

MONTECITO 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,

Happy December! As much as we had all hoped that 2021 was going to be different than 2020, it has certainly continued to be challenging. I would like to say a big, "THANK YOU" to our amazing staff, students, families and community for staying safe and helping make our school a great place to learn and grow.

Our staff have worked tirelessly this year to navigate challenging times and to keep making our school a joyful place in which to learn. We should be most appreciative of them and what they do for our kids at our school. In return, we thank you for the gift of your children which motivate us to do what we do each day.

Please take the next few weeks to enjoy time with family and build new memories. On behalf of the staff at Montecito, I would like to extend our best wishes for the holiday season. May 2022 bring you much happiness, good health and special memories.

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Fonda Papathanasiou

Principal

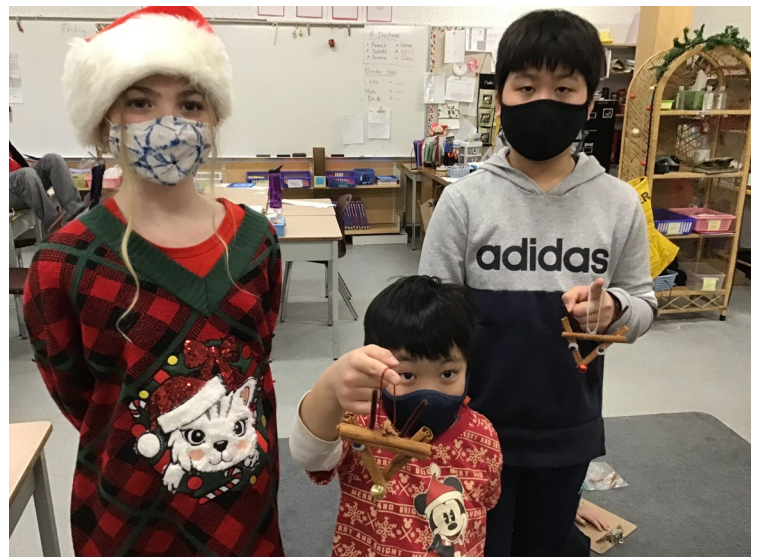
Let it snow!

Division 8 helped make the school feel more festive by decorating the bulletin board outside their classroom. They are hoping it snows so that they can catch snowflakes just like their snowmen.



Buddy activity

The students from Mrs. Pavic's and Mrs. Burke's class made tree ornaments with their big buddies from Ms. Kumar's class. Both classes enjoyed working together to create their cinnamon stick.



Division 9 has been working hard making sure the seniors at the Swedish Residency feel special this time of year. They have been busy making Christmas cards and will be walking over to drop off the cards. They learned that it is more important to give than to receive.

Happy Holidays!



Pacific Salmon Foundation Art Contest

Earlier this fall, Pacific Salmon Foundation advertised an art contest looking for talented young artists across British Columbia. Hannah Gao, from Division 3, entered the contest and her salmon painting was selected as the winning entry for the 8-12-year-old group.

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH! We love seeing all the beautiful art you create.



Nutcracker Designs by Division



CROSSWALK SAFETY:

Please regularly review crosswalk safety with your child and ensure that they are using the crosswalk. We have been seeing many parents walking children across Montecito and not using one of the crosswalks! **As parents, please model safe behaviour and use the crosswalks at all times.**



STUDENT SAFETY PATROL

Our student patrol program is up and running. Please be patient with them as it's a new learning experience for all of us. A friendly reminder to please come to a complete stop when a student patrol's stop sign is up. Thank you for your cooperation!

West Coast Recess: Unless we are experiencing extreme weather, we plan to continue to send students outside at recess. For this reason, students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather, and it is a good idea to have an extra set of clothing at school. At lunchtime, if the weather is extreme, we may allow our students to stay inside.



School Visitors

For the time being, parents are required to stay outside the school building. If you need to contact someone at the school, please use email and, if required, set up an appointment. We hope that as conditions improve, we can return to our open community.

Reminder

Kindly pack some extra masks with your child as the masks that are provided by the school are intended for emergency use only. Thank you!



TWEET TWEET...

Did you know that Montecito has a twitter account? If you want to check out some timely and exciting learning and event information throughout the year, please follow us at [@montecitoSD41](https://twitter.com/montecitoSD41)



JANUARY 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 School Reopens	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18 7PM - Pac Mtg	19	20	21	22
Family Literacy Week						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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