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A Wonderful Start to a New School Year!

We are off to a great start at Montecito School this year! We have 257 students in 11 divisions and have welcomed 27 new students in addition to our 17 new Kindergarten children. We also have a few new staff members who are thrilled to be here, including me! I am very impressed with how welcoming everyone has been. During the first week at school, students and staff helped contribute to the Montecito community by focusing on the school motto and learning about school-wide expectations in order to be safe, responsible and respectful. Students participated in a variety of fun station activities, and also enjoyed learning circus tricks from our guest instructor. The students culminated the week's activities with a display of their learning at the Celebration of Learning Assembly. Students are now settling into their class routines, engaging in learning, and making new friends. We look forward to a fun, rewarding year with your child/children and look forward to working with you to support them and help them grow academically, socially and emotionally.



Mrs. Heather Kimmie
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 23	Terry Fox Kick-Off Assembly 1:15-1:45 p.m. <i>Parents Welcome!</i>
September 28	Celebration of Learning Assembly 1:15 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE: TIME CHANGE) <i>Parents Welcome!</i>
September 29	Terry Run National Run from 1:15 – 3:00 p.m.
September 30	Curriculum Implementation Day – No School for Students Today
October 3	Professional Development Day – No School for Students Today
October 5	Photo Day – Individual Student Photos are taken today



Toonies for Terry

Please come and join us! Next week, we will be honouring a true Canadian hero, Terry Fox. **Our run is planned for Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016.** We will meet in the gym at 1:15 for a warm-up and then will begin our run to Squint Lake Park. **We encourage each student and staff member to donate a toonie for Terry to reach our school goal of \$600.** All proceeds will be donated to The Terry Fox Foundation to help with cancer research. If you choose to donate online, please go to www.terryfox.org. The site is secure and receipts can be printed immediately upon completing your credit card donation. Simply click on the "Donate Now" tab in red and follow the prompts to make a school donation. Thanks for helping to celebrate Terry's legacy and supporting his dream of finding a cure for cancer!



2016-17 CLASSES BY DIVISION & GRADE

- **Mr. Adam Singer**– Division 1 – Grade 6/7
- **Mrs. Janelle Cook** – Division 2 – Grade 6/7
- **Ms. Laurie Copeland/Ms. Liz Ward/Ms. Holly Lloyd** – Division 3 – Grade 6/7
- **Ms. Jessica Cole** – Division 4 – Grade 4/5
- **Mrs. Jessica Vaughan**– Division 5 – Grade 4/5
- **Mrs. Tanis Anderson** – Division 6 – Grade 3/4
- **Mrs. Tanya Nicoll/Mrs. Marnie Manners**– Division 7 – Grade 2/3
- **Mrs. Marnie Manners/Mrs. Jennifer Leroux** – Division 8 – Grade 2/3
- **Ms. Helen Quan** – Division 9 – Grade 1/2
- **Mrs. Amy Chin** – Division 10 – Grade 1
- **Ms. Alexandra Peters** – Division 11 - Grade K

We also welcome Ms. Mina Yazdanyar, a student teacher from SFU who will be working with Mrs. Vaughan and Div. 5!



MEDICAL DANGER – NUT ALLERGIES

Several of our students have a life-threatening allergy to all nuts. The only way to ensure a safe environment for these children is to try to make our school **PEANUT-AWARE**. To do this we need everyone's co-operation.

Please check the ingredients of all foods your children bring to school. In a classroom setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk from this type of allergy. Cross-contamination is when a few crumbs from one's child's snack are dropped and then picked-up by an allergic child. In classrooms where there are students with nut allergies, you will see a NUT FREE sign on the wall as you enter. In these classrooms we request that you do not send snacks containing nuts.



It is difficult at the best of times to get children to eat healthy snacks, however, we hope you will appreciate the seriousness of this condition and that you will assist us at the school in our efforts to create as safe an environment as possible. With your cooperation we can minimize the risk of an allergic reaction.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN GR. 6 & 7

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home along?

Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safety for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Red Cross Babysitting Course
Montecito, Nov. 25th, 2016 from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.
\$60.00 + gst online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>



Please Note: Registration Forms will be sent home with interested Grade 6/7 students soon or they can register on-line.

A NOTE TO PARENTS REGARDING SCHOOL START-UP NOTICES

AND PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

This information was also sent home with notices on Monday, September 12th.

THANK YOU in advance for your cooperation.

 <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT 41</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhđ người dịch họ</p> <p>सुवृती नोटबारी विषयमा सम्बन्धित कुराहरुमा ध्यान दिनुपर्छ।</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>یرجی ترجمه هدا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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The following forms were due back at school **on Monday, September 19th**, thank you to those families who have already returned them. If you have not completed them, please complete then send to school ASAP (additional forms are available at the office):

- Emergency Release Form
- Digital Responsibility Guidelines for Students
- Personal Info Consent & Media in Schools Notice
- Neighbourhood WALKING Trip/Activity
- Student Planners (Gr. 2-7)
- Fruit & Vegetable Program Consent Form
- Young People's Concerts (Gr. 4-7)

Also: CONSENT TO SEND ELECTRONIC MESSAGES. Please UPDATE school details when necessary by contacting the office (rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca). All new families have been sent ongoing consent forms.

PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OR P.A.C. *The collection of these items takes a lot of time and we are asking for your assistance with the following regarding payments to the school throughout the year:*

- 1. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN-UP FOR SCHOOLCASH ONLINE, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, please go to <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca> for information and instructions to register. There is NO cost to parents or the school for this safe and convenient service.**
- 2. Please DO NOT COMBINE PAYMENTS:**
 - If you do send cheques send SEPARATE ones for each item and child. THESE ITEMS ARE SORTED FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS and sorting out combined payments can cause confusion and take a great deal of unnecessary time.
- 3. Please DO NOT send loose cheques,** ideally the notices and cheques would be placed in a recycled envelope or ziploc bag noting what the payment is for on the outside.
- 4. Cheques should be made payable to Montecito Elementary School, unless otherwise noted. PLEASE INCLUDE THE STUDENT'S FULL NAME AND DIVISION on the bottom of any cheques.**
- 5. Please ensure that all items ARE SENT TO SCHOOL BY THEIR DUE DATE.**

REMINDER ABOUT LUNCHTIME
12:15 – 12:35 – Eating time
12:35 – 1:03 – Playtime

Just a reminder that we do not have microwaves available in classrooms. If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please leave it at the OFFICE. We will call your child down to collect their lunch. This will decrease disturbances during class instructional time.

GOING GREEN

In an endeavor to go green and save paper, starting in October, all notices from the office will be sent to families via our Parent Email Listserv. Please UPDATE school details when necessary by contacting the office (rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca).

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Montecito is contributing toward a sustainable environment! In our efforts to reduce garbage please consider sending food in reusable containers! We will be encouraging students to take their uneaten food home so that you know how much they have eaten. Students have been taught to separate out organic wastes, plastics, garbage, and paper and are learning which containers these items go into. I know that this is just an extension of home practices. Thanks for helping us to take care of our environment!

STUDENT SAFETY & ATTENDANCE/LATES

One of the safety measures we employ at our school is the call-back system. **IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT OR LATE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW BEFORE 9:00 AM. WE HAVE A 24-HOUR VOICE-MAIL SYSTEM SO YOU CAN LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR US AT ANYTIME.** Students arriving after the bell must check in with the office for a late slip. If you are taking your child out of school between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 3:01 p.m., please check in at the office and sign the SIGN-OUT Book.



Regular attendance is vitally important for your child's continued progress. For all classes the opening lesson sets the stage for a remarkable learning experience. Please try to have your child at school between 8:45 and 8:55 am each morning. This means they will not miss the start of their learning day.

SUPERVISION: We have 2 teachers on supervision during recess and 2 noon hour supervisors who work at lunchtime each day. In addition we have up to 4 Educational Assistants supervising at recess and lunch. Primary classes have older student monitors who eat lunch with them. Children are told they may go to any staff member at any time if they need assistance.

CONTACT INFORMATION – KEEPING US INFORMED: Please remember to let the school office know if your address and/or phone number changes. It is important for us to have up-to-date information so that we can reach families. You can call the school office at (604) 664-8766 or email Mrs. Shuster at rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca

ILLNESS / INJURY: Every effort is made to contact parents when an illness or injury occurs. If your child is unable to remain in the classroom, he/she will be supervised at the office. We also keep a master list of medical concerns at the office.

VISITORS: We ask visitors to check in at the office and we check with people who are unfamiliar to us, whether they are in the school or on the grounds.

SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Please use the cross walks – safety starts with parent modelling. We appreciate your support!
- If your child rides a bike to school, he/she must wear a bike helmet....it's the law.



SOME HELPFUL TIPS ON DEVELOPING A ROUTINE THAT PROMOTES SAFETY INCLUDE:

1. Establish a routine where you take or pick up your child from school. All students should be picked up at an outside location.
2. Instruct your child how to deal with strangers if they are approached (Stranger – Danger).
3. Encourage your child to walk directly to and from school with other children.
4. Remind your child about safe pedestrian and cycling practices.

WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH

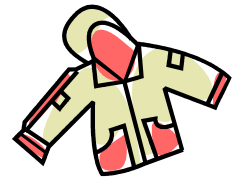
We are lucky to live in a relatively moderate climate. However, some days will be wet and some days will be cold. What matters is that we all learn to dress appropriately for outdoor activities no matter the weather.

Outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy. Our students have two opportunities daily to be outside (recess and lunch) as well as times planned by teachers throughout the week. We believe in outdoor play and education and encourage students to enjoy their environment.

As we approach the rainy, cold season please be sure your child has:

On a Rainy Day:

- Waterproof hat/hood
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof pants
- Waterproof boots
- Warm socks
- Fingerless gloves (keeps hands warm and fingers out for playing)



Talk to your neighbours and friends about where to purchase these items for a reasonable price as your children will quickly outgrow them. You may wish to share with each other!

Do not fall prey to the myth that a cold can be caught or prolonged by going outside in the rain or cold. This is simply not true. Besides, if you are dressed appropriately you will be toasty warm and dry!

Tip: Dressing in layers is helpful when making the transition from indoors to out.

- Outer layer = protection from the weather
- Middle layer = warmth
- Inside layer = comfortable for indoor temperature

Burnaby Public Library's Fresh Start 2016

In celebration of our 60th anniversary, Burnaby Public Library wants you to "Be Curious..." and start borrowing again! Here's an opportunity to have the overdue fines owing on your library account waived. Visit the service desk of any Burnaby Public Library branch between **Monday, September 19 and Sunday, October 2, 2016**, and we will waive the late fees currently owing on your library account, up to a maximum of \$100. This is a one-time special amnesty for fines accrued prior to September 19, and is only valid between September 19 and October 2, 2016.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
You can also check for
information at
www.sd41.bc.ca/community

PAC NEWS

Terry Fox Run - Volunteers Needed

We still need crossing guards for the upcoming Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 29 afternoon. If you are available to help, please email pacmontecito@gmail.com or sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>. Parents will meet in front of the office at 12:45 on Sept. 29th.

Santa Breakfast Planning Team

We're looking for volunteers to help plan the school Santa Breakfast in December. Meetings are about once a month starting in mid-October. Meeting times can be in evenings or daytime depending on the planning team's availability. If you want to help with this fun, festive event, email pacmontecito@gmail.com or sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>

Annual Donation Request Letter

Our annual donation request letter will be going out to all families of Montecito students in October. Monies raised will go towards funding activities and resources not funded by the School District. Past funds raised have gone towards purchasing new gym equipment, iPADS, and playground equipment to name a few. Please keep an eye out for this letter and give generously.

Burnaby DPAC

Burnaby DPAC is the District Parent Advisory Council and they represent Burnaby parents interest in the public education system. DPAC is looking for topic suggestions for their Parent Information Evenings - what do you want to learn more about? As well, with the new curriculum, what things do you want to hear about regarding your child's progress in the classroom, how do you want them to be assessed? Suggestions and ideas can be sent directly to info@burnabydpac.com.

For more information, visit www.burnabydpac.com

Next PAC meeting

Join us for our next PAC meeting, Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 pm in the school staff room.



1st Term (2016)	2nd Term (2017)	3rd Term (2017)
Sept 23, 29	Jan 6, 13, 20, 27	Apr 7, 13, 21, 28
Oct 7, 14, 20, 28	Feb 3, 10, 16, 24	May 5, 26, 18, 19, 26
Nov 4, 10, 18, 24	Mar 3, 10	Jun 1, 2, 9, 16, 23
Dec 2, 9	HOT LUNCH DATES	

Hot Lunch Ordering with MunchaLunch software

Montecito Hot Lunch is a volunteer run program that comes under the umbrella of PAC Fundraising and is overseen by the Hot Lunch Committee. Local vendors are contracted to provide healthy good products at a discounted cost and sold to parents at retail, with proceeds going to the PAC to support PAC funded programs at Montecito Elementary.

To order visit: <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca/montecito-pac/hot-lunch-2/>

Important Notes:

- Order Deadlines are a week prior to hot lunch dates.
- Changes and credits to paid orders can only be done prior to order deadlines. Please take care in choosing foods your child likes, as changes or cancellations will NOT be accepted after the order deadline of each session.
- All payments must be received prior to the deadlines to avoid order cancellation
- Pay upon Checkout to ensure that you do not miss the payment deadline.
- We encourage parents to pay by **CHEQUE** so we avoid transaction fees but credit card payments are accepted with a minimum \$20 purchase only. Please write your child's name and division number on the cheque and make it payable to "**MONTECITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC**".
- If your child is going to be absent, please contact mchotlunch@gmail.com before 12:00 pm on lunch day, if you wish their lunch can be picked up at the gym kitchen. Lunches not picked up by 12:15 pm will be donated or sold.
- If your child has a field trip on a lunch day, the lunches will be kept in the kitchen fridge for students to pick up on their return to school. (For fieldtrips: if one week's notice is given, lunches can be cancelled and credits can be used toward future lunch orders).
- Kindly note there are **NO REFUNDS** as this is a PAC fundraiser.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

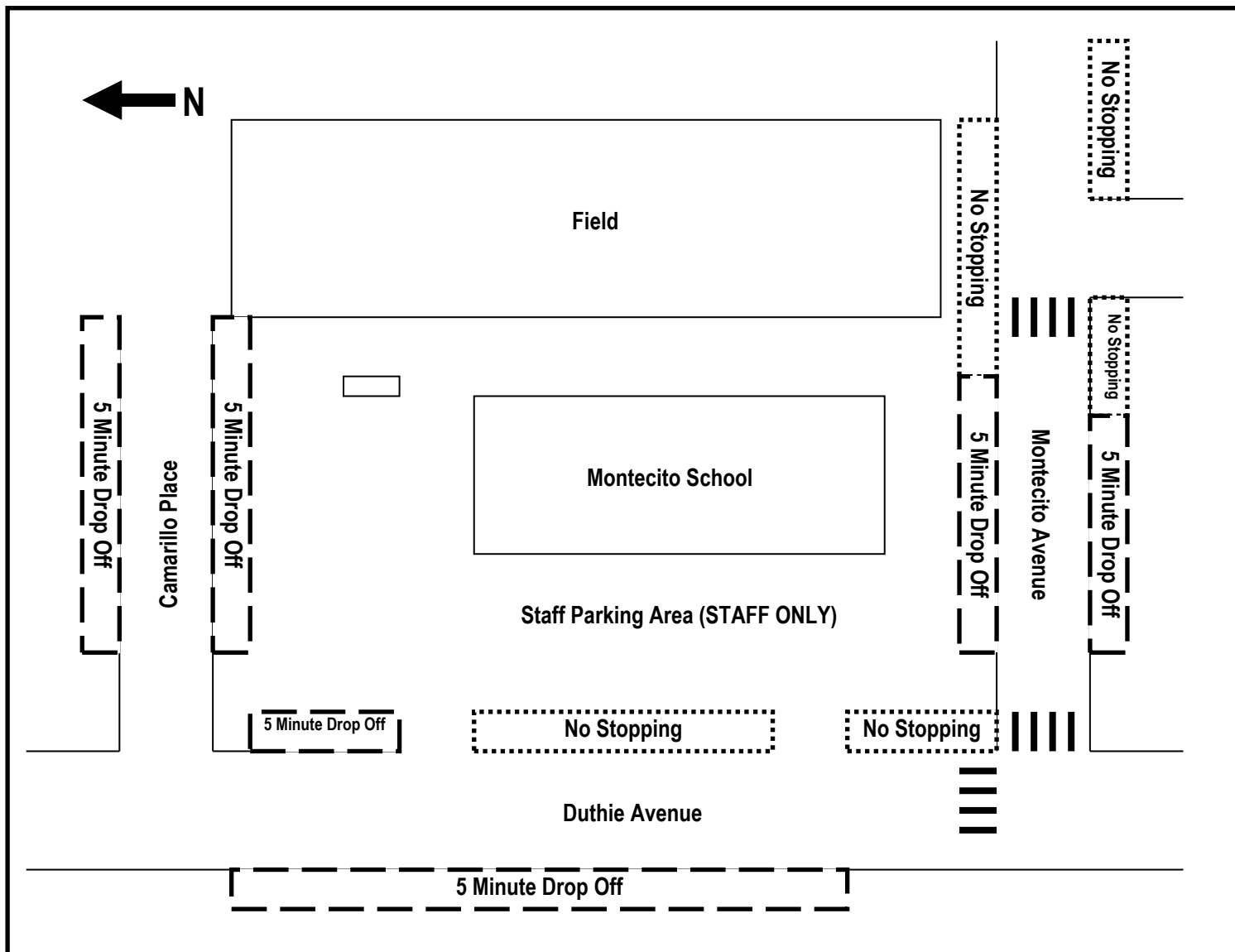
For the safety of all our children, please obey posted traffic signs indicating where parking is allowed and where it is not. Our Student Safety Patrol place orange cones along Montecito Avenue to help remind where cars should not be parking.



Everyone's schedules are tight these days and it becomes very tempting to stop in a **no stopping zone** "just this one time". Please keep in mind that it only takes a split second to make a single mistake that can have tragic results. With 257 students attending Montecito Elementary you can imagine the chaos that would ensue if everyone decided to stop in a **no stopping zone** "just this one time".

Additionally, the Staff Parking lot is not to be used for pick up or drop off purposes. Our parking lot was never designed to accommodate parents using it as a drop off area. As such, it easily becomes very congested. Please use the areas noted on the map below. Thanks!!

Please help us set a positive example for all our children. Thanks! I have included a map below of the school indicating where parking is allowed and where it is not allowed. The map is not drawn to scale and is intended as a guide.



Please visit <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca/>
 (Scroll down to *Upcoming Events*) for the
 most up-to-date information.



October 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3 • NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND • X-Country Meet – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	4	5 Individual Photo Day today 	6 Div. 3 to Space Center	7 • Gr. 6 Immunizations #1 – a.m. • Munch-a-Lunch today	8
9	10  NO SCHOOL TODAY	11 X-Country Awards Meet – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Munch-a-Lunch today	15
16	17	18 Boys' Volleyball Game	19	20 • Munch-a-lunch today • Girls' Volleyball Game	21 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	22
23	24	25 Boys' Volleyball Game	26 Div. 10 & 11 to Richmond Country Farms	27 • Celebration of Learning Assembly – 1:15 p.m. • Girls' Volleyball Game • PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm	28 Munch-a-Lunch today	29
30	31 • Halloween • Gr. 6/7 Dance 					