

— September 2025 —

Montecito News



UPCOMING DATES

September 9: PAC Meeting
7:00 PM, library

September 15: First full day
of Kindergarten for our new
Kindergarten students!

September 19: PAC
Welcome Back BBQ 3:00-5:00

September 24: Parents as
Partners Conferences – early
dismissal 2:00 (more
information will be sent out
on this next week)

September 25: Parents as
Partners Conferences –
regular dismissal time

September 26: Professional
Development Day – students
do not attend school

September 29: Grade 7 Day
Camp and Orange Shirt Day

September 30: Truth and
Reconciliation Day – schools
will be closed

Dear Montecito Families,

Today your children were placed in their classrooms for the 2025/2026 school year! This is an exciting time of year, for both children and caregivers. Educators have spent many hours discussing class placements. We look at each child individually, and decide where their best learning environment will be.

Starting in a new class can stir up lots of emotions— for children and parents alike. How you respond can set the tone. Here are some ways to support your child's transition:

- **Stay calm and confident.** Kids pick up on your cues. Even if you're feeling uncertain, showing reassurance helps them feel safe.
- **Listen with patience.** Let your child share their thoughts and feelings without jumping in to solve everything. Sometimes a listening ear, a hug, or playtime together is enough.
- **Speak respectfully.** The way you talk about teachers and school influences how your child feels about them.
- **Trust the process.** Class placements are carefully considered— friendships, learning needs, personalities, and balance all come into play. It's a thoughtful puzzle we work hard to piece together.
- **Look for the positives.** New classmates, different personalities, and fresh challenges help kids build resilience, confidence, and social skills.
- **Show belief in your child.** Let them know you have confidence in them and in the school. Your steady support is the strongest foundation they can lean on.



Combined Classes:

We have some combined classes this year. Some of you may have concerns about your child being placed in a combined-grade class, where students from different grades learn together. I want to reassure you that combined-grade classes are a common and well-established educational practice in Canada. In fact, research indicates that one in every five Canadian students experiences a combined-grade classroom during their elementary years and thrives in classrooms structured this way.

A few reminders:

We practice “West Coast Recess and Lunch”, so please make sure your children are dressed for the weather.

We aim for litter-less lunches, so reusable containers are a great option. We are not able to heat up lunches, so consider a thermos and also reusable cutlery.

Calendars:

Last year we sent out a weekly calendar on Friday afternoons, to let you know what was coming up the week ahead. We’ve moved to a google calendar this year, on the bottom right of our school website.

Add Our School Calendar to Your Own Google Calendar

You can add the school calendar directly to your personal Google Calendar so you don’t miss important dates.

1. Go to our school website and open the calendar page.
2. Click on “click here for month view”.
3. Click on “add to google calendar”.
4. The school calendar will now appear in your Google Calendar on your phone or computer.

You can toggle it on/off in your calendar anytime.

If your child is going to be away, please contact the office at 604-296-9023.

Welcome to our new staff:

Ms. Lam – EA

Ms. Yang – EA

Ms. Lau – teacher – learning support, ELL, 6/7 teacher with Mr. Kenney

Mr. Kenney – head teacher and grade 6/7 teacher

Mr. Bernardo – afternoon custodian

Ms. Malet-Veale – office support clerk

Here’s to a wonderful school year!

*Tanis Anderson
Principal*

MONTECITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FALL 2025

After School: Sports & Games 5-9yrs

Get together with your friends and join us for sports and games. Each class includes a warm-up, skill development and lots of time to play sports and games in a fun and supportive atmosphere.

\$40.20, 4 sessions

Mon, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Sept 29– Oct 27 (No Class Oct 13)

Activity #89212



After School: Basketball 5-9yrs

Participants are introduced to the game of basketball through fun drills and non-competitive scrimmages.

\$40.20, 4 sessions

Mon, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Nov 3– Nov 24

Activity #89213

After School: Lego and Games—5-9yrs

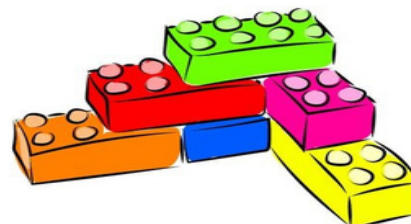
Children are given the space to play, create, learn and use their imaginations while playing with various games and using LEGO®

\$26.65, 5 sessions

Thurs, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Sept 18– Oct 16

Activity #89218



After School: Global Snacks & Crafts 5-9yrs

Join us as we use our imaginations to travel the world while we make snacks and creative crafts from a different country each week.

Thurs, 3:00pm-4:30pm

\$59.65, 5 sessions

Oct 23– Nov 20

Activity #89219

Registration Opens Sep 9th @ 10:00am!

[Burnaby.ca/webreg](https://burnaby.ca/webreg)

Call 604-297-4456 or visit any Burnaby Recreation Centre



**For more information call:
Amanda Robertson 604-294-7631
Community Program Coordinator**

FORESTBUDDIES

WARNERLOAT PARK

Nature! Outdoors! Fun & Learning! This exciting program will give your preschooler the opportunity to experience and connect with nature in Burnaby's Warner Loat Park and the Burnaby Lake trails. Qualified Early Childhood Educators will facilitate a child directed, play based forest learning environment that will include physical literacy, science, art and music. Warner Loat Park is located at 4252 Piper Avenue.

Ages 3.5– 5 years
Tues, Thurs, 9:30-11:30am
Sep 23-Oct 30

\$218.90, 11 sessions
Activity #88376



Registration Open Now!

Burnaby.ca/webreg

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For more information please contact
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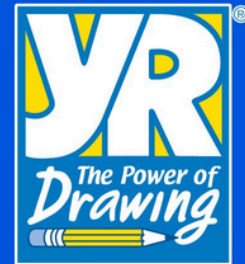




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Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

Montecito Elementary

Grades 1st to 6th

Let's make this back-to-school season a masterpiece! Young Rembrandts' drawing lessons will sharpen their artistic skills. We'll tackle creative projects like a detailed a globetrotting koala, a playful nutcracker, and a dazzling Egyptian headdress that'll whisk your artist back in time. A fall-themed illustration will introduce them to warm and cool colour theory. With every lesson, your child will enhance their art skills, strategic thinking and self-expression. Creativity is calling—sign up now!



CLASSES

Thursdays

03:05 PM - 04:15 PM

09/25/2025 - 12/11/2025



TUITION

\$ 282.00 (tax included)

12 Lessons



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Professor Puffin's Challenge Club

Montecito Elementary

Grades 1st to 4th



Tuesdays

03:05 PM - 04:15 PM

10/14/2025-12/16/2025

No Lesson on Nov. 11



\$ 211.50 (tax included)

9 Lessons

Payment plan available



**Register online at
professorpuffin.ca**

Professor Puffin's Challenge Club is a unique afterschool enrichment program that offers a fun, educational and engaging experience for children. Our varied activities cover subjects from the BC school curriculum (Science, art, nature, English, etc.) while mixing in entertaining topics to spark children's interest.

The program aims to develop teamwork, problem-solving skills, and focus, as well as expanded vocabulary and increased confidence. We offer a play-based approach that encourages exploration and collaboration with peers. Activities are adapted to grade levels to ensure everyone's active participation.

Classes are held right after school inside the school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

Game On for Fun and Learning!

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