



Elementary School

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December NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Families of the Montecito Community,

Thanks again for all the care and kind words you have showered me with this month. I have said it before and will say it again, I have absolutely **loved** my time at Montecito. It has been an absolute pleasure to support your children and work with you. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the years, and I leave with so many happy memories and a very full heart. I am pleased to be able to pass over the reins to Mr. Papathanasiou as he is fun, caring and excited to join this community.

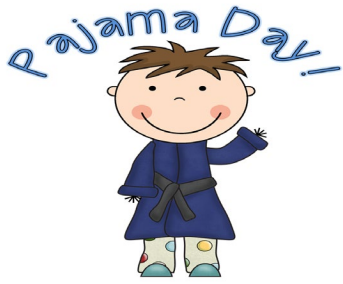
Stay healthy and thank-you for continuing to do your part to keep our community safe. It has been a tremendous team effort on behalf of parents, students and staff to work and learn through a pandemic. All the best for a well-deserved and restful holiday with your family. May 2021 bring you much happiness, good health and special memories.

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Mrs. Heather Kimmie
Principal

Happy Holidays from the Staff at Montecito!

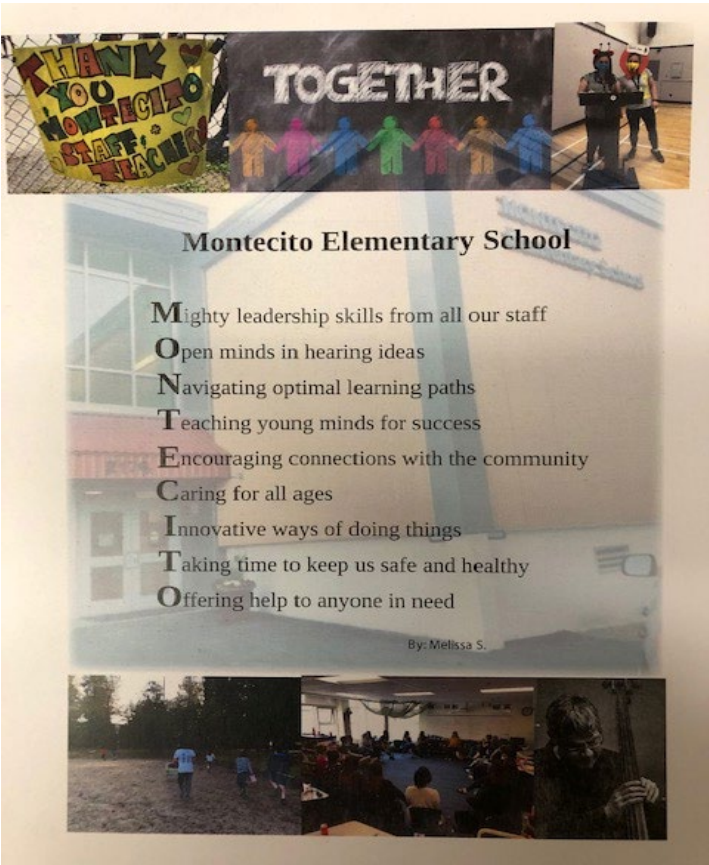
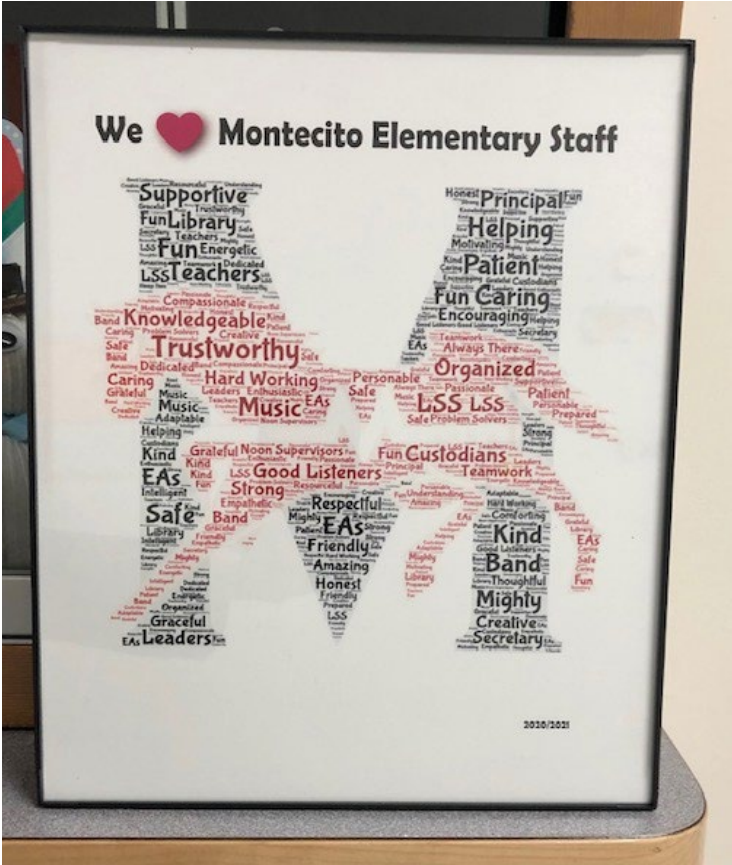




It's Pajama Day this Friday, December 18th. Please encourage your child(ren) to show their school spirit by wearing their pajamas and joining in the fun. Please do NOT send stuffed animals with your children this year.

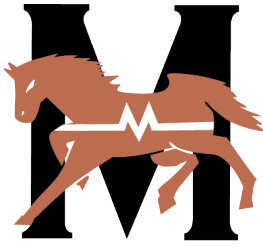
Thank-you to all of the parents and children who delivered special notes and positive messages during the PAC's "I SEE YOU..." campaign. You helped put smiles on faces and most definitely lifted the spirits of our staff members.

We were gifted with a beautiful poem and word art that we must share with you. We have them proudly hung in our lower floor hallway now.



Since you can't see the beautiful hallways in person, we want to show you some of the winter artwork on display right now. Enjoy the festive feel through these pictures!





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Goodbye and thank you so much to Mrs. Kimmie! Your Montecito PAC executive wishes you the best in your new adventures at Brentwood Park in the New Year! We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Papathansiou to our Montecito community! We look forward to one day soon meeting you in person. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Be kind, be calm and be safe. See you in 2021!

*****NEXT PAC MEETING IS Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 7:00 PM*****

Every parent and guardian is a member of the Montecito PAC and is welcome at all of our meetings. Free childcare is provided for in-person meetings.

Visit Montecito PAC's volunteer sign up page at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> and sign up online for a volunteer spot. Questions? Email pacmontecito@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Interested in learning more? Visit the Burnaby District Parent Advisory Committee website at <https://www.burnabydpac.com/> for more information on upcoming events, learning opportunities and important policy discussions and information that affect all of us!

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Thank you to the Burnaby RCMP for increasing their traffic patrols to remind families how to keep our children safe and continue to practice safe traffic habits!

FUNDRAISING:

Thank YOU, Montecito community! Due to your generous support, **Montecito PAC raised \$1847** from the Neufeld and Purdys winter holiday fundraisers.

THANK YOU:

This week we say goodbye to our fearless leader, Mrs. Kimmie. It is both a sad and happy moment, as we wish Mrs. Kimmie good luck and farewell on her new adventure at Brentwood Park, and we extend a warm welcome to Mr. Papathanasiou to our Montecito community.

We have been blessed with Mrs. Kimmie for four and a half extraordinary years. Mrs. Kimmie joined us the year of our seismic upgrade project: ensuring our children's continued safety and also freshening up our school with brighter classrooms, paint and flooring. Mrs. Kimmie worked tirelessly to ensure that our children's learning continued without disruption, even though the school became a major construction zone!



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Mrs. Kimmie worked closely with the PAC executive on many projects throughout the years, all with our children and their well-being as her primary focus. She balanced the needs of the staff, students and families effortlessly, with a calm, gentle and respectful diplomacy that kept inclusivity at the centre of all of her actions. Mrs. Kimmie always had her door open and a warm welcome at the ready. She always gave every voice time and room to be heard, no matter what.

We were blessed with much laughter, fun and memories with Mrs. Kimmie at our COLA's, holiday concerts, and many other special events throughout the years. Our Multicultural Day continued with opportunities for our community to learn from each other and share in each other's culture and language. Our school-wide weaving project and drum-making projects were more examples of our community coming together under her leadership to teach and learn.

Mrs. Kimmie was always so supportive of all our PAC-led events, from our environmental initiatives to gingerbread-house making with our buddies, to our many book fairs that raised important funds for our library. Our hot-lunch programs and treat days raised funds supporting all our PAC initiatives: impossible without Mrs. Kimmie's tireless support.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to work with Mrs. Kimmie throughout the years in an atmosphere of continued respect, inclusion, and kindness. Mrs. Kimmie has always put the needs of the students first, and consistently succeeded in balancing district, staff, and family politics with a kind, gentle diplomacy that spoke of an experience not often present in a first-time Principal. We could always count on Mrs. Kimmie to work with us to find the answer to a challenge.

Mrs. Kimmie put many, many extra hours into making sure our children received the best possible start. Her car could be seen parked outside her office many hours into the evening, long after our children returned home.

We will miss Mrs. Kimmie so much, and we wish her the very best in her transition to her new school community. Our loss is Brentwood Park's gain, and we know they will see very quickly how blessed they are to have her. She is a tremendous leader, guide, and mentor and she will be greatly missed.

Mustangs

January

There is a calendar on our webpage now!

Please visit:

<http://montecito.burnabyschools.ca/>

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 First Day Back At school Welcome to Mr. Papathanasiou	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Crazy Hair Day	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 7pm - PAC Mtg	20	21	22	23
FAMILY LITERACY WEEK FSA's for Grades 4 and 7 students between Jan. 18 and Feb. 25						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
FSA's Grade 4 and 7						
31						