

January 2026

Montecito News



UPCOMING DATES

January 5-16 – School Wide Tennis Lessons – thanks to the PAC for paying for this!

January 13 - PAC meeting in the library, 7:00 PM

January 26-30 – Literacy Week – stay tuned for updates on our plans for this week!

Grades 6 and 7 basketball season has begun! It will run until mid February.

Dear Montecito Families,

We hope everyone had a restful and joyful holiday season. January is the perfect time to set new goals, try new activities, and embrace the excitement of learning. Our students are already showing great enthusiasm in the classroom and on the playground, and we can't wait to see all the growth and achievements this year will bring!



Digital Literacy, Citizenship, Safety and Wellness

Parents & Caregivers



TIPS & REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

Morning Routines: Help your child start the day on time by packing lunches and backpacks the night before.

Reading at Home: Encourage at least 15 minutes of reading each day to support literacy growth.

Winter Safety: Please ensure your child comes to school with warm clothing.



As we navigate the digital world and support our children, the school district's tech team has curated and created some wonderful resources for parents. We encourage you to take a look at the materials provided here:

edtechplan.burnabyschools.ca/parents-caregivers



Student Learning Survey – Parent/Caregiver Invitation

Parents and caregivers are invited to participate in the Student Learning Survey, administered by the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care. This annual survey provides an opportunity to share your perspectives on school experiences, learning environments, and student well-being. Feedback from families helps inform school and district planning and supports continuous improvement across the education system. Thank you for taking the time to share your voice. You can access the survey from our school district website, or here:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Division Two: Weaving Our Stories

In collaboration with Ms. Field, Division Two students explored storytelling in creative ways. We asked big questions: What makes a story? How do we tell stories? What does it mean to truly listen to someone else's story?

While learning these ideas, we also learned to weave. We discovered that our life stories are connected to people, places, and time—just like the threads in a weave. The horizontal threads (weft) and vertical threads (warp) work together, just as our stories connect to each other.

To share our learning, we combined weaving and storytelling. Each student wove their story into their art, and their art into their story. These creations are now part of our memories.

Come visit our display! Scan the student-made QR codes to hear our voices telling these important life stories.

Ms. Field and Mr. Kirkby



Before the winter break, Ms. Kwok's class spread some holiday cheer by creating Christmas cards and delivering them to homes around the neighbourhood! Families reached out to the school to express their gratitude for the thoughtful gesture. What a lovely and heartwarming way to share kindness—well done, Ms. Kwok's class! 🎄📧



What to Expect with Weather-Related School Closures in the District

How are decisions made?

All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances – such as a power outage – that make it impossible to open for instruction.



When will I know?

We do our best to communicate school or District-wide CLOSURES by 6:30 am.

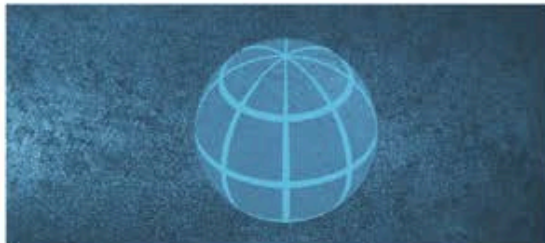
Please note, no announcement will be made that schools are open except under extreme circumstances.

How will I know?

The information about closures will typically be posted on both the District website and X/Twitter account. However, please keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, such as a power outage. Generally, only closures or delays are announced. Another way to learn about school closures is through local news stations (online, radio, and TV).



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What about student safety and family choice?

Student safety is a responsibility we share with families. Please walk your child to the door of the school if you are unsure whether or not the school is open. If for any reason you feel that your student cannot travel safely then please, as you normally would, notify the school that your child will be absent.

What if schools are open and the weather gets worse throughout the day?

If weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day and create a concern for the safety of students returning home, a decision may be made to dismiss students early. This will be communicated to parents in the best way possible through the school's normal communications channels.

How will adult education students be informed?

If weather conditions result in a decision to cancel evening classes, notice will be posted on the [Burnaby Community & Continuing Education website](http://www.burnabycce.ca) (www.burnabycce.ca) by mid-day.

Where can I learn more?

Additional information can be found in our [Administrative Procedure](#) (3.20).

MONTECITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINTER 2026

AFTER SCHOOL: COOKIES AND CRAFTS

5-9 yrs

Join us after school to make fun varieties of everyone's favourite snack- cookies. Each week will be a new recipe and a fun and creative craft activity.

Thur, Jan 22-Feb 12, 3:00pm-4:30pm

\$47.70, 4 sessions 96761

AFTER SCHOOL: SPORTS AND GAMES

5-9yrs

Enjoy a variety of your favourite high-energy sports and cooperative gym games.

Mon, Jan 26-Mar 9, 3:00pm-4:30pm

\$60.30, 6 sessions 96760

*no class on Feb 16

AFTER SCHOOL: SCIENCE DISCOVERIES: SPACE SCIENCE

5-9yrs

Participants will have the opportunity to explore different aspects of the science of space in this hands-on class.

Thur, Feb 19-Mar 12, 3:00pm-4:30pm

\$47.70, 4 sessions 96784

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

Call 604-297-4456 or visit any Burnaby recreation centre

For more information please contact:

Amanda Robertson 604-294-7631 | burnaby.ca/active





Drawing

Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

\$5 TRIAL CLASS
Dec. 11 / 3:05-4:15pm
Register online
Limited seats

Montecito Elementary

Grades 1st to 6th

New lessons every session! Young Rembrandts students will flex their artistic muscles with an exciting lineup of drawing lessons. We'll warm up with whimsical Winter Birdhouses and a festive birthday cake—perfect projects to spark imagination. Young artists will take on dynamic challenges like a roaring T-Rex, adorable penguins, and a Young Rembrandts take on a famous painting. We'll wrap things up with graphic sea turtles and a snowboarder in action! Enroll your artist today and make this season a masterpiece!



classes

Thursdays

03:05 PM - 04:15 PM

01/22/2026 - 03/12/2026

8 Lessons



tuition

NEW PRICE 20% OFF

~~\$ 188.00~~ \$ 148.00 (tax included)

8 Lessons



enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE at

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/

[metrovancouver/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/)

ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board.

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/ - 604-345-9053 - metrovancouver@youngrembrandts.com

New content every session!



Montecito Elementary

Grades 1st to 4th

Professor Puffin's Challenge Club is a one-of-a-kind, BC-made afterschool program. Through a dynamic mix of interactive games, friendly challenges, and team-based activities, children come together to play, laugh, and learn in a supportive environment.

Some of our activities include:

- Quick Quiz: Explore new knowledge and curious facts
- Picture Puzzler: Sharpen observation skills
- Detective Bingo: Practice logical and deductive thinking
- Buddy Builder: Learn more about friends

Doodle Doop: Draw and develop fine-motor skills

More information on our activities: professorpuffin.ca

Classes are held right after school inside the school.



Tuesdays

03:05 PM - 04:15 PM

02/03/2026 - 03/10/2026



NEW PRICE 20% OFF

~~\$141.00~~ \$111.00 (tax included)

6 Sessions



Register online at
professorpuffin.ca

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