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**Head Teacher:** Holly Lloyd

**NEWSLETTER #3**  
**October 26, 2017**

**Secretary:** Rae Shuster  
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**School motto: Kindness to Ourselves, Kindness to Others and Kindness to This Place**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### LEARNING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT MONTECITO!

The past month seems to have flown by, and Montecito has been filled with exciting sights and sounds of kids learning! In addition to the engaging activities happening in classrooms, our students have participated in some unique whole school learning opportunities. In early October, Mrs. Vaughan led the school in an Aboriginal reconciliation project where she read a story and spoke to most classes about residential schools. Each child then painted a rock and wrote a word or phrase that they would give to students who experienced residential schools. Some of the messages students wrote were **hope, love, forgive, and bravery**. It was a powerful activity and you can currently see these rocks showcased in the lobby display case and library.



Ms. Price, District Aboriginal Teacher, also visited many classes and engaged students and staff in activities to help increase our Aboriginal knowledge. We also experienced the arts through lessons provided by Arts Umbrella staff. All intermediate students learned techniques for using chalk pastels and produced a visual art piece, and all primary students participated in a fun drama class. We have been so fortunate to have these vast and varied educators share their expertise with us!

Not only are the students busy learning, but the staff have been engaged in rich learning activities as well. On our recent Professional Days, we have attended conferences, deepened our understanding of the redesigned curriculum, and focused on our two school goals and ways to support growth in Montecito students in these areas:

- **Goal 1: Increasing connectedness.** Our goal is for every child to have at least two adults they feel care about them or they can trust in the school. In addition we are also working on increasing peer to peer connectedness.
- **Goal 2: Improving personal writing with a focus on meaning.** Our goal is to increase our students' abilities in writing with meaning. This means producing personal writing where the ideas are related, flow and include details. In the intermediate grades the students will work on adding more logical explanations, examples and reasons to support their thinking.

Last year, with explicit teaching and supports, we showed significant growth in writing and connectedness in our target groups of children. However, we still have work to do on these goals to help every child feel connected and move forward in writing. More specific information about what we are doing to support our school goals will come in future newsletters.

As a whole school, we have been reviewing ways to make a difference at Montecito. Showing **kindness to this place** has been a concentrated focus in the past few weeks. One way we can do this is by keeping our environment both in and outside of the school clean. We have recycling and compost bins around the school. Using reusable containers for recess snacks will help to reduce the amount of wrappers we have at school. If your child does bring a snack in a wrapper, please encourage them to place it in a pocket and bring it home, or place it in the proper recycling bin or garbage can. We hope that students will take more pride in their school environment and keep the fields litter-free.

What a giving community we have! We have been incredibly fortunate to have had so many parents supporting us this past month. Thank-you for joining us for family reading times, helping supervise students on fieldtrips, driving students to Cross Country meets, and cheering on our athletes. Many events at Montecito would not take place without the hard work of our parent volunteers, such as running the Book Fair, organizing and delivering hot lunches, preparing fruits and veggies, selling snacks during pop-up days, planning fundraisers, and organizing the plethora of volunteers to keep children safe during the Terry Fox Run. We truly thank all of our volunteers for your dedication and time! YOU make a difference at Montecito!

Respectfully,  
 Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal

# MONTECITO SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-18 UPDATED Oct. 24, 2017

<b>PROFESSIONAL DAYS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 25%;">• September 22</li> <li style="width: 25%;">• October 20</li> <li style="width: 25%;">• October 23</li> <li style="width: 25%;">• November 24</li> <li style="width: 25%;">• February 16</li> <li style="width: 25%;">• April 23</li> <li style="width: 25%;">• June 1</li> </ul>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS @ 10:00 a.m.</b> November 1 & April 25	<b>EARLY DISMISSALS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• September 20 - 2:00 p.m.</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• May 31 - 2:10 p.m.</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• May 18 - 1:00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>2017</b>	
August 28 – 31	School is open to take registrations
September 5	First Day of School. <b>STUDENTS ATTEND FROM 9:00-9:30 A.M.</b>
September 14	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in Library – ALL PARENTS WELCOME
September 20 <b>2:00 p.m. Dismissal</b>	Parents As Partners Conferences – 2:15 – 4:30 p.m.
September 21 3:00 p.m. (usual time)	Parents As Partners Conferences – 3:15 – 6:30 p.m.
September 22	Professional Development Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
September 28	Terry Fox Run (PM)
October 9	Thanksgiving Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
October 20	Professional Development Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
October 23	Curriculum Implementation Day– <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
October 31	Halloween
November 1 <b>School starts 10:00 a.m.</b>	Staff Collaboration
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
November 10	School Closure Day (since Good Friday falls during Spring Break)
November 13	Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
November 24	Professional Development Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
<b>December 19 (Please note new date!)</b>	Winter Concert (Afternoon 1:30-2:30 & Evening 6:30-7:30 p.m.)
December 22	Pancake Breakfast
December 23, 2017–January 5, 2018	Winter Vacation
<b>2018</b>	
January 8	School re-opens today
January 12	School-Wide Skate
February 12	Family Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
February 16	Professional Development Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
February 23	Family Games Night
March 19-23	Spring Vacation
March 26-29	School Closure
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday
April 3 Tuesday	School re-opens today
April 20 (Earth Day)	Pitch-In Community Clean-up
April 23	Professional Development Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
April 25 <b>School starts 10:00 a.m.</b>	Student Led Conferences – 3:15 – 6:30 p.m.
May 7	Earthquake Full Release Drill @ 2:00 pm
May 18	Sports Day – <b>STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:00 P.M.</b>
May 21	Victoria Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
May 31 <b>2:10 p.m. Dismissal</b>	Multicultural Day Event – <b>STUDENTS DISMISSED @ 2:10 P.M.</b>
June 1	Professional Development Day – <b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>

## **HALLOWE'EN AT MONTECITO**

Halloween is just around the corner and we want to remind students to be safe. Teachers will be going over the expectations for costumes and activities at school, but here are some important guidelines:

- No weapons of any kind (no play swords, knives, guns, etc.)
- No costumes or face paint that will scare children
- No costumes that cause tripping hazards for the child wearing the costume or for others
- No masks. Please allow for safe vision, hearing and eating.
- No costumes that mimic cultural, racial or ethnic groups (culture is not a costume)



We will be having a Halloween Parade/Assembly on Tuesday morning at 9:45 a.m. Please come and join us in the gym for the Monster Mash! If your child would like to bring a carved pumpkin to help decorate the gym for the assembly, please bring it to the gym at 9:00 on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. At 3:00 they can come and collect it from the gym. Please make sure your child's name is clearly printed on the bottom of the pumpkin.

## **FIRECRACKERS FORBIDDEN AT SCHOOL & IN THE COMMUNITY**

Firecrackers are defined as small fireworks with fuses used as noisemakers. We appreciate your support in keeping firecrackers out of the community. Students should NOT bring firecrackers to school.

To ensure a safe Halloween is enjoyed by all students, we hope you will bring the following reminders to the attention of your child:

**Burnaby By-Law 8047 states:**

- a) Fireworks can only be discharged on private property with the knowledge and consent of the owner between October 25<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b) No person shall offer for sale, sell, and use, detonate or explode firecrackers.
- c) **Students may NOT have fireworks or firecrackers at school.** These items will be immediately confiscated.



For more information on this topic, please visit the City of Burnaby web site:

<https://www.burnaby.ca/Assets/city+services/public+safety/Community+Policing/CommSafe/2014+Fall+Comm+Safe.pdf>

## **Are you ready for an Odyssey?**

We are beginning our Odyssey year again, and are looking for students interested in joining a team. This creative problem-solving program has been running at the school for the past three years and grew from one team to four last year.

Creative problem-solving is a blend of critical and creative thinking. Students work together with six others to solve a complex problem. They might have to build a vehicle the team can ride on, design a machine that can fling things across the room, create a structure of Balsa that can hold as much weight as possible, put an interesting spin on a classical story, or write and produce a humorous skit.

Students from any grade are welcome to join, but we need the coaches to run the teams. If there are any parents interested in opening a new team this year, come out to the Awareness Session and let's talk!

We will have a sign-up sheet at the Awareness Session for any student interested in joining a team, or parent interested in helping out. This is your chance to join our Odyssey family!

**Odyssey Awareness Session  
in the library  
Thursday, November 2nd  
6:30 – 7:30**



## THANK YOU AND A FEW REMINDERS....

At the beginning of each year we have many important forms to be completed. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in getting them back to us in such a timely manner.

We would like to remind families of the following items:

- Please remember to sign permission forms. If your child is assisting you in completing these forms, please make sure you have also read them before signing and dating these forms.
- When you send cheque payments, please put your child's name and division number on the cheque.

## SCHOOL FEES PAYABLE THROUGH SCHOOLCASH ON-LINE!

**MONTECITO IS ONLY ACCEPTING SCHOOLCASH ONLINE OR CHEQUES FOR PAYMENTS THIS YEAR. We now have 81.35% of our families signed up and using SchoolCash Online.**

During the course of the year you will be able to pay for the fieldtrips, performances and other school related events. There is NO COST to parents or the school for this service.

If you haven't already signed up, please consider this convenient and safe payment option offered to our families to pay school fees online.

**FOR DETAILED STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS**, please visit our website <http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca> under the **School Info** tab look for **SchoolCash Online**.

You can register at any time, please refer to the following steps:

- **Step 1:** Visit <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com> or see the direct link on the school website
- **Step 2:** Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.
- **Step 3:** You will receive a confirmation email. Select the "click here" option, sign in and add your child(ren) to your household account.

### REMINDER:

**School starts @ 10:00 am  
on  
Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### LOST & FOUND ITEMS:

We strongly advise parents to check our lost & found for items your child may have left at school.

The box is located outside the old Music Room.

**Parents, PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING, ESPECIALLY JACKETS**, this way items can be easily returned.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**IT'S CHANGED....**

***Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer  
Christmas Concert***

**Tues. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 & 6:30  
concert times!**



### TOONIES FOR TERRY FOX...

#### exciting update

A huge appreciation to all of our students and their families who contributed and supported our school during this worthwhile campaign in September. Our school's goal was to raise \$500.00 towards the Terry Fox Foundation. We came very close to our target... we have collected \$480.42!! Although a little bit short of our goal, we would like to mention that the Montecito community has made a real difference with all of your generous efforts! Over the past 27 years, the Montecito community has donated \$7934.38! Thank you!

### WESTCOAST RECESS & LUNCH

Students will be heading outside for fresh air at recess and lunch even when it is raining. Please make sure your child dresses properly for the wet weather (waterproof boots and jackets, umbrella) and has a dry change of clothes at school.

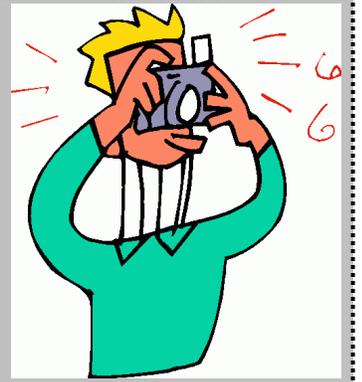


## PHOTO RETAKES – Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

### PARENTS PLEASE READ:

1. If your child was absent on the original Photo Day, the photographer has your child's name and they will be called down for a photo retake.
2. If you were not satisfied with the original photo you would have returned the photo proof order envelope to the teacher or the office, with the "NEED A RETAKE BOX" marked. The photographer will be given these envelopes on photo day, so no further action is required on your part.
3. If you did not return the proof envelope stating you wished a retake, there are forms on the office counter, please complete this form and they must be returned prior to the morning of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Within a few days after retake day, families will receive proof envelopes and these envelopes will indicate the due date on them. Please note: No late orders will be accepted. After this deadline, you would need to contact Mountain West Studios directly and your order would be subject to a \$10.00 Handling Fee.



## STUDENT SAFETY

### DROP-OFF & PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

With 253 students coming and going twice daily in a building with most classrooms concentrated on the second floor we have found, over time, that the safest and most efficient way for students to be dropped off and picked up is for that to happen outside the building. Students are not encouraged to arrive before 8:45 am and the bell inviting students into the building rings at 8:55 am.

If students are coming by car, they MUST be dropped off and picked up on Montecito by the playground and NOT in the staff parking lot. Please adhere to proper parking regulations on Montecito.

At the end of the day, it is best if parents arrange a meeting spot outside. Teachers will inform students to either come back to the classroom or go to the office if they do not see their parent/guardian at the agreed upon meeting spot.

This helps us to alleviate congestion inside the building, which, at times can create an unsafe environment.

### LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:

Students **MAY NOT** leave the school grounds without teacher permission except to go home for lunch, IF parents have given written permission. If it is necessary for us to send students home during the day, we will call to check with parents. Students **MAY NOT** go home alone.

### LUNCHES

Students who do stay for lunch are expected to behave acceptably. Students who are unable to show socially responsible behavior will have a note sent home and parents will be asked to have a discussion with their child and may be asked to make other noon hour arrangements.

The following behaviours should be practiced during lunch at school:

1. Stay seated while eating
2. Practice good manners
3. Socialize in a friendly, respectful manner
4. Place items in garbage cans/recycling bins and clean up desk area
5. Visit washrooms
6. Walk outside after the bell
7. Stay in bounds and play in a safe and socially acceptable manner on the fields or playground
8. Walk outside after the bell
9. Play in a safe and socially acceptable manner on the fields or playground



## CROSS COUNTRY 2017

This year's Cross Country Team at Montecito really showcased the positive impact school athletics can have on building community. The commitment and positivity that our athletes demonstrated was a positive reflection of how wonderful the student athletes at Montecito are. We had many grade 4 students sign up to join our grade 5 and 7 team veterans. All team members showed great dedication by attending practices and all the meets. As a team we also had the opportunity to participate in Burnaby School District's first co-ed races.



Way to go Mustangs! Student participants:

Richard L.	Ali G.	Koan A.	Alexandru H.	Drew S.	Tona E.
Noemi S.	Bianca M.	Gabriella M.	Adriana M.	Kaniraa A.	Jacqueline M.
Breanna L.	Amanda L.	Michelle L.	Natasha K.	Ethan A.	

A special thank-you to our coaches – Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. Chin and Mr. Houghland – for their dedication and encouragement. Thanks, also, to our parent drivers. We couldn't attend the meets without your support.



## PURDY'S/NEUFELD FUNDRAISER

Back due to popular demand.....Neufeld and Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Holidays are fast approaching and Montecito is proud to bring back our Holiday

Fundraiser. Neufeld Farms will easily provide you with delicious pre-made meals from appetizers to entrees and desserts too.

Need a last minute gift? Stock up on a few extra boxes from Purdy's Chocolates. Information and order forms will be sent home on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **B-I-N-G-O!**

Come out for a fun family night on **Friday, November 17th, from 6-8pm**. Over \$800 in raffle prizes to be won!

**PLAY BINGO FOR FREE** with registration! 50/50!

Advance registration & concession available.

Registration: \$10/person, includes 2 x Pizza and a drink. Register November 1-8.

Limited registration available at the door, \$15 per person, includes a meal.

All funds raised support the students of Montecito through your PAC.

Want to volunteer? Contact Miriam at [604-313-5121](tel:604-313-5121) or [fitterermiriam@gmail.com](mailto:fitterermiriam@gmail.com)

## **RED CROSS BABYSITTING/STAY SAFE CERTIFICATION COURSE!**

Friday, November 24th

Babysitting Certification: \$60/student from 8:30 - 3:30

Stay Safe Certification: \$50/student from 8:30-2:30

Pre-registration required.

All participants receive a certificate, booklet and mini-first-aid kit.

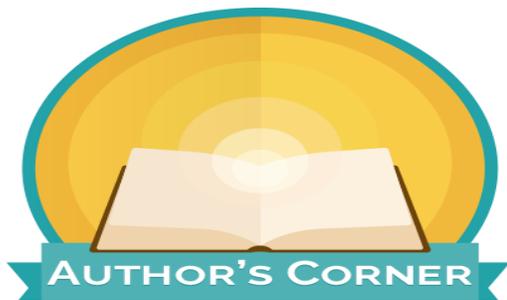
**Return registration forms back to the office by November 20th.**

## **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.



The students in Div. 9 read a story titled Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins, and then illustrated and wrote about what their favourite part was. These two pieces of writing are done by Grade 2 students who were working on adding details to explain why the chosen part was their favourite part. In the early primary grades, students are encouraged to take risks with their writing and stretch out the sounds as they figure out how to spell words, which is called invented spelling.

***My favourite part of the story was***

My favit put is wen roze was wocing and the fox jupt uovr the fens and the fox landid in the crt and it rod ovr the be hivs and the fox ran awa bcus the bes wur sing  
By Francie A.L.

***My favourite part of the story was***

It is the prte wen the fox got coverde by flawre and wen the fox got chasd by the bees that was funey varey funny. I hope the hens is ocky. But it was fun storey.  
By Hana C.

**Bravo to these emergent writers!!**

## 2017 BC Junior Chess Championship At Richmond Lansdowne Centre

November 11 – 13, 2017

Open to all BC Juniors (born after Jan 1, 1998)

Register Now!! Registration and Details at <http://chess2inspire.org/bc-junior-championship-tournament-2017>

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**  
You can also check for  
information at  
[www.sd41.bc.ca/community](http://www.sd41.bc.ca/community)



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Christmas can be a difficult time for some families who are struggling financially. This year we will be able to offer some families a hamper filled with food and treats. If you would like us to consider your family for a hamper or know of a family that would benefit from a hamper please fill in below and submit it in a sealed envelope to Mrs. Kimmie. All names are kept strictly confidential.

### Christmas Hamper Request

For confidentiality purposes please place this request form in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Kimmie  
**Please submit by November 6, 2017**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



# November 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 <b>LATE START TODAY</b> <b>(School starts @ 10:00 am)</b> Gr. 6 Immunizations for absent students	2 3:30 – 4:30 Girls' Volleyball game @ Lochdale 6:30 – Odyssey Awareness in Library	3 p.m. – Div. 2 to Deer Lake 12:15 – Munch-a-Lunch	4
5	6	7 3:30 – 4:30 Boys' Volleyball game @ home	8 12:30 – Pop-Up Snack Day Lunchtime – Cup Stacking Event	9 11:00 – Remembrance Day Assembly 3:30 – 4:30 Girls' Volleyball game @ home	10 DISTRICT School Closure Day – NO SCHOOL TODAY	11
12	13 <b>Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL TODAY</b>	14 3:30 – 4:30 Boys' Volleyball game @ Parkcrest	15 a.m. Photo RETAKE day	16 3:30 – 4:30 Girls' Volleyball game @ Parkcrest 7:00 PAC Meeting	17 12:15 – Munch-a-Lunch 6:00-8:00 pm PAC Bingo Night	18 Odyssey Fun Day
19	20	21 Boys' Volleyball Playday	22 12:30 – Pop-Up Snack Day	23 Girls' Volleyball Playday	24 Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL TODAY Babysitting & Stay Safe Courses	25
26	27	28 1:30 – Celebration of Learning Assembly (COLA)	29	30		