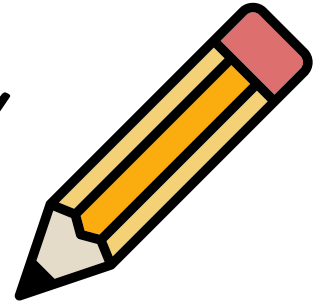




# Welcome

## Back to School



Dear Families,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with rest, fun, and rejuvenation. I spent some time in Toronto, Halifax, and Prince Edward Island, and absolutely fell in love with PEI!

Thank you for helping prepare your child for the new school year. It can take a few days or weeks for children to adjust to a new grade, peer group, and teacher, so we appreciate you staying positive and supportive. Now is a great time to ease back into routines if summer disrupted them—gradually shifting bedtimes and wake-ups will make the transition smoother. My own children will be starting Grades 7 and 11 this year, so our household has been a mix of excitement and nervousness!

Please review the following information, and do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions:

**Tuesday, September 2** (students in session from 9:00–9:30 a.m.)

- Students will line up in their usual spots from last year.
- All new students will gather under the covered area outside the gym and will be dismissed from there.
- Students will be dismissed at 9:30.
- School supplies are not needed on this day.

We will also be hosting a “meet and greet” in the gym from 9:00–9:30 a.m. Pop by after drop-off! I will be there to say hello, along with our new PAC Chairs.

***Note: New Kindergarten students do not attend during the first week, except for their welcoming conversations (booked via a separate email).***

## Wednesday, September 3 – Friday, September 5

- Students attend full days (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) in last year’s classrooms.
- Please wait to send school supplies until your child is placed in their permanent classroom the following week.

### For this week, please have children bring:

A pencil, eraser, colouring supplies, scissors and glue, water bottle, recess snack and lunch. Ensure your children are wearing appropriate foot wear, as we will be going outside to play, as well as play in the gym!

District approval of class organization usually occurs on the Monday or Tuesday of the second week. During the first week, our classroom theme will focus on community building, developing a growth mindset, and reviewing the rules and expectations of our school community.

### PAC Meeting:

Please join us for our first PAC meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about Montecito.

I look forward to another fantastic year with this amazing school community!

With care,  
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