

Montecito News

March 2024



Happy March, Montecito Families!

It seems like it was just yesterday we were wrapping up for winter break and putting the final touches on our winter concert. It has been so lovely to see some sunnier days, and some flowers starting to bloom. We are wrapping up term two, and have some wonderful things planned for our final term of the 2023/2024 school year.

Term two is always a busy and fun filled term. Many of our primary classes celebrated 100's day and Valentine's Day. We all acknowledged Lunar New Year and Black History Month in February. We have many clubs happening, including our knitting club, diversity club, and we even have hockey intramurals for Grades 4 and 5 students. Track and field is starting soon too. Montecito is a busy place to be!

We are grateful to Geena Jackson, and her team, for bringing our Grade 6 and 7 students Bears' Lair. Students learned about public speaking, budgeting, business ownership, and many more incredible life skills they will remember forever. Our week of learning wrapped up with a celebration evening, and it was so great to see so many parents celebrating their children's learning with us.

The Grade 6 and 7 students have also been working hard on speech writing, and many students chose to present their speeches. Congratulations to our two finalists, Nuwarrah and Lucya, who will represent Montecito in May, sharing their speeches with other students in North Burnaby.

Traffic Safety

We are still receiving concerns from the community around unsafe drivers in our neighbourhood. We ask that you drive with caution and slow down, for the safety of our children. Children learn through watching their grownups closest to them. Let's be great role models.



Report Cards

On Friday, you will receive term two report cards. This learning update will help you understand how your child is doing with classroom routines and expectations, their social and emotional development, as well as providing proficiency scale levels in academic areas and written comments in subject areas as well.

Our reports continue to be a collaborative effort blending each child's voice, through self-reflection, with teacher observations. The report provides an opportunity to discuss and celebrate accomplishments, identify challenges, and assist in creating next steps to support learning for the final term.

We encourage you to sit down with you child and ask:

- What did you enjoy learning the most?
- What are you proud of accomplishing this past term?
- What are your goals for next term and the next steps to achieving your goals?
- What can we do at home to help you accomplish your goals?

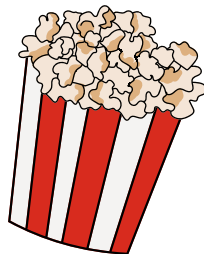
As always, if you are unclear about anything in the report or have further questions, please feel free to connect with your child's teacher. We value working collaboratively with you as partners in your child's educational learning journey.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We look forward to a wonderful third term together. We will see you back to school on Tuesday, April 2.

Tanis Anderson
Principal
Montecito



Ms. Jung and Ms. Kwok had as much fun as the students did at their Science World Field Trip!



A message from the PAC:

Hot Lunch:

Ordering lunch after Spring Break is now ready on Munch a Lunch!


Popcorn Day:

Your friendly parent volunteers will be selling popcorn for books! We hope to raise some funds to put new books in each of Montecito's classrooms this Spring.

Purchase via Munch a Lunch by Wednesday April 3rd. See flyer for details!



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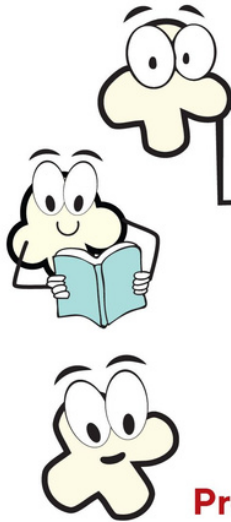


Nowruz, the celebration of the New Year, marks new beginnings, the arrival of spring, and the rebirth of nature. For more than 300 million people worldwide, it's a time to come together with family and friends, reflect on the past, and look forward to a brighter future.

May this Nowruz bring joy, good health and prosperity to everyone.

To learn more about Nowruz, [click here](#):

PAC Treat Day - Friday, April 5th



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