

MONTECITO Elementary School

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This year flew by... it is hard to believe that the school year will come to an end next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to send gratitude to all of the volunteers who helped out this school year. Whether your contributions were big or small, you have made a positive difference in the lives of the staff and students at Montecito. A very special thank-you to the members of the PAC executive who advocate and work so hard to provide resources, equipment and experiences for Montecito students and staff. You are a very supportive, caring, dedicated and hard-working group of parents and we all appreciate you very much!

It is with sadness at this time of year that we must bid farewell to many of our staff members as they head off on new adventures. We wish the following staff members good luck as they head into retirement or different positions and we thank them for their **many** contributions to Montecito:

- Mrs. Shuster (secretary) is retiring to do 'what she wants when she wants' starting with having coffee on her porch, spending more time with her family, friends and travelling
- Mr. Singer (Grade 6/7 teacher) is retiring and he says he is going to finish his last course in medical school... in all seriousness he is looking forward to travelling and spending time with friends and family
- Ms. Parsonson (Head Teacher and ELL teacher) has finished her training and has accepted a Teacher-Librarian position at Byrne Creek. She is excited for this new venture in teaching!
- Ms. Pour (EA) is continuing her studies to become a teacher and has her long practicum in the fall

For the following staff members, their current jobs have been temporary and have come to an end of term:

- Ms. Parke (LSS teacher covering Ms. Wood's mat leave until June) will be TOCing and possibly looking for an LSS position
- Ms. Mackenzie (Office Support Clerk) will be back on the casual list
- Ms. Chiu (EA) will be seeking an EA position
- Ms. Tajiri (EA) will be heading back to continue her work in the District's Kindergarten Plus program
- Mrs. Merwin (Support Teacher) will continue to TOC and hope for a small contract again at Montecito
- Ms. Baumann (Hearing Resource Teacher) has taken a position in North Vancouver

We will greatly miss the staff members leaving, but are also excited to welcome the following staff to our school community:

- Mr. Scott Stefanek (Head Teacher and Upper Intermediate Teacher) - Mr. Stefanek is bringing his enthusiasm and experience from Brantford School and is very excited to be coming to Montecito.
- Mr. Samuel Leach (LSS teacher) - Mr. Leach will be a great fit for our school and is joining our team from Byrne Creek and previous to that support for our district's elementary alternate programs.
- Mrs. Tasia Nickell (Secretary) - Mrs. Nickell comes with high regard from Gilmore School.

We also have some other staffing updates:

- Mrs. Kassam will be our new ELL teacher and will also teach an Upper Intermediate class with Mr. Stefanek
- Mrs. Manners will be coming back to teach full time next year
- Mrs. Nicoll will be returning from her maternity leave and job-sharing with Mrs. Leroux
- Mrs. Kumar will be job-sharing with Mr. Fraser
- Mrs. Goss will be returning as our Office Support Clerk



At this time, we would also like to wish our Grade 7s good luck in their transition as they venture off to high school. Some of our students are also heading off to other schools and districts. We will miss everyone who is leaving, both students and staff, and we hope that you will all remember your time at Montecito with fond memories.

Best wishes for a safe and fun summer holiday with your families!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Heather Kimmie



COLOUR POETRY FROM DIVISION 8

Mrs. Manners & Mrs. Kumar's
Grade 2/3 class.

Black is the storm clouds overhead.
Yellow is stars that I see in bed.

Green is leaves on trees.
Blue is the colour of the seas.

Gold is the colour of the hot hot sun.
Gray is a path where people run.

Purple is the colour of the flowers.
This poem could go on for hours.

By Edie C. (grade 2)



Green is the colour of creepers before they explode.
Pink is the colour of my pig, Carrots.
Blue is the colour of flowing rivers.
Gray is the colour of falling gravel.
Red is the colour of the burning zombies in sunlight.
Yellow is the colour of the morning sun.

By Grayson J. (grade 2)

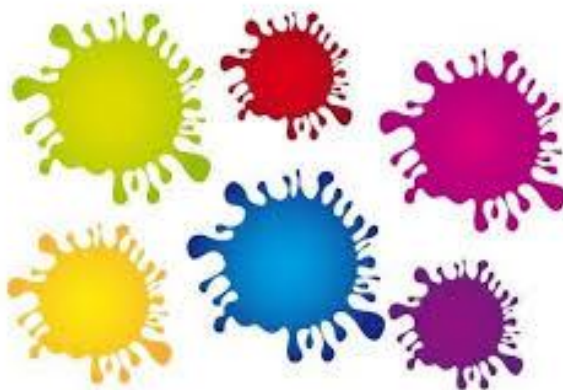
White is like a polar bear in the snow.
Tan is like freshly baked cookie dough.

Gold is like a star on the top of a tree.
Aqua is like a dolphin splashing in the sea.

Purple is like the evening sky.
Red is like delicious pie.

Sky blue is like a slushy on a hot summer night.
Colour poems can be very tricky to write.

By Hannah G. (grade 3)





We have a group of wonderful Grade 7 students who will be leaving our school this year! **We are planning a Leaving Ceremony for them in front of the whole school on June 26th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** Grade 7 students arrive at 10:00 a.m. on this day. If you know one of the students and would like to attend, please join us in the gym for the celebration!

June 27th will conclude a great year at Montecito! **We will gather for a final assembly at 9:30 a.m.** to say good-bye to a number of staff and students and to enjoy a year end slide show! Please come and join us if you are free! Reminder to families, please do not post photos of students on social media or in printed publications.

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 10:30 A.M. ON JUNE 27TH



..... FROM THE MONTECITO STAFF!

On Tuesday, staff were treated to a Staff Appreciation Luncheon in the gym. The PAC treated us to a “Game Day Buffet” themed lunch that was truly enjoyed by all!! Such a fun theme, you hit it out of the park!! Thank you for making us feel special once again this year!

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We’ve had another very successful Fruit and Vegetable Program (+ Milk program for Grade K-5 students) this year. **Thank you very much to Connie Hosie, our program coordinator, for organizing the many hardworking volunteers this year. Without their time and efforts, the program would not be possible.** Our students were able to enjoy many different healthy fruits and vegetables each month!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Vancity has once again generously donated a \$100.00 term deposit for a student in each of Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 which will be held in trust to gain interest until these students graduate from Grade 12. The criteria is that the children are exemplary ambassadors of Montecito School, and are students who consistently demonstrate outstanding citizenship both in the classroom and beyond. They work hard and are responsible, while giving back to the classroom and school community with their acts of kindness and respect. These students are an example of true citizenship to match Vancity’s model for community living.

Congratulations to the following deserving recipients:

- Grade 7 – Raina T.
- Grade 6 – Maddy S.
- Grade 5 – Emerson P.
- Grade 4 – Melissa S.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FANTASTIC STUDENT MONITORS!

It takes a lot of people to help make a school run, and our students make a difference when it comes to helping out! We are so fortunate to have many, many dedicated students help to make things run smoother at Montecito.

OFFICE MONITORS

Saaya R.	Natasha P.	Maddy S.	Ranem A.
Jonathan G.	Rian L.	Breanna L.	Greta L.
Roman M.	Aaron M.	Andrea Y.	Kayla S.
Conrad H.	Bowen Y.	Yoyo Z.	Mimi D.
Amanda L.	Finn C.	Christopher L.	Aziz H.
	Luka P.	Anthony D.	

SAFETY PATROL

Saaya R.	Natasha P.	Aaron M.	Emerson P.
Ali G.	Isabella T.	Connor H.	Rashid M.
Kayla S.	Emmarose J.	Alessia V.	Amanda L.
Markus D.	Bowen Y.	Gurshawn S.	Conrad H.
Niel N.	Swara K.	Noemi S.	

TECH CREW

Emma L.	Jonathan G.	Chloe M.	Dariella L.E.
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SEPTEMBER INFO!

- School re-opens on **Tuesday, September 3 from 9:00-9:30 a.m.**
- Students will return to their last year's classrooms

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2019-20

Supply lists for next year have been posted on our school website

<http://montecito.burnabyschools.ca>





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ODYSSEY MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to all parents and students who helped at Odyssey Movie Night. We raised about \$650.00 to help our four Odyssey teams who qualified for World Finals. Thanks to families and students who came out to support our family movie night. Special mention to those Odyssey team members who made movie night extra special by participating in the Marketplace!

THANK YOU TO:

- Montecito Staff for the beautiful Volunteer Tea. The food was delicious and the presentations were wonderful. We are fortunate to have a great group of staff and we treasure our special relationship in our school. Many thanks to the staff for your support and guidance in our community.
- All parents who served on executive this year and the many parents and grandparents who helped at events, consultation and planning committees, classrooms, and providing feedback on surveys. Your assistance helps us build a strong community as we work together in providing support and resources towards our children's education.
- Our community businesses: Starbucks - Holdom and Cobs Bread - Kensington for their donation of coffee and baked goodies throughout the year. We appreciate your support. Please thank these businesses the next time you visit them.

FRUITS AND VEGGIES

Thank you to all our volunteers for helping to deliver milk and fresh fruits and vegetables to our students twice a month all year long. We are looking for a parent to shadow the lead position to take over in the coming years: we would love to have you volunteer.

EMILY PRESS LABELS

Montecito PAC has partnered with Emily Press Labels to fundraise much needed funds for our school this upcoming school year. Emily Press Labels is a Canadian company that provides free shipping with no minimum orders. We all need to label our children's school supplies, so why not purchase labels through Emily Press?

Montecito Elementary will receive 20% commission from every transaction! Go to www.emilypress.com order your labels, enter our school name (Montecito Elementary School) in the fundraiser box at checkout and help us earn funds for our school - starting August 1, 2019 - all year long.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

PAC wishes all families a safe and enjoyable summer! We look forward to seeing you in September.

WELCOME COFFEE - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FROM 9:00-9:30 AM

Please join us in the gym on the first day of school form some coffee and to re-connect with parents.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 FROM 4:00 TO 7:00PM

Save the Date! Our 'Back to School BBQ' will be held on Friday, September 6 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



MONTECITO SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-20 (some dates subject to change)

PROFESSIONAL DAYS:	• September 20 • October 25 • November 22 • February 28 • April 27 • May 29		
SCHOOL STARTS @ 10:00 a.m. November 1	EARLY DISMISSALS:	• September 17 - 2:00 p.m. • June 12 – 1:00 pm	• one more TBD • May 28 – 2:10 pm
2019			
August 26 – 29	School is open to take registrations		
September 3	First Day of School. STUDENTS ATTEND FROM 9:00-9:30 A.M.		
September 17 2:00 p.m. Dismissal	Parents As Partners Conferences – 2:15 – 4:30 p.m.		
September 18 3:00 p.m. (usual time)	Parents As Partners Conferences – 3:15 – 6:30 p.m.		
September 20	Professional Development Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND		
September 24	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in Library – ALL PARENTS WELCOME		
September 26	Terry Fox Run (PM)		
October 14	Thanksgiving Day – SCHOOL CLOSED		
October 25	Professional Development Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND		
October 31	Halloween		
November 1 School starts 10:00 a.m.	Staff Collaboration		
November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
November 11	Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED		
November 22	Professional Development Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND		
December 17	Winter Concert (Afternoon 1:30-2:30 & Evening 6:30-7:30 p.m.)		
December 20	Pancake Breakfast & Pajama Day		
Dec. 23, 2019–Jan. 5, 2020	Winter Vacation		
2020			
January 6	School re-opens today		
January 10	School-wide Skate Fieldtrip		
February 17	Family Day – SCHOOL CLOSED		
February 28	Professional Development Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND		
March 16-20	Spring Vacation		
March 23-27	School Closure		
March 30	School re-opens today		
April 10	Good Friday		
April 13	Easter Monday		
April 22 (Earth Day)	Pitch-In Community Clean-up		
April 27	Professional Development Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND		
May 8	Earthquake Full Release Drill @ 2:00 pm		
May 18	Victoria Day – SCHOOL CLOSED		
May 28 2:10 p.m. Dismissal	Multicultural Day Event – STUDENTS DISMISSED @ 2:10 P.M.		
May 29	Professional Development Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND		
June 12 1:00 p.m. Dismissal	Sports Day – STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:00 P.M.		
June 16	Volunteer Tea – 1:15 – 3:00		
June 24	Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremony – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.		
June 25 10:30 a.m. Dismissal	Year End Assembly, STUDENTS DISMISSED @ 10:30 a.m. and LAST DAY		
June 26	Administrative Day		