



Elementary School

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

Dear Families of the Montecito Community,

Firstly, this past week has been an emotional one with delivering the news that I am off to Brentwood Park after the past 4 ½ years with the students, staff and families at Montecito. As I mentioned in the letter I sent to families last week, it has been such a gift to be a part of this school and community, even through a seismic upgrade and pandemic! I am incredibly proud of the connectedness we have developed both in the school (adult to child and peer to peer) and with the community. I am also pleased with the growth on our school goals and the hard work in learning, supporting each other, and showing kindness to ourselves, others and this place. It was such a surprise to be gifted with a tree last week in honour of my time at Montecito from the Div. 4 and 5 students who planted a couple of trees on the property as a part of their learning about natural resources and sustainability. Absolutely heart-warming!



I am excited that Mr. Fonda Papathanasiou will be coming to work and learn at Montecito starting in January...there is no better school for him to begin his journey as an elementary school principal!

INFORMAL REPORTS:

Secondly, it is hard to believe that in three more weeks we will be celebrating the Winter Break. On Thursday, December 10th, each child will be bringing home their **informal** report, a snapshot of their learning this fall. Div. 6-8 children will be receiving a one-page interim written report and the children in all other classes will be bringing home or sharing a paper or digital portfolio of their work. In all cases, you will learn about your child's engagement in learning this fall, their behaviour, their social development and areas for future growth. You will also see and/or read about your child's progress in the core subjects of literacy and numeracy.

All of our classes shifted over to using the BC Ministry of Education's Proficiency Scale last year. The proficiency scale language that may be referred to in your child's report or portfolio is below as a reminder.

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

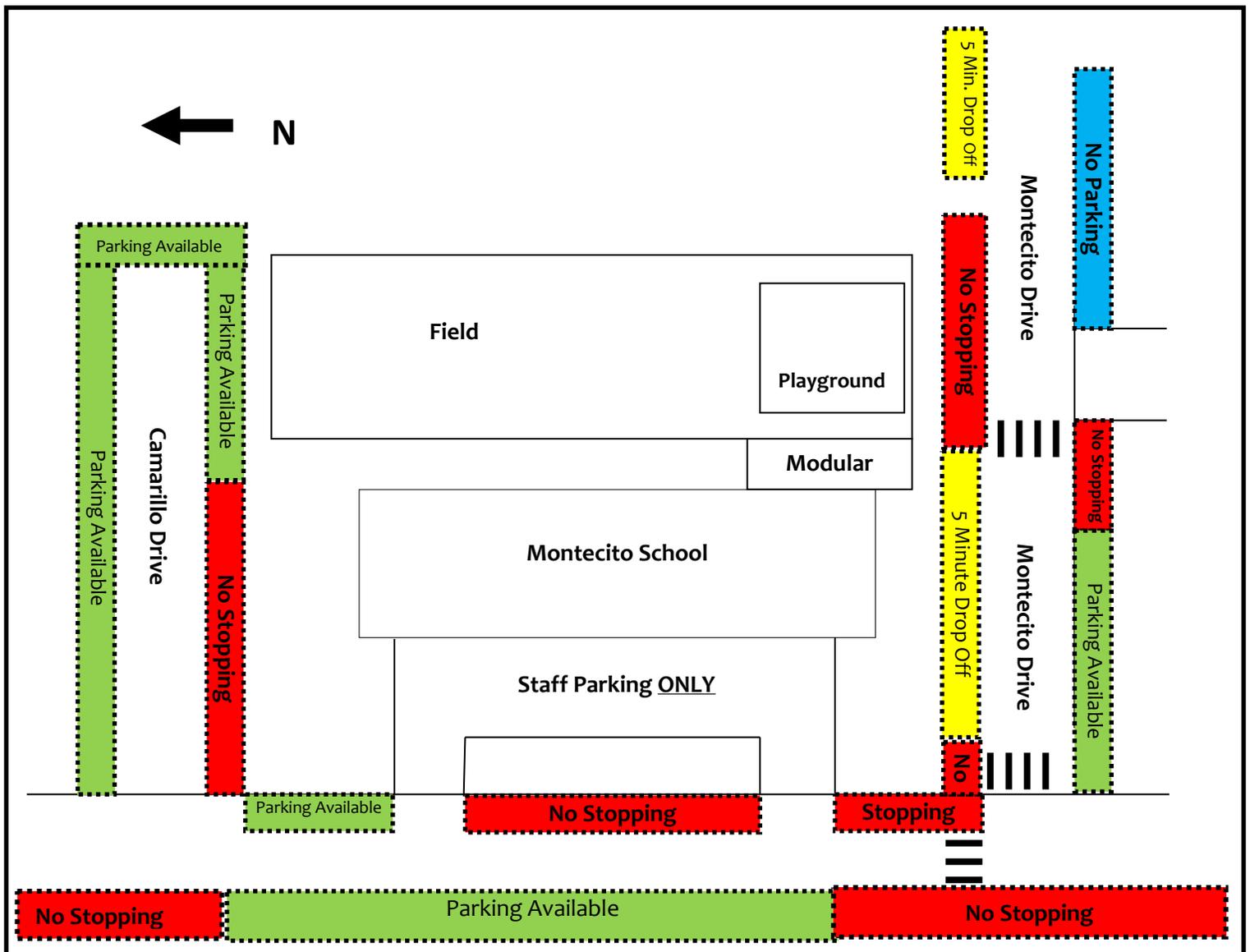
PARKING REMINDER AND SAFETY AT MONTECITO:

For the safety of our children at Montecito, please obey the posted traffic signs indicating where parking is allowed and where it is not. We have provided a map below to provide a visual reminder. You can STOP in a 'No parking' zone...you just can't get out of your car. You CANNOT stop in a 'no stopping' zone. Also, we have had cars parking close to the crosswalks, and this makes visibility extremely hard.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at the school. Let's all work together to ensure safety of Montecito students.

Vehicle Key:

- Red = 'NO STOPPING' Zone – stay away from these areas please
- Blue = 'No Parking' Zone – you can stop but remain in your vehicle
- Yellow = '5 minute drop off' for quick drop - off and pick up
- Green = parking available



REMINDER: There is no bad weather.... only inappropriate clothing!

We are lucky to live in a relatively moderate climate. However, some days will be wet and some days will be cold. What matters is that we all learn to dress appropriately for outdoor activities no matter the weather.

Outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy. Our students have two opportunities daily to be outside (recess and lunch) as well as times planned by teachers throughout the week. We believe in outdoor play and education, and encourage students to enjoy their natural environment.

Encourage your children to play in the rain and snow, as much can be learned. Jump in or toss stones in puddles and observe the splash and ripples. Why do rocks and stones look so much more interesting when they are wet? How can water be made to flow from one puddle to another? What kind of mud makes the best mud pancakes? Notice the ice patterns that form on puddles when the temperature drops. Build forts with snow. What kind of snow is the best for tobogganing?

As we are in the rainy, cold season please be sure your child has:

On a Rainy Day:

- Waterproof hat
- Warm socks
- Change of clothes
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof boots
- Waterproof pants
- Umbrella



On a Snowy Day:

- Toque that covers ears
- Snow boots
- Insulated gloves or mittens suitable for handling snow
- Heavy jacket for warmth
- Warm socks
- Snow Pants
- Change of clothes



***It would be helpful for **all** students to have a change of clothes at school, should they slip or get soaking wet. This will help them so that they are not uncomfortable in wet clothes during class time.



The students in Division 4 have been exploring natural resources and wrote letters to the trees in our 'backyard'. Each chose to either protect the trees or cut them down for our use. In Chelsea's case, she simply wrote to the tree from her heart.



Dear Trees,

We need to chop you down because you are a very useful resource. We make almost everything out of you, we make houses, furniture, toys, paper, cardboard, boxes and other items. However, we chopped too many trees and made wildfire. We caused too many problems; wildfire even was a threat to animals. Since we are chopping too many trees, we might not have enough oxygen if this keeps up. In conclusion, next time I will use less paper and recycle well, so people chop down less trees.

Raon

I think we should protect trees and cut them down because if we do not cut the trees down it can give us fresh air. If we cut down trees, we would have more paper, that means that more homework. Also, trees can be fun to play around! But I also think we should cut down trees because we can build more houses. We can use trees to make pencils to write with! That is why I think we should protect trees and cut them down! Take what you need!!!

Spencer

Dear tree,

There is lots of reasons to protect each one of you guys because trees give us lots of benefits. I think we should protect trees because you make shelter for lots of animals such as owl and woodpecker. They both make nests on you. Near your root's foxes, rabbits, and raccoons make their houses by digging. You give us furniture by using your body. You give us chairs, tables, etc. You can also control floods with your friends if there is too much water, you can suck them with your roots. We can use you for decorations too. We can make you as a Christmas tree in Christmas eve. Then you will be decorated with stars sprinkles colored ropes, etc. Lastly you give us fresh oxygen. You suck carbon dioxide and let out oxygen. However, if we cut you, we don't have enough oxygen to breathe. You, trees are one of the important things in the world.

All the best,

Vicky

When I go under your tree branch I read with you. You probably like Diary of a Wimpy Kid like I do. Probably I might even play with you even if you are just a tree. When I grow up probably my kids might meet you at my school.

Chelsea

Division 9 students have been learning about beginning, middle and end when telling stories and writing. Here is a picture of Mrs. Chin and Ms.Kassam co-teaching and introducing the concept to their Grade K/1 students in a fun way using ‘first’, ‘next’, ‘then’, and ‘finally’ language.



DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about writing a story or poem for this year's Words Writing Project.

It might be chosen to be printed Burnaby School District's 2020-21 Words Anthology!

Open to all grades K-12 students. Submissions can be written in French or English.

Submit your written work to your teacher by the beginning of March.

LEARN MORE: <https://burnabyschools.ca/words-writing-project-2020-21/>





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Montecito Elementary School PAC Winter Fundraiser 2020

Pick Up Neufeld Farms and Purdys Chocolates
Wednesday, December 2nd between 2 to 4PM

Location Villa Montecito Amenities Room
7369 Montecito Dr., Burnaby

Safety

- * Please wear a mask for pick up
- * Send only 1 person per order for pick up
- * While waiting, keep 6 feet apart
- * Only approach the truck when called
- * If you are feeling unwell, please send someone in your place, to pick up your order

Thank you for supporting Montecito PAC fundraisers to help make this unusual year more engaging for our Montecito students!!

Reminder

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 on Zoom

Meeting ID is 8166315224



December

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	2	3	4 Festive Colours & Attire Day	5
6	7	8	9	10 Informal reports go home today	11 Ugly or Holiday Sweater Day	12
13	14	15 7pm - PAC Mtg	16 Div. 5 Virtual Workshop	17	18 Pajama Day	19
Arts Umbrella Drama Workshops						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Winter Break						
27	28	29	30	31		
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School re-opens on Monday, January 4th, 2021.