

— March 2026 —

Montecito News



MARCH AND APRIL UPCOMING DATES

March 13 - Report cards distributed and last day of school before Spring Break

March 16-27 - Spring Break

April 3 - Good Friday – no school

April 6 - Easter Monday – no school

April 10 – Terry Fox run

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,

Spring is just around the corner, and the season is full of learning, growth, and community! We are excited to share updates, highlights, and events with you.

February was a full and joyful month of celebrations and learning at our school! We marked Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, the 100th day of school, and even hosted our own Olympic spirit events.

Students also took part in the Stream of Dreams program, and we are excited to display their beautifully painted fish on our fences in April.

Our Celebration of Learning Assembly was a wonderful highlight. Our Grades 6 and 7 students proudly shared the speeches they have been working so diligently on, and we were even treated to a creative ball storage invention designed and built by some of our students. Some of the primary classes performed a dance that had us all grooving along!

We are so proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and growth we continue to see. We can't wait to see all the learning and accomplishments that our final term together will bring!



STREAM OF DREAMS:

We were excited to welcome Stream of Dreams, an award-winning environmental education and community art program, to our school! This fun and engaging initiative taught students about local watersheds, streams, rivers, and the ocean, while inspiring conservation and empowering students to make positive environmental impacts.

Every student had the opportunity to paint their own Dreamfish, which will be displayed on our school fence as a colourful, lasting legacy for our whole community. It was science, it was art, and it was fun!

A big thank you to our PAC for generously funding this meaningful experience for our students.

PINK SHIRT DAY:

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day, a day dedicated to standing up against bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. Students participated in a variety of activities to explore these important themes. We read inspiring stories, expressed our thoughts through writing, and created beautiful artwork—all centered around the message of empathy, respect, and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see our school community come together in a show of care and solidarity.

LOST AND FOUND:

Our lost and found pile is piling up! We encourage you to take a look if you are missing anything. Unclaimed items will be donated on Friday March 13. Pictures of unclaimed clothing is featured on our school Instagram account!

GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY:

Please note the date change for our Grade 7 leaving ceremony. It will be held June 19. The field trip will be on the same day. More details to come!

SMART WATCHES:

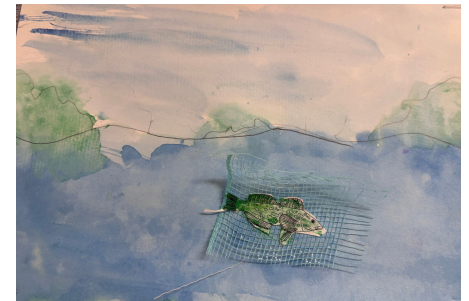
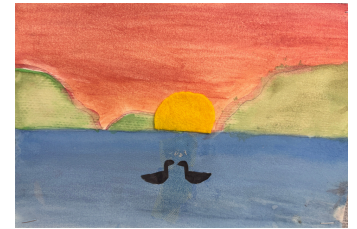
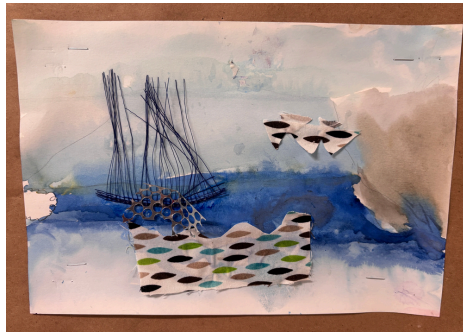
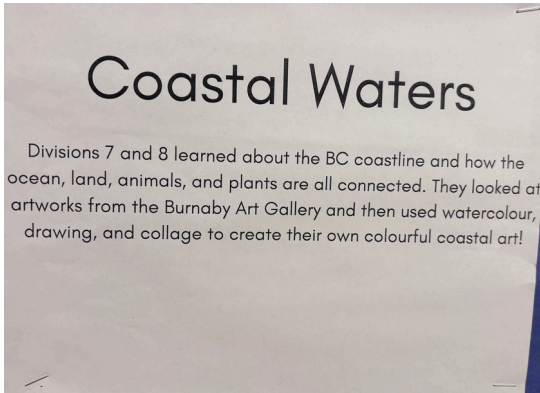
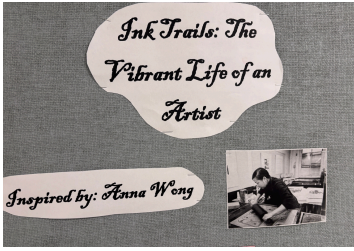
We understand that some students wear smart watches to school, and for many children they are simply used to tell time. This is perfectly fine, as long as the device is not a distraction to the student or others.

Recently, however, we have noticed some students attempting to play games, send messages, or use sound features during instructional time. This creates challenges for teaching and learning.

We ask for your support in ensuring that smart watches are used appropriately at school. If a device becomes a distraction or interferes with learning, families will be notified. Students may be asked to keep the watch in their backpack during the school day, and to leave the device at home.

As a reminder, the school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or misplaced personal items. Thank you for helping us maintain a focused learning environment for all students.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



Kindness calendar created by Ms. Mann's class!



Family conversation starter jars to celebrate Family Day in Ms. Kwok's class!



Happy 100th Day of school!



The Maple Man taught us all about French Canadian culture!



Thanks PAC for organizing Treat Day - mini donuts - yum!