

— April 2026 —

Montecito News



APRIL DATES

April 3 - Good Friday – no school

April 6 - Easter Monday – no school

April 10 – Terry Fox run 1:15

April 14 - PAC meeting 7:00 PM

April 22 – Earth Day and Student Led Conferences, dismissal at 2:00

April 23 – Student Led Conferences, regular dismissal time

April 27 – Professional Development Day – school is closed

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. It's hard to believe we are already into April. This is always a busy and exciting time in our school community!

One of the highlights this month will be our upcoming Terry Fox Run on April 10. This is a meaningful event that brings our students together in support of cancer research while honouring Terry Fox's legacy of determination and hope. Students will be participating in a school-wide run, and we encourage families to support this initiative if they are able. Donation details went home via email, and are also included in this newsletter, on the following pages.

As we move through the final stretch of the school year, we continue to focus on strong learning habits, kindness, and a sense of belonging for all students. Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school such a positive and connected community.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:

We are looking forward to our Student-Led Conferences April 22 and 23. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning by sharing their progress, goals, and accomplishments with you. You will see firsthand the work they are most proud of and hear their reflections on their learning journey. Information about scheduling and format will be sent home April 10.

TRACK AND FIELD:

We are looking forward to an exciting Track and Field season! Throughout the month of April, students in Grades 4–7 will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of track and field events. This is a wonderful chance for students to stay active, build skills, and show school spirit. The season will culminate in a track meet at the end of the month. More detailed information will be sent home with intermediate students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Kumar at Alicia.Kumar@burnabyschools.ca.

YOUNG ACTORS PROJECT:

We have enjoyed having Marlee with us for the past month! She is from The Young Actors Project. Students have been introduced to the art of acting and have participated in variety of games, partner activities, and whole-class experiences. Thank you to PAC for funding this!

SPIRIT WEAR:

We are excited to be offering spirit wear once again! T-shirts and hoodies will be available, along with a brand new item—tote bags! Show your school spirit on Sports Day! Ordering information will be shared on Tuesday.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS:

Last month, our school community had a fantastic time celebrating a creative and laughter-filled Spirit Day! Staff and students swapped roles for the day, with teachers dressing up as students, and students coming dressed as teachers. The creativity was incredible! One standout was Ms. Hill, who fully embraced the moment by dressing as Ms. Frizzle from The Magic School Bus.

It was wonderful to see everyone's enthusiasm and sense of humour on display. Days like these help strengthen connections across our school and remind us that learning environments can be joyful, inclusive, and fun.





**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

April 2, 2026

Dear Montecito Families:

Our 2025/2026 Terry Fox School Run is set for next week, and we are so excited to be taking part! Our event will be taking place on **Friday, April 10 in the afternoon**. We need your help to boost our student fundraising. This event supports vital cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. Let's all show how incredible and generous our school community is and work to reach our fundraising goal of \$3000. That's only \$250 per class!

- **If we reach \$1000, our school will have an extra recess!**
- **If we reach \$2000, some teachers will get a pie in the face!**
- **A lucky draw will be held for a Terry Fox t-shirt for the class that raises the highest amount!**

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page customized for our school. You may also choose to donate through SchoolCash Online. Here's how:

1. Donate online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/130260>

- Go to the link above and scroll to the bottom to find your child's division
- Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email from the Terry Fox Foundation
- Share these fundraising links with family and friends to help Montecito reach our goal

2. Donate online through SchoolCash Online: <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com/>

- Log in to your SchoolCash Online account and search for the item
- Look out for the email reminder from our school

We are very excited to be a part of this school year's Terry Fox event. This is our opportunity to "Finish It" and go the distance for Terry. Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all of our students. Thank you in advance for your support!



Thinking of Summer Session for your child? With options for elementary and secondary students including everything from academic enrichment to trying a new skill and having fun, there are dozens of choices. Most students meet the criteria for a tuition-free class. Registration takes place online. Please note that the Burnaby School District will be continuing the staggered process that started last year, with registration dates ranging from April 7 to 16. More information about registration and brochures outlining the courses from which to choose can be found on the District's website [here](#).



SUMMER WELLNESS & COOKING CAMP

4 WEEKS TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDING A TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEK



JULY & AUGUST 2026

St. Timothy's Church, 4550 Kitchner St.,
BURNABY, BC

MORNING YOGA SESSIONS, COOKING LESSONS, AFTERNOON CRAFTS AND FIELD TRIPS

July 20 to 24, July 27 to 31, August 10 to 14 Teen Week August 17 to 21, 2026

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REGISTER TODAY!

April – Outside Play and Physical Activity for Children and Youth

Get Outside and play



Physical activity is a necessary requirement for optimal health. Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence helps to develop cardiovascular fitness and muscle strength, supports positive social connections and improves mental well-being.

There are many benefits to unstructured play. These benefits are even greater when engaging in physical activity outdoors. When children and youth spend time outside, they:

- Sit less, move more and play longer – key to cardiovascular health and fitness.
- Have healthier eyes – spending more time outside reduces nearsightedness risks.
- Sleep better – sunlight helps regulate sleep hormones and sleep patterns.
- Enjoy improved mood – physical activity can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression.
- Feel more connected to nature – appreciation of the environment and being in nature can support healthy and balanced emotions.

Planning active outings doesn't have to be challenging or costly. Here are some fun ideas you can try:

- Try a new activity – check out [geocaching](#) or attend a local explorer day with [NatureKidsBC](#).
- Unplug and connect – ideas to decrease recreational [screen time](#).
- Go for a scavenger hunt – try this [nature scavenger hunt](#).
- Go for a walk or hike – try these [10 hikes to take your kids on this summer](#).
- Play in a forest or park – try a new [regional park](#) every day for a week.
- Explore a local stream – check these [beautiful watershed walks](#) in the region. Learn about [water safety for children](#).
- Swim at the pool, waterpark or beach – check [beach safety conditions](#) first or stay cool at a local spray park.
- Ride a bike or scooter – explore the [Hope Bike Park](#) or check out these rides along [Boundary Bay](#), [Pitt Meadows](#) or [Vedder Greenway](#). Learn more about cycling safety on [Fraser Health's website](#).
- Visit farms, fish hatcheries and bird sanctuaries – try this [local family fun guide](#) for unique ideas.

Find more ideas to keep your kids active through the year on Fraser Health's [Keeping children active](#) page.



LUME

Learning · Understanding · Modelling · Execution

student-led event

case competition

LUME is a two-month non-profit program for students in Grades 5 to 7, located in the school district SD41, led by experienced high school case competition students. Running from May to June, this beginner-friendly program consists of structured weekly one-hour sessions that develop foundational business knowledge, leadership, and collaboration skills. Students may register individually or in teams of up to four. LUME establishes a strong learning community while preparing students for future case competitions and enhancing their academic profiles.

Introduction, May 4

Get to know LUME!

Workshop #1, May 11 Business 101: Fundamental Business & Entrepreneurship Concepts

Workshop #2, May 18 Case Competition & Business Presentation Skills

Check in, May 25-29

Tips and Tricks to Ace LUME, Questions and Concerns



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Register Here

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Drawing

Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

Montecito Elementary

Grades 1st to 6th

New lessons every session! Get ready for a creative adventure this term! Our young artists will travel back to the Jurassic Era to draw a mighty mother dinosaur. Sports fans will have a blast creating a baseball still life and an action-packed race horse drawing. Students will also explore the magic of warm and cool colours while designing a fancy graphic flamingo and a beautifully detailed Taj Mahal masterpiece. To top it all off, we'll discover the legendary Mars Rover and bring it to life on paper! Sign up today!



classes

Thursdays

03:05 PM - 04:15 PM

04/23/2026 - 06/18/2026

9 Lessons



tuition

\$ 166.50 (tax included)

9 Lessons

Payment plan available



enrollment

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Spring 2026 Registration 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
04/28/2026 - 06/16/2026



\$ 148.00 (tax included)
Payment plan available
8 Sessions



Register online at
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