purple is the perfect colour for me!

By Ella B.

Blue is the sky so bright.
White is the colour you see in light.
Black is the colour you see in the dark
Brown is the colour of the dogs who bark.
Green is the colour of the weeds who fight the flowers.
Pink is the colour of girl power.
And tan is the colour of the flower gardener.

By Dylan C.

PARENT CLASS PLACEMENT INPUT FORMS

We will be beginning to plan for September class placements soon. A lot of thought is put into organizing classes that will provide the best learning environments for students. Some of these considerations are academic achievement, special needs, learning styles, leadership skills, social and emotional needs, and amount of adult support needed. Our classroom teachers and support staff provide input about student needs in this complex process and spend time discussing each child's placement. Throughout the year, teachers become increasingly aware of your child's needs both through daily interactions, as well as discussions with you. However, if there is any additional information that you wish us to consider, please provide it using the Parent Class Placement Input Form, found on the table outside the office. Please fill in this form and return it to the office no later than Thursday, May 16th. As you prepare your form, please keep in mind that requests must be related to your child's specific learning needs and style **WITHOUT REQUESTING SPECIFIC TEACHERS**. Please understand that due to the many placement factors and the allowable class size and class composition guidelines, we may not be able to accommodate your request. If you have any questions or specific concerns, you can always contact Mrs. Kimmie at the school.

HAVE A HEART CLUB

On Monday, April 15th, our Have-a-Heart club hosted our first bake sale. Our members worked hard to plan, organize, advertise, bake and sell their delicious goodies. Together, with their hard work, and the support of our Montecito family, **they were able to raise \$243.85!** The money they raised is being donated to Canuck Place which is a hospice specifically for children. Canuck Place provides medical respite, pain and symptom management, art, music and recreation therapy, end-of-life care, and bereavement counselling at no cost to families. *Well done Have-a-Heart club!*



2019

Sports Day is on **Friday, May 17th**.
Please note that **STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:00 p.m.**
Please mark your calendars!!

The schedule of events for the day will be sent home soon!

VOLUNTEER TEA



Thursday, June 6th 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Have you volunteered in any capacity at Montecito this year?

Please SAVE THE DATE and mark your calendars! WE'D REALLY LIKE YOU TO JOIN US!!!

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Are you Moving to a NEW school?...

It is very helpful for us to know of those families who DO NOT plan on attending Montecito School in September, 2019. For those definitely moving or changing schools this summer, please contact the office @ 604-296-9023 or rae.shuster@burnabyschools.ca or complete the form below and return to us.

Child's Name:	Teacher:
New School or District:	
Signature of Parent Guardian:	

Thank you for your assistance!



PARENT EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join us for a parent education session on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30pm in the library. This 30-minute session will touch upon Internet Security: tips, resources & tools for monitoring your child's internet usage and safety. No registration required, just drop-in.

On Monday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the library, there will also be a “Screen or Not to Screen” Workshop for parents put on by Tracy Aaron (Burnaby District Counsellor) and Jennifer Ingham (Montecito Counsellor). They will discuss a media diet, media plan and how much is too much screen time.

PAC AGM - MAY 16

Annual general meeting is on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm in the school library. Please consider running or nominating someone for a PAC executive position for the 2019/20 school year. You must be present to vote. There are executive positions to fill and we would like representation from both primary and intermediate grades. We have a supportive group of parents and would like to continue providing a positive learning experience for our children by working together and ensuring all grades are represented. If you would like to nominate or run for a position, contact pacmontecito@gmail.com or show up to the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We need volunteers to help at the upcoming events, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>.

- **May 3** - PAC Coffee Chat, 9a.m. – 10 a.m. in library
- **May 17 - Sports Day:** Help with concession sales, snack distribution and green team.
- **May 30 - Multicultural Day:** This annual event runs from 9:30-2:10 and will open with an assembly featuring the Dumpsta Dragons. This 45-minute presentation will include a musical cultural tapestry, combining instruments such as sitar, Japanese shakuhachi and didgeridoo, with homemade, recycled inventions such as the 'Moroccan hockey stick' and 'Persian tennis racquet'. Following the assembly, students will travel to stations around the field to try out games, crafts and some traditional activities from around the world. Some activities include field hockey, yoga, Chinese knot tying, Coast Salish eye craft, global money, regional and South American birds and more! We need parents to assist with these activity stations, so please sign up to help.
- **June 18 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon:** On behalf of Montecito parents, this is our way of saying thank you to all staff for what they've done during the school year. We need some people to help prepare, serve and host lunch for the teachers and administration.

May 2019



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fruit & Veggies (peppers) served PAC Hot Lunch p.m. - Div. 9 & 10 Owl Presentation	2	3 9:00 – PAC Coffee Chat	4
5	6 9:00 – Gr. 6 Immun. #2 9:10 - Div. 4 Junior Achievement Workshop	7 No Band today	8 Festival of Beginning Bands @ Nelson PAC Hot Lunch	9 1:30 – Earthquake Release Drill – (2:00 parent pick-up)	10 Div. 3 to Shaw Creative Journeys Program @ Granville Island	11
12	13 9:10 – Div. 4 Junior Achievement Workshop	14 7:00 pm – Div. 6, 7 & 8 to Burnaby Mountain for Burnaby Festival of Dance	15 Fruit & Veggies (tomatoes) served PAC Hot Lunch	16 6:30 – PAC Information Session 7:00 – PAC Meeting	17 SPORTS DAY 1:00 – EARLY DISMISSAL	18
19	20 Victoria Day Holiday No School today	21	22 Div. 3 – 10 to Granville Island for Peter Pan PAC Hot Lunch	23	24 PAC Popcorn Day	25
Odyssey Teams to World Finals in Michigan – April 21 - 24						
26	27 9:00 – Screen Time Presentation in library 2:00 pm COLA Ditta Cross – Drumming with students in Music class	28	29 PAC Hot Lunch	30 Multicultural Day 2:10 - EARLY DISMISSAL	31 Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend	