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This fall has brought many changes to our school. After many years at Montecito, we have said good-bye to Ms. Delyla Eng, one of our noon hour supervisors, who retired today. We wish her well as she enters a new phase of life and we thank her for keeping our students safe and cared for at Montecito. We are also saying 'see you later' to Div. 6's teacher, Ms. Tanis Anderson. She has taken a temporary position as Burnaby School District's Literacy Consultant. While she is gone, we will miss her wealth of knowledge and passion for teaching and learning. In the next week or so, I will know who the new staff members are and I will keep you posted. Alongside our staffing changes, we have also begun the construction and seismic upgrade project. Over the past couple of weeks, we have created a temporary library space in our basement for staff to sign-out books to use in the classrooms, Division 3 has moved to Portable 3, and Div. 7 has moved to Room 14. Ms. Foy, our LSS teacher, will be moving to an upstairs classroom next week. It has been an incredibly busy time and I really appreciate the help that the students, staff and many PAC parents have provided over the past few weeks to allow for a smooth start to this project. It truly has been a TEAM effort! Updates to the seismic upgrade project will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office and will also be communicated via Listserv. Stay tuned!

With a continued focus on our school motto, **Be Kind to Ourselves, Be Kind to Others and Be Kind to this Place**, I have enjoyed going into the classrooms at Montecito over the past couple of weeks to read a story. Students have been engaged in powerful discussions during the readings and have brainstormed various ways to show kindness to others. I have asked every child to set a goal on a specific way they can show kindness to others. Just a few of the ideas they've come up with are helping someone learn a new concept, sharing materials, giving compliments, welcoming new students and staff, including kids in games, and encouraging classmates to try their best. Hopefully our work on kindness at school will filter into your child's interactions with others at home and in the community.

Alongside the learning taking place in classes, students on the Grade 6/7 Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams have enjoyed their practices and games, and have shown much improvement throughout the course of the season. Most of all they have had fun and learned what it takes to be a good sport and work as a team. A very special thanks to Ms. Quan and Ms. Ward who have dedicated numerous mornings, lunch hours and after school times for coaching! Thanks, also, to all the parents who supported our teams through driving and cheering on the teams at the games. In January, we hope that the Grade 6/7 basketball season will begin but we are currently in need of coaches for this to happen. If you are willing and able to coach basketball, please send a note to school with your child or give me a call at the school. Your help would be much appreciated!

It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks, we will be celebrating the Winter Break with our families and friends. Our students have almost completed Term 1 and on December 14<sup>th</sup> they will be bringing home their report cards. Please remember that your child's report card is a snapshot of his/her learning and provides an opportunity to discuss and celebrate accomplishments as well as assist in setting new goals for the next term. As you sit down and read the report card with your child, you may want to ask the following questions:

- What did you enjoy learning the most?
- What are you proud of accomplishing this past term?
- What are your goals for next term?
- What can we do at home to help you accomplish your goals?



The report card discussion you have with your child helps to support him/her, to discover and encourage passions and empower him/her to be the best they can be! Thank-you for sharing in your child's learning. Respectfully,

Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal

## WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERTS

### *The Polar Express*

Tuesday, December 13 - Shows at: 1:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Doors open respectively at: 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.

**STUDENTS** are asked to wear pyjamas

**\*Except Divisions 10 & 11 are Santa's Elves**

**(wear green & red with Elf or Santa hats)**

**Ticket Request Forms went home Wed. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tickets will be issued Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

PARENTS are asked to bring their tickets and a monetary donation to support the refugee families that are being welcomed to Burnaby Schools.

### THE POLAR EXPRESS



### OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 13 – Band Concert (Starts the Winter Concert) – 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14- Choir sings @ Brentwood Mall @ 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15 - Choir sings @ Lougheed Mall @ 1:00 p.m.

## WEATHER CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about Burnaby School District weather related school closure announcements.

All schools will remain OPEN, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (e.g. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. The district will do its best to communicate school or district-wide closures by 6:30 a.m. Closure information will also be provided to radio stations.

PLEASE NOTE: **NO ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE THAT SCHOOLS ARE OPEN.**

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. Please walk elementary children to the door of their school if you are uncertain whether the school is open or not. If for any reason you feel that your child cannot travel safely to school then you should notify the school that your child will be absent.

Student safety is a shared responsibility. With your cooperation and support related to winter weather procedures, we can achieve safe conditions for all.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL for this information.** It is important for teachers and staff to be able to call if they need to let us know they could be late and if many families are calling it can be difficult for staff to get through. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



## Monitors of the Month.....NEW THIS YEAR!

### Daniel Wang

Daniel consistently shows up on time for patrol. He makes sure the other patrol members are also there. He even anticipates when we might be short a patrol member and offers to step in on that day. Thank you, Daniel, for making sure our Safety Patrol is always prepared!

### Sam Bigg

Sam always shows up on time for his shift. He steps in where he is needed. One day, we were very short patrol members and I went out looking for students who might be available. Not only did Sam agree to come in to lead one of the patrol teams, but he had his whistle on him already. Thanks, Sam, for being a responsible member of our Safety Patrol!





## SICK KIDS

A reminder to parents that if your child is unwell please do not send them to school, particularly if they have a fever, feel sick to their stomach or have a bad cough. Proper hand washing is the number one protection from sickness. Reinforcing proper hand washing at home is important.

## MONTECITO VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

The Montecito Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams were dedicated and committed to attending 3 practices per week. Throughout the season, they strived to improve their overall volleyball skills and team play. All of their efforts and energy came together at our final playday, competing against a variety of Burnaby schools, at Central Secondary School. Congratulations to the Montecito Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams for a successful and fun-filled season.



Coaches,  
Ms Ward  
and Ms Quan

Boys' Volleyball Team Members	Girls' Volleyball team Members
Aidan M.	Alex T.
Alex R.	Alina Z.
Arno S.	Alivia C.
Colin M.	Darya J.
Daniel W.	Emma L.
Dennevin A.	Hala A.
Enver C.	Jenny Z.
Ethan A.	Katrina W.
Frank G.	Kaylee K.
Jamie S.	Linda J.
Matteo R.	Michelle W.
Zach L.	Saniya D.
	Siobhan M.

## REMINDER: There is no bad weather only inappropriate clothing!

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.

Encourage your children (and feel free to join in!) to play in the rain and snow as much can be learned. Jump in or toss stones in puddles and observe the splash and ripples. Why do rocks and stones look so much more interesting when they are wet? How can water be made to flow from one puddle to another? What kind of mud makes the best mud pancakes? Notice the ice patterns that form on puddles when the temperature drops. Build with snow forts?

What kind of snow is the best for tobogganing?

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

### On a Rainy Day:

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

### On a Snowy Day:

- Toque that covers ears
- Snow boots
- Insulated gloves or mittens suitable for handling snow
- Heavy jacket for warmth
- Warm socks
- Snow Pants

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



# MONTECITO CROSS COUNTRY – FALL 2016

This year we had a small, but dedicated team of eleven students on the Cross Country team. We had a lot of fun at practices and participating in meets with other schools at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. Thank you to all team members for your hard work and representing Montecito so well this fall.

**Grade 4 Team Members:** Logan Hosie, Christopher Lee, Michelle Li, Saaya Reichel, Kayla Scott, Isabella Tsotsos, Alessia Villeato

**Grade 5 Team Member:** Emma Liu

**Grade 6 Team Members:** Ethan Austin, Joshua Harrah, Natasha Karolewska

From your coaches,  
Mrs. Jessica Vaughan & Mrs. Amy Chin



## SAFETY & PROCEDURES

As you may have noticed each month we include student safety & procedures items for your information and to discuss with your children.

### ✿ MONEY & VALUABLES

Students should not bring money and valuables such as jewelry, expensive toys, trendy toys, electronic games, cell phones or personal sports equipment to school. If families choose to disregard this advice, we cannot be responsible for missing items.

### ✿ SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for school resources used during the school year (e.g. texts, library books, school uniforms). If materials are lost or damaged, the student may be responsible for replacement costs.



### ✿ STUDENT SAFETY

The subject of personal safety and abduction prevention is discussed in an on-going basis with our students. Here are six important rules to review with your children to ensure their safety on the way to and from school:

1. Always walk to and from school with a relative, buddy or group of friends.
2. Do not arrive at school before 8:45 unless you have a team practice or a school job.
3. Always go directly home after school.
4. Always inform your parents where you are going and the route you are taking.
5. Always let your parents know if you are going to a friend's house. These arrangements SHOULD be made the night or days before and not the day of. At school, we do not allow students to use the phone to arrange playdates.
6. NEVER leave the school grounds during the day unless the office has been notified and permission has been granted from Mrs. Kimmie.
7. Students leaving during instructional time should be signed out by a parent at the OFFICE. There is a *SIGN-OUT* book on the office counter.

## NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Several students in most grades 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 classrooms and school NUT-AWARE. Please check the ingredients of all foods your children bring to school. In the classroom setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk from this type of allergy (this is when a few crumbs from one child's snack are dropped and then picked-up by an allergic child). With your cooperation we can minimize the risk of an allergic reaction.





## PAC NEWS

### Goal Reached for Direct Donation Fundraiser

Thank you to all families who contributed to our direct donation fundraiser at the end of October. We raised a total of \$4,140... hooray! This money will help PAC to fund a number of activities and resources not covered by the school district, such as field trips, new technology and playground equipment. We appreciate all parent contributions whether it be volunteer time, direct donations, or presence at assemblies and school gatherings.

### Gingerbread House Making - Dec. 9 - Volunteers Needed

Students and staff are looking forward to making gingerbread houses on Friday, Dec. 9. We need some parent volunteers to help coordinate this event with teachers. Parents are needed to help with set-up, serving hot chocolate, and clean-up. If you are available to help on this day, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>.

No architectural experience is needed, just come out and have fun.

### Santa Breakfast - Dec. 16

Do you hear the sleigh bells ring-ting-tingling? Montecito's annual Santa breakfast is almost here! Dust off those reindeer ears and don your best red and green for this well-loved event. We need parent volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and clean up on the Friday morning, please sign up for a volunteer position by Dec. 9 at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>

Students and staff will enjoy a breakfast with pancakes and sausages, and parents and younger siblings are invited too. Join us for this festive event.

### Family Games Night - February

Last year we had a very successful Family Games Night fundraiser where families solved creative problems together. We'd like to organize another evening of fun in February and need someone to coordinate this event with the school. If you are interested in leading this event, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> or contact [pacmontecito@gmail.com](mailto:pacmontecito@gmail.com).



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



# December 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Hour of Code – Whole School in p.m.	2 Div. 7, 8 & 9 to Science World today Munch-a-Lunch today	3
4	5	6 Fruit & Veggies served (Mandarin Oranges)	7 Div. 4, 5 & 6 to Science World Pop-Up Popcorn Day	8	9 Gingerbread House Making – all classes Munch-a-Lunch today	10
11	12	13 Band Concert – 1:15 p.m. (Starts the Winter Concert) Winter Concert – 1:15 & 6:30 p.m. (Doors open @ 1:00 & 6:00 respectively)	14 Intermediate Choir to Brentwood Mall – 1:00 p.m. Report Cards home today	15 Intermediate Choir to Lougheed Mall – 1:00 p.m. PAC Meeting is cancelled	16 Pancake Breakfast in a.m. Gr. 6/7 Dance in p.m.	17
18	 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> December 17 - January 2 (School re-opens Tuesday, January 3)					24
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