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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

What a busy month we have had at Montecito!

In early April, various school staff members, Trustee Katrina Chen, School Board Director Peter Dubinsky, Principal of Sperling Karen Floyd, DPAC Member Melody Eng, as well as two of our amazing PAC parents, Michael Lee and Carine Choo, met to have a discussion about our school goals in SEL and Writing. We eagerly shared about our data, professional learning, classroom activities and structures, accomplishments, goals and plans. It was a powerful discussion and the immediate feedback we received was that all visitors were very impressed with how much we are doing to help meet the needs of learners at Montecito! We are continually having conversations and engaging in professional development to make a difference for your children, and are excited about the direction we are headed with our school goals.

Many parents attended our **Student-Led Conferences on April 12th**. Students had the opportunity to share some of the things they have learned to this point in the year. It is always amazing to hear our students speak so knowledgeably about their accomplishments and challenges, as well as set goals for further learning. Thank-you for attending, and a special shout out to the many parents and grandparents who helped at the Book Fair held in conjunction with the conferences! We appreciate your efforts!

Mr. Smith and our Intermediate Choir performed at the **Choir Festival at Michael J. Fox Theatre** recently. The children sang beautifully and shared their performance with all of us at our COLA today. It is fantastic that our School District gives such solid support to the visual and performing arts.

We had a fun, lively and very entertaining **Hip Hop Dance Performance on April 18th**. It really is astounding how much the children learned in one week of lessons with Sue Cejalvo-Howse and her team! The performance was incredibly well-attended by parents and other relatives which made it exciting for the performers! If you were unable to attend, we did video tape the performance for viewing at the school only. You can contact the office to watch when you are around next.

Today we celebrated **Earth Day with our Pitch in Activity** at 2:00 pm. Special thanks to Connie Hosie who has planned this event. This is one way we can show 'kindness to this place' and help our broader community.

Construction is moving along at a rapid pace now. Construction crews have been very busy building a new washroom upstairs, a new classroom downstairs beside the staffroom, and working on the new addition. They have also been completing seismic work in the hallways before and after school hours. Starting in May, the new classroom will become a 'swing space' and upstairs classes will move room by room into the new space for one to two weeks so that construction crews can complete seismic work and put new windows in their existing room. This move will not affect your child's learning, and will actually be exciting for the students to have an experience in the new classroom!

We will be beginning to plan for September class placements soon. A lot of thought, time and effort is put into organizing classes that will provide the best learning environments for students. Some of these considerations are academic achievement, special needs, learning styles, leadership skills, social and emotional needs, and amount of adult support needed. Our classroom teachers and support staff provide input about student needs in this complex process and spend time discussing each child's placement. Throughout the year, teachers become increasingly aware of your child's needs both through daily interactions and discussions with you. However, if there is any additional information that you wish us to consider, please provide it using the **Parent Class Placement Input Form available on the office counter**. Please fill in this form and return it to the office **no later than May 11th**. As you prepare your form, please keep in mind that requests must be related to your child's specific learning needs and style without requesting specific teachers. Please understand that due to the many placement factors and the allowable class size and class composition guidelines, we may not be able to accommodate your request. If you have any questions or specific concerns, you can always contact me at the school.

Respectfully, Mrs. Heather Kimmie

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
WITH THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE:**

REMINDER: we will be having a FULL Earthquake Drill with evacuation and parent pick-up (more details to follow). It is on **May 4th** and we are asking parents to **pick up from 2:00 pm onward.**

BRING PICTURE ID!



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS
Prière de les faire traduire.**

**重要資料
請找人為你翻譯**

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。

**안녕하십니까
이것을 번역해 주십시오**

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ**

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉੱਲਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ।**

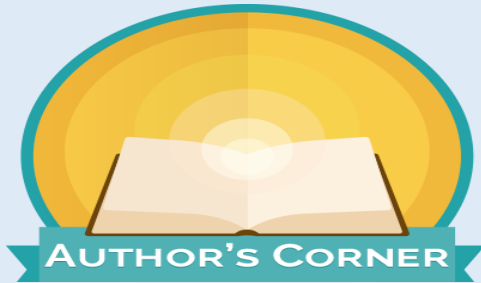
**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE
Busque alguien que lo traduzca.**

**اطلاعات مهم و سودمند
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند**

**ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan**

**يرجى ترجمة هذا
معلومات هامة**

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.**



STUDENT WORK FROM DIVISION 11

Students in Ms. Peter's Kindergarten class have been creating poems and we are pleased to share a few of them with you.

Snow, Snow, Snow, Snow

I love snow.
Fluffy snow,
Icy snow,
Hard snow,
Falling snow,
Eating snow,
Cones of snow,
I love snow.



By Sebastian, Valentina, Louis M, Grayson, Easton, Hope, Levi, Edric, Chanel, Chelsea, Edie, Chantal and Ms. Peters

Penguins

Penguins, Penguins they like to slide.
They slide on their tummy,
And they wish they could fly.

They dive into water and they swim for food.
Fish, Krill and Squid are tasty too.

They make nests of rocks, they sit on their egg.
They keep their baby warm between their legs.

They look all black, they look all white.
They use camouflage to hide in sight.



By Division 11, January 13, 2017

Penguin Feet

Penguin feet, penguin feet.
Penguins eat kinds of meat.

The kind of meat they eat is fish,
But they don't put it in a dish.

They like to slide on the ice,
The ice is really, really nice.

They dive and swim into the sea,
Penguins, penguins, they like me.



By Hope, Chelsea, Chantal, Chanel, Grayson, Edie, Sebastian and Ms. Peters

January 20, 2017

TALENT SHOW

The 2016-17 Montecito Talent Show is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th from 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. **PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

Thank you for your ongoing support of the performing arts at Montecito, and we look forward to this year's Talent Show.

Sincerely,
Mr. Steve Smith
Music Specialist



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

We had four teams compete at the Odyssey of the Mind Provincial Tournament on April 8th. Our teams represented our school magnificently, and we brought home two silver medals, two bronze medals and the Ranatra Fusca. The Ranatra Fusca is a trophy for outstanding creativity and is not awarded every year. It is the highest award at the competition. Daniel Wang received this award for composing not one, but three separate musical scores for the grade 6/7 team performance. His music played in the background during the performance to enhance the mood and theme of the skit. This award qualifies the grade 6/7 team to attend the World Finals in East Lansing, Michigan at the end of May. Montecito proudly displays this trophy at the office for the second time in three years, an unprecedented event in the history of this award! Congratulations to the 28 students from grade 1 – 7 who participated in Odyssey this year. You all did a wonderful job! Thank you also to the amazing coaches who donated their time and patience to helping make this program possible at our school!

Grade 1/2/3 Team: Coaches – Karen Qi and Christina Guo, Students – Emily Heyd, Hannah Gao, Aaron Zhang, Lilianna Zhang, Max Wu, Alex Wang, Lucas Lakovic

Grade 3/4 Team: Coaches – Christina Merwin and Connie Hosie, Students – Alexandra Merwin, Kayla Scott, Hui Yu, Tristan Nguyen, Markus Delorme, Logan Hosie, Saaya Reichel

Grade 4/5 Team: Coach – Vivian Cheng, Students – Ali Hosseini, Greta Liu, Emma Liu, Miya Mlait, Michelle Li, Conrad Horychun, Ryan Hsiao

Grade 6/7 Team: Coaches – Holly Lloyd and Christina Guo, Students – Myles Lin, Cherie Huang, Daniel Wang, Rain Sheng, Brian Han, Vivian Wu, Hana Reichel



PHOTO DAY

Classroom photos, Team & Group photos, and our school Panorama Photo will be taken on **Friday, May 12th.**

TRACK TEAM

Good luck to the Track Team members who will be participating in the All-Day Track Meet at Swangard Stadium on May 2nd!

Thanks to all the parent drivers as well!

VOLUNTEER TEA

Tuesday, June 6th
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Please SAVE THE DATE
and mark your calendars!*

We'd really like you to join us!!!



SPORTS DAY 2017

Sports Day is on **Friday, May 19th**. Please note that **STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:00 p.m.** Here is our schedule for the day:

- 9:30 Students assemble outside in their House Teams and present cheers
- 9:50 Preschool Race
- 10:00 Station events begin
Nutrition break (treats supplied by our PAC)
- 11:00 Station events conclude
- 11:15 Primary Relay (all primary students to participate)
- 11:25 Preschool Race
- 11:30 Lunch
- 11:45 Outside play
- 12:15 Students back to classrooms for attendance
- 12:30 Tug of War events (all intermediates to participate)
- 1:00 Conclusion and Dismissal



A concession stand will be available to students and parents at lunch time, and Munch-a-Lunch will be served as well. During the week of May 15 - 19, students are encouraged to wear the following colours to show school spirit in the days leading up to Sports Day.

SPIRIT WEEK

EVERYONE WEARS THE FOLLOWING COLOURS:

Monday, May 15 YELLOW/GOLD DAY	Tuesday, May 16 RED DAY	Wednesday, May 17 GREEN DAY	Thursday, May 18 BLUE DAY	Friday, May 19 SPORTS DAY WEAR TEAM COLOURS!
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MONITOR OF THE MONTH

MYLES LIN – Ms. Lloyd and Mrs. Shuster said:

Myles took on a different shift when we were short on patrol, and continued to take responsibility for that team, even though most of the team wouldn't show up. He would find spares to help, instead.

He has helped in the office on his regular shift, and when the call went out for extra help, Myles came quickly to fill in. He made sure he stayed to watch things until an adult returned.

Thank you Myles, for showing leadership in our school in so many ways!



Are you Moving to a NEW school?...

It is very helpful for us to know of those families who DO NOT plan on attending Montecito School in September, 2017. For those definitely moving or changing schools this summer, please contact the office @ 604-664-8766 or rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca or complete the form below and return to us.

Child's Name:	Teacher:
New School or District:	
Signature of Parent Guardian:	

Thank you for your assistance!

JUMP ROPE CLUB

Mrs. Manners and Ms. Quan have been running a Jump Rope Club twice a week during lunch since Spring Break. The students in the club have shown enthusiasm and dedication! Using single and long ropes, they have been learning new tricks, improved their presentation of known tricks and created routines. Many of the club members will be sharing their routines at our May Celebration of Learning Assembly on Thursday, April 27th at 1:30pm. The 2017 Jump Rope Club members are Greta Liu, Kayla Scott, Giorgia Altamura, Alex Turner, Amanda Li, Breanna Lock, Natasha Piccolo, Saaya Reichel, Alisha Daya, Lily Holisky, Cassandra Miller, Raina Thakrar, Kaniraa Ainkaran, Isabella Cheng, Adriana Manzi, Gabriella Manzi, Bianca Miller, Emmarose Jackson, Layla Johnson, Alex Merwin, Sophia O'Reilly, Emerson Procyshyn and Natalia Soto.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT



In support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, we will be participating in a Jump Rope for Heart Event this year. On Monday, May 1st students will rotate through a variety of jump rope stations in the gym with their buddy classes. We are asking students to bring in an optional donation of \$2 to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation for the work they do to support heart health and research. Donations can also be made online http://support.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2017/JUMP2017?team_id=19647&pg=team&fr_id=4231&cs_consID=1356991%20%20 with amounts of \$20 or more receiving a tax receipt. Thank you for helping Montecito to support this cause!

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE EYE EXAM AND GLASSES

School-age children's eyes are constantly in use in the classroom and at play so it's important to ensure they are working their best. Your child may not realize they have a vision problem – they may simply assume everyone sees the way they do.

Eye See ... Eye Learn® is a program that provides free eye exams and eyeglasses if necessary to Kindergarten children by a BC Doctor of Optometry. Visit www.bcesel.ca to book your child's eye exam with a participating doctor.

BURNABY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



Youth baseball program for boys and girls
between 4 and 18 years of age

Registration open for **2017** season.

For additional information or to register online
visit www.burnabybaseball.com

You can also check for Information at www.sd41.bc.ca/community

COMMUNITY

NEW TEAM JERSEYS:

With huge support of the PAC, the school was able to purchase 36 new team jerseys. When your child participates on a school team they will be issued a jersey for the duration of the sport and is to wear it only on team event days. At the end of the season, your child will need to return the jersey. If it is not returned, the cost will be \$50 in order to replace it. When washing, please do so on a 'delicate cycle' and do not wash with anything velcro as it will damage the jersey. Thanks for helping keep these jerseys in great shape for years to come.



PAC AGM - May 11th

Our annual general meeting is on **Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 pm** in the school staff room. If you would like to run or nominate someone for an executive position for the 2017/18 school year or vote, please attend. All parents/guardians who have a child at our school are part of PAC and eligible to vote.

SPORTS DAY - MAY 19

Sports Day is coming up and we need a few more parent volunteers to help out with recycling and clean up. If you're available, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON - MAY 24

We'll be hosting a luncheon for staff to say thank you for all that they do. If you would like to help with set up, prep and/or service, please contact pacmontecito@gmail.com or sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>

MULTICULTURAL DAY - JUNE 1

Please join us for Montecito's third annual Multicultural Day on Thursday, June 1. Our assembly will feature De Danaan Irish School of Dance who will entertain students with traditional dances from Ireland. Following the assembly students will travel to stations located around the school featuring games, crafts and traditions from around the world. Some activities include bocce ball, cricket, Bollywood dance, Canada's national historical parks, maraca making and more. We need parent volunteers to assist with the some of the activity stations. If you are available to help, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>

BOOK FAIR: Thank you to everyone who purchased and volunteered at our Spring Book Fair...we surpassed our goal of selling over \$2500 which means \$1300 worth of books for our new library and our Primary Readers!

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



May 2017

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 Jump Rope for Heart Event	2 Fruit & Veggies (Mini Peppers) served Track Awards Meet – all day @ Swangard Festival of Dance for Div. 7,8 & 9 – 7:00 pm	3	4 EARTHQUAKE DRILL – 2:00 PM – parents can begin pick-up process	5 Gr. 6 – Immunizations – am Pop-up Library 9:00 – 2:00 Munch-a-Lunch today
8 Talent Show Auditions @ lunch	9 BC Election Day today Talent Show Auditions @ lunch	10 Pop-Up Popcorn Day today Talent Show Auditions @ lunch	11 Festival of Beginning Bands - Confederation Elem. – Bus pick-up @ 9:00 am Talent Show Auditions @ lunch PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm	12 Classroom Photos, Team & Groups, & Panorama Photos today Munch-a-Lunch today 2:00 pm EARLY DISMISSAL today
15 GOLD/YELLOW Spirit Day	16 RED Spirit Day Fruit & Veggies (Mini Cukes) served	17 GREEN Spirit Day Div. 1, 2 & 3 to Playland	18 BLUE Spirit Day Munch-a-Lunch today	19 Sports Day – DISMISSAL 1:00 PM TODAY Munch-a-Lunch today
22 VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY	23	24 Staff Appreciation Lunch Pop-Up Cupcakes	25 Celebration of Learning Assembly – 9:20 am	26
29	30 Talent Show – 1:15 – 3:00 pm All Parents Welcome!	31		