

MONTecITO Elementary School

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OPENING NEWSLETTER
September 4, 2018

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

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed quality time with your children over the summer holidays. We are looking forward to another great year at Montecito! Students attend school from 9:00-9:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. PAC are sponsoring a 'Mix and Mingle' Coffee Chat in the gym for all parents during this half hour, please join them. Regular school hours will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. Arriving on time for school is very important, please help your children arrive to school by 8:55 each day.

First bell	8:55
All classes begin	9:00
Recess	10:40 – 10:55
Lunch begins	12:05
First bell...student are able to head outside to play	12:15
Second bell... all students must head outside to play	12:25
Bell to come in after lunch	12:53
Classes resume	12:58
Dismissal	3:00

First Week:

We have an exciting first week planned with a focus on helping Montecito's school community continue to grow in social emotional learning (SEL). Our students will be engaged in activities that specifically target '**gratitude**' and the positive effects it can have on our physical and mental health.

Learning will take place in building self-awareness, establishing positive self-image, identifying emotions, developing social awareness, expressing a sense of personal well-being, having a positive outlook, as well as establishing a growth mindset and mindfulness.

PAC has also generously paid for Elevate Academy to come and teach our students ultimate frisbee starting this week and continuing next week! THANKS PAC! Students will complete a variety of activities throughout the week in their homeroom groupings from last year with our new students added in. On Monday, Sept. 9th from 9:40-10:40 we will have a Celebration of Learning Assembly (COLA) to showcase some of the fun and key learnings of the week. You are all invited to come and join us. **Please send your child with a pencil, colouring materials and runners this week as well as a water bottle, healthy recess snack and lunch.** Students should bring all of their school supplies on Monday, Sept. 9th. We are hoping that students will be assigned to their regular classes early next week once the district gives us approval!



Classroom assignments for first week:

***Students will return to last year's teacher and classrooms except for the changes in bold below.

***New students will be assigned to a homeroom on the first day of school. They should meet in the library on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

LAST YEAR'S CLASSES	WHERE TO TAKE STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK
Div. 11 – Mrs. Chin (T), TBD – Wednesday to Friday	Modular
Div. 10 – Mrs. Peters (T), Mrs. Nicoll (W), Mrs. Leroux (Th-F)	Room 2 Room 7 – Wednesday to Friday
Div. 9 – Ms. Quan	Room 1
Div. 8 – Mrs. Kumar (M-Th), Mr. Fraser (F)	Room 13
Div. 7 – Mrs. Manners	Room 12
Div. 6 – Mrs. Kassam	Room 17
Div. 5 – Mrs. Vaughan (T,Th, F), Ms. Foy (W)	Room 15
Div. 4 – Mrs. Mann	Room 16
Div. 3 – Mr. Houghland	Room 14
Div. 1 & 2 – Ms. Copeland (T), Mrs. Cook (W-F) (LAST YEAR's kids from Copeland/Cook & Singer)	Room 10

WORKING TOGETHER:

As principal, I am thrilled to be back at Montecito for my fourth year. I am very proud of the work we have accomplished the past few years in so many areas, specifically social emotional learning and in making our school motto of kindness to ourselves, others and this place truly come to life. In addition, we have grown in implementing the redesigned curriculum, assessment and reporting practices, literacy and early learning objectives, and on our school writing and connectedness goals. I look forward to continuing this learning and more with staff and students this school year.

It is an honour to work in a school with a very supportive and caring community of PAC executive members, parents, grandparents and other community members. As a team we can accomplish a lot, have fun, and truly make a difference for the students at Montecito! I look forward to working with you all this year. My door is always open if you have a concern, question, compliment or great idea to share.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff members to Montecito:

- **Ms. Tasia Nickell** is our new secretary. She is coming to us from Gilmore Community School and is a warm and wonderful addition to our team.
- **Mr. Scott Stefanek** will be our new Head Teacher and Upper Intermediate teacher. He is coming with energy and enthusiasm, and a keenness to build leadership and community. We are really looking forward to working with him.
- **Mr. Sam Leach** will be covering Ms. Wood's maternity leave for the school year. He brings a wealth of knowledge in LSS with his varied experiences and constant eagerness to learn. We look forward to learning from him and working together to support our students.
- **Ms. Mandy Pavic** will be another new Learning Support Teacher joining us two days a week. She worked at Sperling School last year, and we are excited to have her join our team this year.
- **Ms. Angela Service** is an EA coming to us from Forest Grove School. We are thrilled to have her join our team!
- **Ms. Fariba Nasser** is also joining our team as an EA. Years ago she did a practicum here and is happy to be returning.

More staffing Updates:

- We also welcome back **Mrs. Kassam** who is returning as an ELL teacher and will also be covering the Head Teacher relief. **Mrs. Nicoll** is returning from her maternity leave and will be job sharing with **Mrs. Leroux**. **Mrs. Manners** is coming back as a full-time teacher this year. **Ms. Foy** has also changed some of her teaching portfolio. She will continue to support students with Reading recovery, as well as job sharing a classroom with **Mrs. Vaughan** and providing some NIS (prep time) for teachers. **Ms. Lusignan** is coming back as an EA after her leave and **Ms. Goss** is also returning as our Office Support Clerk after her temporary secretarial stint at Sperling. Welcome back everyone!

CLASS PLACEMENT INFORMATION:

Each year classroom teachers and support staff (LSS and ELL teachers) come together to create classes that ensure the best possible learning environment for every child. We take this responsibility very seriously and many variables are considered as we go through the complex process of creating classes.

The following are some of the factors we consider during the class building process:

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| ▪ Provincial legislation for class size and composition | ▪ Classroom teacher and school-based team recommendations |
| ▪ The overall make-up of the class being created | ▪ Learning styles |
| ▪ Intellectual, emotional, social & physical development | ▪ Behavioural issues |
| ▪ Need for additional services such as learning assistance and ELL | ▪ Gender balance |
| ▪ Pre-existing conflicts between children | ▪ Pre-existing supportive relationships between children |
| ▪ Education Assistant assignments | ▪ Student leadership skills |

Although each factor listed above is important, each is weighted differently depending upon the individual circumstances under discussion. We consider placements that balance each child's needs with a more global view of class composition and school organization. Teachers review all available information regarding a child when considering class placement. Please trust us in this process.

STUDENT SAFETY:

- Please use the cross walks – safety starts with parent modelling. We appreciate your support!
- If your child rides a bike to school, he/she must wear a bike helmet....it's the law.
- Please drive slowly in the school zone and abide by all City of Burnaby signs for parking on Montecito Drive. Please do not pull into the staff parking lot as it has limited space.



SOME HELPFUL TIPS ON DEVELOPING A ROUTINE THAT PROMOTES SAFETY INCLUDE:

1. Establish a routine where you take or pick up your child from school. All students should be picked up at an outside location.
2. Instruct your child how to deal with strangers if they are approached (Stranger – Danger).
3. Encourage your child to walk directly to and from school with other children.
4. Remind your child about safe pedestrian and cycling practices.



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Welcome to a new school year!

Dear Fellow Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to a rewarding school year for all our children and families at Montecito. We have a busy start to the school year. Here are some of the upcoming PAC events in September.

Sept. 6 - 4:00 - 7:00 pm Community Welcome BBQ

Sept. 17 - 19th - Scholastic Book Fair - Volunteers needed.

Sept. 24 - 7 pm- PAC Meeting - School Library - Everyone is welcome!

Sept. 26 - Terry Fox Run - Volunteers needed for course supervision & snack preparation.



For our children to thrive, we often encourage them to work and play face-to-face versus the digital world. Let's practice what we preach! We can be the best examples for our children and give them a chance to be social without social media. Come out to one or more PAC events & meet others in the community.

Your Friendly Montecito PAC Executive Team

Thank you to Starbucks Holdom for
generously donating coffee for our
opening week PAC events

Join The Fun

Please have a look at our easy volunteer sign
up system online at

<https://signup.com/go/mMMDugi>



FREE MEMBERSHIP

Membership Card



**Montecito Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Name:

2019 / 2020

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of Montecito school is a way for all parents and guardians to get involved in their child's school. The purpose of the PAC is to promote effective communication between home and the school as well as to support worthwhile projects, events and activities at Montecito.



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PAC EXECUTIVE TEAM

We have a group of parents who are volunteering their time this year as the PAC executive team. Feel free to say, "hi" to them or send them an email for any questions or concerns. There are a few positions available, and we would love to fill these roles. There is a need for parents from all grade levels.

Chair: Laura Kine

Vice Chair or Co-Chair: *VACANT*

Treasurer - Heather

Secretary - Denise

Past Chair - Susan

Fruit & Veggie - Connie / *VACANT*

Book Fair - Connie / *VACANT*

Volunteer Coordinator - *VACANT*

Fundraising - Lynda, Jessica

School Consultation Committee - Denise, Adam, Michael

Emergency Preparedness - Rosie, Johanne, Vincent

Grants - Lynda

Hot Lunch program/ Treat Day - Tanya, Laura, Jessica, Stephanie

Gr. 7 Leaving Parent Representative - Traci, Tara

DPAC Representative - Susan, Lynda

Members at Large - Miriam, Michael

PAC MEETINGS

All parents/guardians of current Montecito students are welcome to attend. Meetings run from 7:00 pm - 8:30pm in the library held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please join our first meeting on Sept. 24th. Free childminding is available during the meeting time.

Considering how to lend your time and talents? Have questions like how much time do I need?

Email us at pacmontecito@gmail.com.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

Community BBQ

Friday, Sept. 6th

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Montecito Elem. Gym

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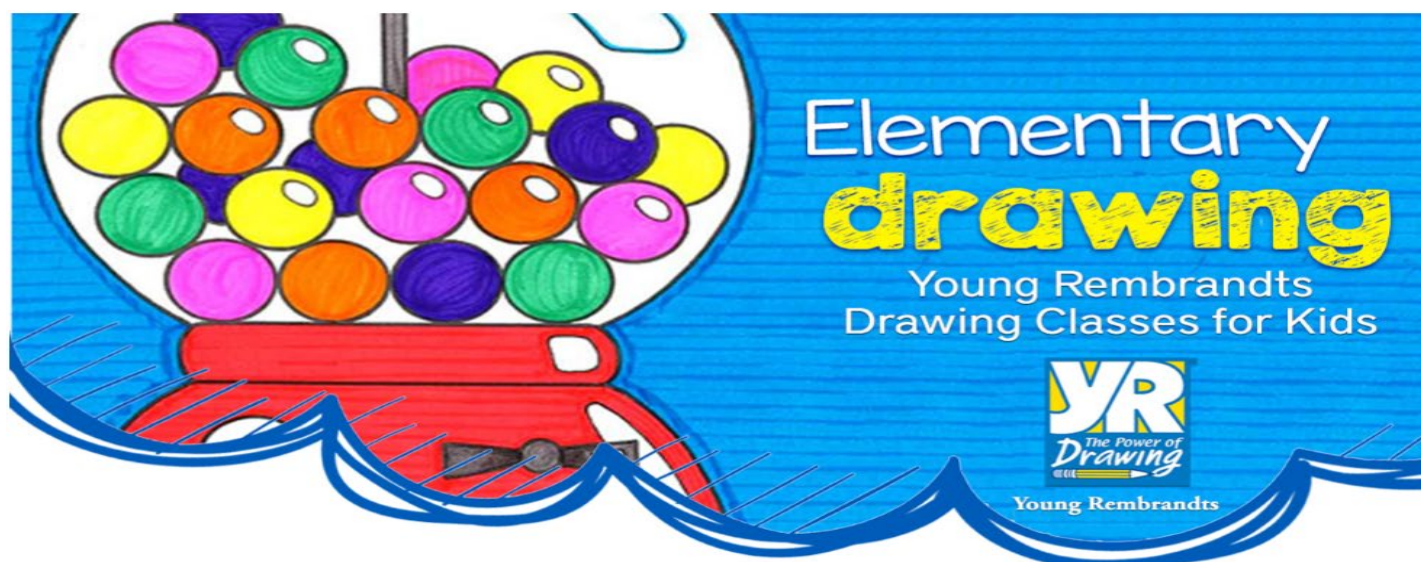


BBQ TIME

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Mark your calendar! September Dates to Remember ...

Sept. 6 th	.....	PAC Community Building BBQ 4:00-7:00
Sept. 9 th	.....	COLA (Celebration of Learning Assembly) 9:40-10:40
Sept. 16 th	.....	Cross Country Meet at Burnaby Lake for Grades 4-7 on team 3:30-4:30
Sept. 17 th	.....	2:00 early dismissal for Parents as Partners Conferences 2:15-4:30
Sept. 18 th	.....	Parents as Partners Conferences 3:15-6:30
Sept. 17 th – Sept. 19 th	.....	Scholastic Book Fair in the library...volunteers needed please
Sept. 20 th	.....	Pro-D Day (staff are learning, students do not attend)
Sept. 23 rd	.....	Cross Country Meet at Burnaby Lake for Grades 4-7 on team 3:30-4:30
Sept. 24 th	.....	PAC meeting at 7:00 in Library...all parents welcome to attend
Sept. 26 th	.....	Terry Fox Run 1:15...volunteers needed please
Sept. 30 th	.....	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30 th	Cross Country Meet at Burnaby Lake for Grades 4-7 on team 3:30-4:30



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Grades 1-6

NEW sessions with Young Rembrandts this fall! Students will learn basic to intermediate drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary using an engaging methodology that all children can succeed with. We give them skills to express their creativity, introducing them to a fascinating world of colour, pattern and design. Be prepared for a bountiful selection of drawings!



classes

Tuesdays

3:05pm - 4:15pm

9/24/2019 - 12/10/2019



tuition

\$222 + GST

(12 Week Session)



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People can get 10% off Young Rembrandts if they sign up by Aug 31st. Promo code is **EARLYBIRD10**

ULTIMATE FRISBEE AT *Montecito*



When:
Tuesdays
Sept. 17 - Nov. 12

Time:
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Who
Grade 1-3 & 4 - 7



9 Sessions

\$135

Register now at:
<https://bit.ly/2ZAWmDz>

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