

# Montecito News

November 2024

Dear Montecito Families,

As the year begins to shift from autumn into winter, we find ourselves reflecting on all that we have to be thankful for here at Montecito. November is a time to celebrate our school community, foster a spirit of gratitude, and continue our commitment to learning and growing together. Thank you for the continuous support and involvement that makes our school a vibrant place for learning and friendship.

## Cooler Weather

Please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat, and gloves. We go outside for recess and lunch every day. If you are able to leave an extra set of clothing at school for your child, including socks, that would be great!

## Upcoming Winter Concert – Mark your Calendars!

Our Winter Concert will be December 17. There will be a matinee at 1:30 and an evening performance at 6:30. The students will be performing Polar Express! Look out for more details coming soon!

## Traffic Safety



Our student safety patrol team have begun their work! Please be extra careful when driving in our neighbourhood, as our new patrollers are working diligently to ensure our students cross the street safely. Police have been notified of drivers who are parking in no parking zones, as well as parking on the wrong side of the street. Let's do better – our children are watching us!



## **Health and Safety Reminder**

As we enter flu season, please remember to keep children home if they are showing any symptoms of illness. Handwashing and healthy habits help keep everyone safe. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy school environment.

### **Important Dates:**

**November 19 - PAC meeting 7:00 PM**

**November 22 – Professional Development Day – students do not attend school**

**November 26 – Boys’ Competitive Volleyball Tournament**

**December 6 – Grade 7 Winter Band Concert in gym – 9:45-10:30 AM – parents are invited to attend!**

**December 6 – Winter Craft Fair at Montecito 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**December 6 – Co-ed Volleyball Tournament at Burnaby Mountain Secondary**

**December 10 - PAC meeting 7:00 PM**

**December 13 – School wide Gingerbread Decorating Event**

**December 17 – Winter Concert 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM**

**December 20 – Pancake Breakfast and last day of school!**

### **From the PAC:**

HUGE thank you to everyone who purchased popcorn for last week's treat day. With your help we were able to raise just over \$436 (in one day!) to go towards books for our students! Keep an eye out for upcoming treat days in the new year.

Another big thank you to all the parents who purchased Neufeld through PACs amazing fundraising team. Together We were able to raise over \$1000 to go towards field trips, math activities and more!

PAC also would like to thank everyone that has volunteered and/or attended our once a month meetings. Without your help none of these extra activities and events could happen. THANK YOU! Our next meeting is next Tuesday Nov. 19th at 7pm in the library. (or via zoom)



Thank you for your ongoing support for our Montecito Community. It's a pleasure and privilege to work with such a supportive and engaged community. From volunteering at events to cheering on students at their achievements, each of you plays a vital role in making our school a special place. Thank you for your partnership!

Warmest regards,  
Tanis Anderson

**Classroom Spotlights:**

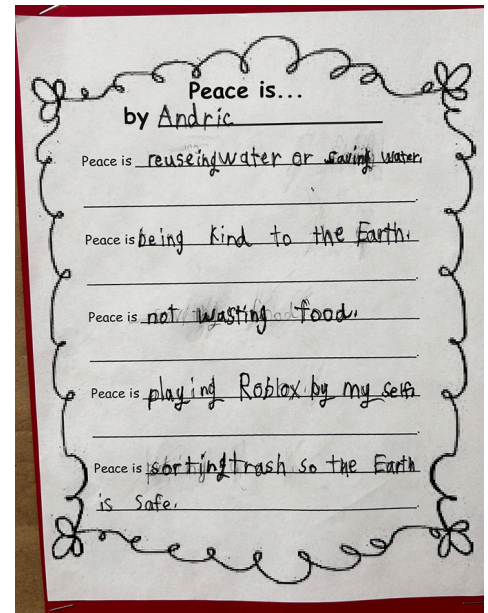
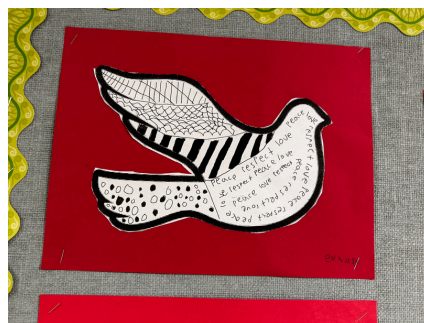


*Divisions 1 and 2 explored ancient structures through Lego play in small group collaboration!*

**Halloween!**



**Remembrance Day**



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