Montecito News March 2025



Dear Montecito Families,

Spring is just around the corner, and we are excited for all the wonderful learning opportunities and activities coming up! Spring is a time of growth, renewal, and new beginnings, and we are proud of the progress our students are making. Thank you for your continued support in helping make our school a positive and engaging place for all.

Upcoming Spring Events:

March 12 - Grade 6/7 Public Speaking Finals 9:15 in the gym. Families are invited to attend. March 14 - Report Cards will be distributed online. Email montecito.info@burnabyschools.ca if you have any technical challenges.

March 17-28 - Spring Break - A reminder that school will be closed for Spring Break. We hope our students enjoy a restful and refreshing break.

March 31 - 6:30-8:00 PM Saleema Noon Body Science Presentation to Parents over Zoom April 2 and 3 - Saleema Noon Body Science Presentations to classrooms.

April 7 - Picture Day Students should come dressed in their best smiles for picture day! We will have class photos, team photos and our school wide panoramic photo! **April 11** – Movie Night 6:00 PM.

April 18 and April 21 – School will be closed for Good Friday and Easter.

April 23 and 24 - Student led Conferences - We look forward to our families coming to see children's work! Early dismissal for these conferences will be on April 23, 2:00.

April 28 – Professional Day – students do not attend school.

April 30 – May 2 – Ultimate Frisbee lessons! Thanks to the PAC for paying for this fun opportunity for all our students!

Reminders:

Attendance Matters! Please continue to ensure your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn. Every day counts!

Lost and Found: Our lost and found is overflowing! If your child is missing a jacket, lunchbox, or other item, please check the lost and found bin before Spring Break. We will donate items not claimed to a local charity.



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Classroom Highlights



Divisions 9,10 and 12 went on a field trip to the Honeybee Centre!

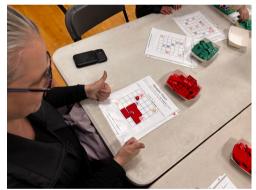


Ms. Chin's class made some fun art to celebrate 100's Day!

Congratulations to the following Grade 6 and 7 students
for becoming finalists in our Public Speaking Challenge:
Mia
Jana
Valerio
Sienna
Rian
Leila
Rosalyn
Margaret
These students will present their speeches March 12, and
a winner will be chosen!



Division 3 has been learning about Kandinsky's artwork!



Students had so much fun exploring Math stations at our Math Festival. It was great to see so many families attend our Math Festival evening event. Thanks to the PAC for supporting this!

We are so grateful for our amazing school community and appreciate your ongoing partnership. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Wishing you a wonderful Spring!

Tanis Anderson Principal Montecito Elementary School



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Sat, Mar 29 - Sun, Mar 30, 2025 10:00am - 3:30pm @ UBC Vancouver Campus \$35 Registration Fee* -- Lunch Provided! *Bursary available; see website for details.



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A Weekend of Learning

Join us for one or both days of workshops to get hands-on experience in four exciting computer science fields. Learn about new technologies with bright, like-minded peers, and our devoted volunteer team. This program is intended for girls and non-binary youth in grades 6/7. All skill levels welcome!



Computer Vision: Computers can unlock phones with face ID and filter photos on social media, but how can machines "see"? Explore the fascinating field of computer vision, from colour theory to emotion detection, and its cool impacts everywhere!

Tech Ethics: When using Alexa or ChatGPT, how sure are we that our data is private? Or that we're making fair judgements? Take on the role of a software engineer, CEO, or politician, and learn how to make ethical choices as the future leaders of the tech.





Robotics: Program, debug, and be amazed by the small but mighty Sphero bots! Discover how robots receive and interpret instructions, try your hand at teaching and troubleshooting your own robot, and understand where robotics goes from here.

Web Development: Create your very own website from scratch, using HTML and CSS! Delve deeper into how your favourite websites structure text and media, then use what you know to kickstart your career as a top-notch web developer.

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