

<b>Principal:</b> Heather Kimmie	<b>NEWSLETTER #2</b>	<b>Secretary:</b> Rae Shuster
<b>Head Teacher:</b> Holly Lloyd	<b>September 28, 2017</b>	<b>Trustee:</b> Baljinder Narang
<b>School motto: Kindness to Ourselves, Kindness to Others and Kindness to This Place</b>		

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### A Wonderful Start to a New School Year!

We are off to a great start at Montecito School this year! We have 253 students in 11 divisions and have welcomed 11 new students in addition to our 33 new Kindergarten children. We also have a few new staff members who have very recently been hired. We would like to welcome Ms. Erica Torresan (our new Div. 3 teacher), Ms. Shannon O'Rourke (part time LSS teacher) and Ms. Katelyn Linklater (Educational Assistant) to the Montecito team.

During the first week at school, students and staff helped contribute to the school community by focusing on **making a difference** at Montecito. The theme tied into our school motto, particularly kindness to others and kindness to this place. Students participated in a variety of fun station activities, then culminated the week's activities with a display of their learning at the Celebration of Learning Assembly, and by making a hand with a commitment for making a difference at Montecito this year. Ms. Quan is busy making a beautiful tree mural to display the hands of staff, students and PAC members working and growing together.



Students are now settling into their class routines, engaging in learning activities, and making new friends. We look forward to a fun, rewarding year with your children and look forward to working with you to support them and help them grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Heather Kimmie  
Principal

### 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.

### INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**starting at 9:00 a.m.**



*A note from the Mountain West Studios photographer. For best results on photo day, DO NOT WEAR GREEN COLOURED CLOTHING, clothing that has GREEN COLOURED PATTERNS IN IT, nor SOLID WHITE. Attention to hair and grooming also contributes to great looking photographs! Thank you!*

## 2017-18 CLASSES BY DIVISION & GRADE

- Mr. Adam Singer – Division 1 – Grade 6/7
- Mrs. Laurie Copeland/Ms. Holly Lloyd – Division 2 – Grade 6/7
- Ms. Erica Torresan – Division 3 – Grade 5/6
- Mrs. Marian Mann – Division 4 – Grade 4/5
- Mrs. Jessica Vaughan – Division 5 – Grade 4/5
- Mr. Matthew Houghland – 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 K/1
- Ms. Alexandra Peters – Division 11 - Grade K



## 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 **NUT-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 for 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. Throughout the school you will see NUT AWARE signs. We kindly 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.

## 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:

- Waterproof hat/hood
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof pants
- Waterproof boots
- Warm socks
- A change of clothes at school

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



**A NOTE TO PARENTS REGARDING  
SCHOOL START-UP NOTICES  
AND PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

This information was also sent home with notices on Tuesday, September 12th.  
**THANK YOU** for your cooperation.

 <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION <b>BURNABY</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT 41</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請投入為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはいせつなお知らせです。 ごなにかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 아갓을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRONG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>सबुती साटवारी धिकाए बाबदे धिने बाँके धिना एा ऐकेना वरवारे ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخوانید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON IsaIn sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>برجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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The following forms were due back at school **on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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):

- [Student Acceptable Digital Responsibility Guidelines Use Agreement 2017-18](#)
- [Student Emergency Release Form](#)
- [Student Personal Info Consent 2017/18 and Media in Schools Notice 2017/18 \(complete BOTH sides\)](#)
- [Neighbourhood Walking Trip/Activity Consent](#)
- [Fruit & Vegetable Program Consent Form](#)
- [Student Planners \(Gr. 1-7\)](#)
- [Young People’s Concerts \(Gr. 4-7\)](#)

**A NOTE REGARDING EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- Thank you to those families who have completed and returned the Student Verification Forms which went home earlier, please send A.S.A.P. if you haven’t already. **IF ANY CHANGES OCCUR DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE.**
- As part of our Emergency Preparedness Plan, you are asked to fill in a Student Emergency Release Form. In the case of an emergency event, students will only be released to those adults that parents have identified on this form.

**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 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:*

1. **Payment can only be accepted through SCHOOLCASH ONLINE OR CHEQUES.**
  - a. **We encourage you to sign-up for schoolcash online.** As of June 2017 we have 205 families (that’s 76.78% of our school community) using this safe and convenient service. If you aren’t signed up, please go to <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca> for information and instructions to register. There is NO cost to parents.
  - b. Cheques should be made payable to Montecito Elementary, unless otherwise noted. **PLEASE INCLUDE THE STUDENT’S FULL NAME AND DIVISION on the bottom of any cheques.** Please staple the cheque to the notice or place both the cheque and notice in a baggie.
  - c. **Please DO NOT COMBINE PAYMENTS.** Send **SEPARATE** payments 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.
2. Please ensure that all items **ARE SENT TO SCHOOL BY THEIR DUE DATE.**

**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. We hope that this is just an extension of home practices. Thanks for helping us to take care of our environment!



**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](mailto:rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca)).

District 5040 **Rotary** Club of Burnaby Metrotown



To everyone in our school community. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Rotary Coats for Kids program, and with the new school year upon us, we want to ensure that all children receive warm coats before the cold season is here. To assist with this great program our school will be collecting gently used coats for other Burnaby children.

**The collection of coats and the delivery dates to schools are from Monday, October 16th to Friday November 24th 2017.**

Our goal is to collect from those families who have a new or slightly used winter coat with a hood, and to redistribute to children in Burnaby who don’t have access to a warm winter jacket.

If your child needs a coat this winter season and you are unable to purchase one, please contact Mrs. Kimmie at Montecito with a request. Please include your child’s name, age, coat size and gender. You can phone 604-296-9023 extension 641001 or e-mail [heather.kimmie@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:heather.kimmie@sd41.bc.ca)

# 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 @ (604) 296-9023 (PRESS 2 for our 24 hour Voice-Mail Absence line).** 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. & 3:00 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 before 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, Mrs. Blight and Mrs. Lavorato, who work at lunchtime each day. In addition we have up to 6 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) 296-9023 or email Mrs. Shuster at [rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca)



**ILLNESS / INJURY:** Every effort is made to contact parents when an illness or serious 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 alerts and life threatening allergies.

**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.
- Students are not permitted to ride scooters, skateboards, bikes, or wear rollerblades or roller shoes during school hours for safety reasons.



## **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.



## PAC NEWS

### TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped with the run and preparing oranges for our children, and to Stephanie Tsotsos for taking the lead to coordinate the run route. All your work helped keep our children safe and hydrated. A big thanks to Buy Low Foods at Parkcrest for donating oranges to our event. Please visit our community business and say thank you.

### ANNUAL DONATION REQUEST LETTER

Our annual donation request letter will be going out to all families of Montecito students in mid-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, robotics and supporting class field trips to name a few. Please keep an eye out for this notice and give generously.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST PLANNING TEAM

We need volunteers to help plan the school pancake breakfast in December. Meetings are once a month starting in late October and time is flexible depending on planning team's availability. If you want to help with this fun, festive event, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> or email [pacmontecito@gmail.com](mailto:pacmontecito@gmail.com).

### B-I-N-G-O!!! SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for a fun **family games night @ 6pm on Friday, November 17th!**

More information to come next month.

Want to volunteer? Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP> or email Miriam [fitterermiriam@gmail.com/604-313-5121](mailto:fitterermiriam@gmail.com/604-313-5121)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR - AIDAN'S 2ND ANNUAL TOY DRIVE!

**December 4-9, 2017**

Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to school on December 4-9, for a child to contribute to Aidan's 2nd Annual Toy Drive in partnership with the Burnaby Christmas Bureau! All toys collected will go to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau and families in need in our community. Please deliver new, unwrapped toys to the office on December 4-9 to contribute.

### FALL BOOK FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Book Fair in the new library

We sold over \$3800 in books, a new record for our school! This pushed our rewards to the highest level earning 70% of that value back in new books for our school and reading programs.

### HOT LUNCH AND TREAT DAYS UPDATE

Hot lunches are open for ordering on the Munch-a-Lunch website. Please order by midnight of October 1st for our **first lunch date on Friday, October 6**. The school office has a copy of the hot lunch menu for those who wish to order manually. Also, Pop-up Snack Days will be twice a month this semester starting in October where specialty treats like popcorn, cupcakes and snacks will be for sale at the gym kitchen. Check out the dates by clicking on "Pop-up snack days" under PARENTS tab on the school website. Be sure to purchase a punch card on School Cash online, see the quick link on the Montecito home page.

### NEXT PAC MEETING

Join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:00 pm** in the school library. We'll be discussing budget and going over the school wish list.



# TRAFFIC SAFETY

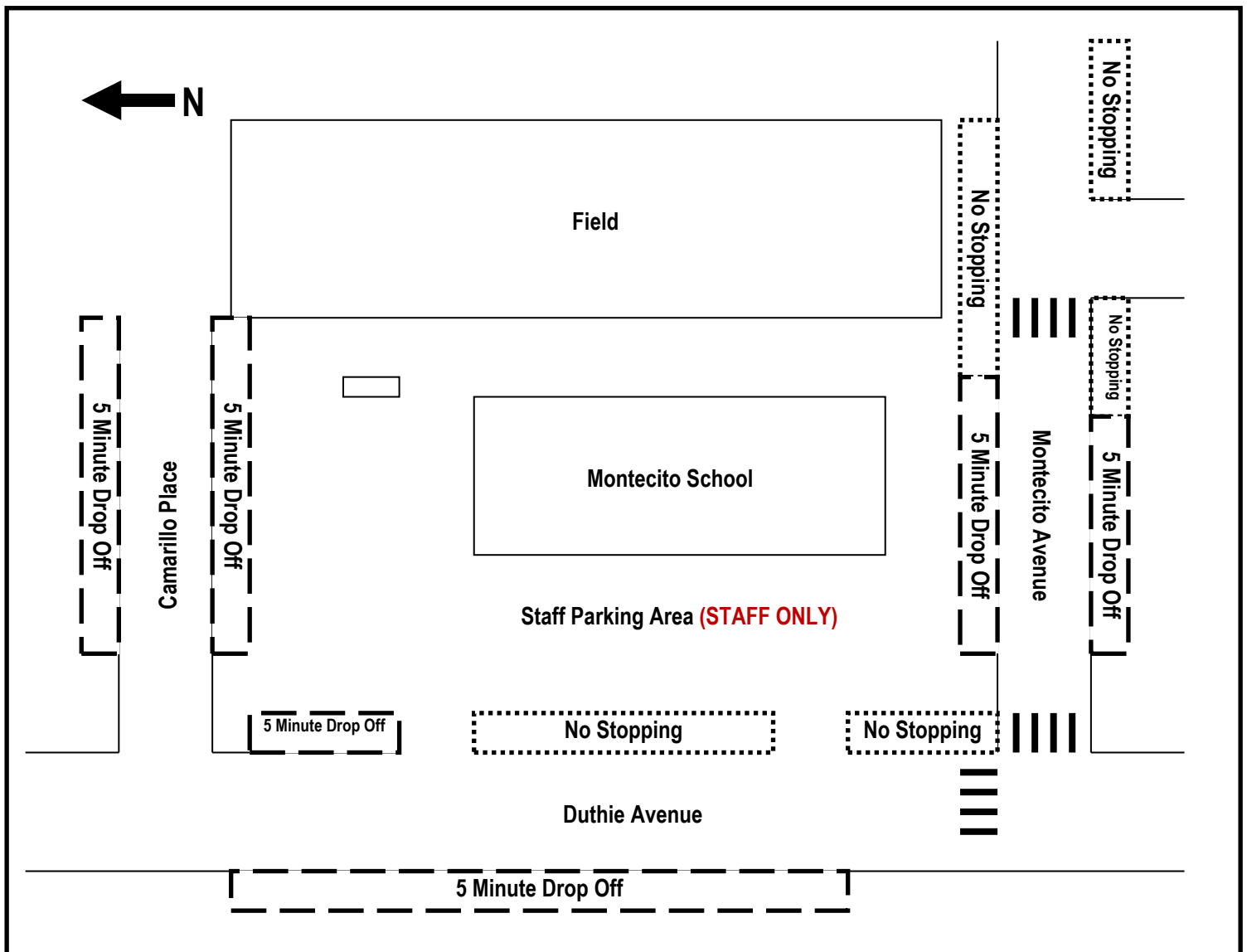


For the safety of all our children, please obey posted traffic signs indicating where parking is allowed and where it is not. Our Student Safety Patrol place orange cones along Montecito Avenue to help remind adults where cars should not be parking.

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 253 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. The map below indicates 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 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 9:00 - Gr. 6 Immunizations 3:30-4:30 - X-Country Meet	3 10:00 - 3:00 - Div. 4, 5 & 6 to McGill Library & Eileen Dailly Pool	4 Individual Photo Day today	5	6 All Day - Div. 4, 5 & 6 to Science World Munch-a-Lunch today	7
8	9 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY - No school today</b>	10 3:30 - 5:00 - X-Country Awards Meet	11 12:30 - 1:00 - Pop-Up Snack Day	12	13 9:00 - 3:00 - Div. 10 & 11 to Kidtropolis Fieldtrip	14
15	16 a.m. - Van Go Art Workshops for Int. classes	17 a.m. - Van Go Art Workshops for Int. classes 3:30 - Boys' Volleyball game (location tba)	18 a.m. - Van Go Art Workshops for Int. classes	19 Munch-a-Lunch today 3:30 - Girls' Volleyball game (location tba)	20 <b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - No school today</b>	21
22	23 <b>CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DAY - No school today</b>	24 Stagecoach Drama Workshops for Pri. Classes 3:30 - Boys' Volleyball game (location tba)	25 Stagecoach Drama Workshops for Pri. Classes 12:30 - 1:00 - Pop-Up Snack Day	26 Stagecoach Drama Workshops for Pri. Classes 3:30 - Girls' Volleyball game (location tba) 7:00 - PAC Meeting	27 1:30 - COLA	28
29	30	31 9:45 - COLA (Halloween Assembly) 1:15 - 3:00 - Gr. 6/7 Dance 3:30 - Boys' Volleyball game (location tba)				