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The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Monday, May 13, 2024

Weekly events @ Monty				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL Band: @ 7:50am Breakfast available in café Monte 8-835am	Band: Breakfast available in café Monte 8-835am	Band Breakfast available in café Monte 8-835am	Band Breakfast available in café Monte 8-835am	Student Government 8:30-9:30am Breakfast available in café Monte 8-835am
AT LUNCH Open Gym Gr 8 Library Open Sewing Club	Gr 6 Badminton Team Social Justice Club Sewing	Open Gym Gr 7 Library Open Art Room Open Sewing Club	Gr 6 Badminton Team Sewing Club	Open Gym Library Open Bingo and Chess Club
AFTER SCHOOL Rugby Practise all teams	Grade 7 Badminton	Rugby practise Mt Biking Team Harry Potter Club	Grade 8 Badminton Rugby Games	

May Monthly Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7	8 Class, team and club photos	9	10 District Track and Field Meet
13	14	15 Gauss Math Contest for interested gr 7 and 8 students. No registration needed.	16 Yearbook order deadline extended from 13th	17
20 Victoria Day Holiday (No School)	21 PAC AGM Meeting In Person @ Monty 7pm	22	23	24 Hot Lunch- Subway
27	28	29 Gr 8 Badminton Tournament	30 Gr 7 Badminton Tournament	31 Gr 6 Immunization
3 Pro Day No school	4	5	6 Gr 6 for a ½ day	Immunizations

Please see our school calendar on our website: https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/montgomery/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx#/=

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➤ Mtg. Tues. May 21st In person

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As the days lengthen and the weather improves our family routines often change slightly and children stay up later. Spring sports teams, especially lacrosse and softball can have some late evening/night events that impact our sleep.

Sometimes families and schools begin to talk too soon about the end of the school year. In fact, 20% or 1/5 of the instructional days are yet to come and with that about 20% of the learning for the school year. There is plenty of educational research that highlights the importance of instructional time and its impact on improving student achievement.

Please help us help you child maximize this important learning time by;

- 1. Keeping a consistent routine at home (or as consistent as possible)
- 2. Maintaining the same bedtime
- 3. Keeping all technology out of your child's bedroom (phones are too hard to resist)
- 4. Talking about all the time that remains in the school year rather than how near the end of the year is.
- 5. Expecting your child to complete some homework nightly (unfinished work, projects, reviewing basic facts and/ or reading).

An important tradition that is in place at Montgomery is a period known as the "Cone of Silence". This is a period in June that we set aside and have minimal class disruptions (special events, field trips etc). The goal is to help students maintain their focus on their learning and ultimately their own academic success.

JUNE YEAR END SCHEDULE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
17	18	19	20	21
		Last day of expo classes	Activity Day (all day)	Team Field Trips Red and Blue
24 Team Field Trips Purple and Green	25 Talent Show	26 Gr 8 leaving rehearsal. Last formal day for gr 6 and 7s	27 Gr. 8 leaving 9:30am-12pm	28 Admin day
		Report cards online		

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School News

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony, Thursday, June 27th

We are looking forward to celebrating our 164 grade 8 students during our annual leaving ceremony. Due to the size of the group, we will be providing two tickets per student for family members to attend. Sorry, there are no exceptions. While we would like to include everyone, we are limited by our gym capacity. If someone from your group needs assistance due to mobility limitations, please let us know in advance so we can better support their needs.

While we ask that our grade 8 students wear something more formal that their everyday school clothes families are not expected to purchase new clothing.

Activity Day 2024

On Thursday June 20th the entire school will be participating in a school wide activity day. We will be offering 10 different fieldtrip options for students to register for. Water slides, indoor soccer and volleyball, a hike to Jug Island, Vancouver Aquarium, City Center Pool, the Richmond Oval, and much more will be on offer. A package with all the options and the cost will be emailed to all families prior to the registration opening. We have included two or three very low-cost options for students and their families.

Class Building 2024-2025

We are now well into the process of building classes for September 2024. Thank you to families that honoured the April 28th deadline that was communicated in the April newsletter and two emails. Now that class building is well under way, changes become incredibly difficult and not possible at this point as we must create balanced classrooms (academically, socially, emotionally and gender as well as honour the contract language around class size and composition).

Moving or New Neighbours? –Montgomery Middle is working on team and class placements for next year. Please tell us if:

- If you are planning to move to another area
- If you know of new neighbours who have recently purchased/rented a home in your area and will soon be moving in, a kind reminder to them to enroll at their school help us

WE ARE MOVING

Terry Fox Week-Let's Keep the Marathon of Hope Alive!



A huge thank you to the Monty community for supporting our annual run to mark the anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. Our annual school run celebrated the start of the Marathon of Hope. Through your efforts we were able to raise nearly \$1100.00 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. The students completed their run in the community this year following a short assembly. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who came out to help supervise along the run.

Monty Student Government ROCKS!

Montgomery Middle has a very active Student Government made up of 20 classroom representatives. Through weekly meetings with Mrs. Husband and Mr. Heinrichs, student leaders have created and supported students' activities and provided important input into school decisions. Events have included the Gr 5 Family Evening, Multicultural Lunch, Winter Market, and the upcoming gr 6 for a half day and much more. This group works hard to make Monty ROCK. Merci!

Please thank the following students for their dedication and hard work to help make a positive school climate.

Advisory 1	Aria Qu	Advisory 11	Jainaba Puye
Advisory 2	Olivia Liu	Advisory 12	Ariya Puar
Advisory 3	Srisha Vodnala	Advisory 13	Sienna Fogliato
Advisory 4	Nathan Zeng	Advisory 14	Cristian Baldonero
Advisory 5	Duncan LeRoy	Advisory 15	Aria Aminpour
Advisory 6	Stanislav Dalik	Advisory 16	Juliet Tuccori
Advisory 7	Prabir Kansakar	Advisory 17	Callum Lorenz
Advisory 8	Hunter Melancon	Advisory 18	Radin Khajehpour and Taylor Strain
Advisory 9	Briana Sutherland	Advisory 19	Stephen Morales
Advisory 10	Braelyn Bach		

SPORTS REPORT

Badminton

This has been such a popular sport that we have four different badminton groups. Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication and support as coaches. Teams are preparing for the district playoffs at the end of the month.

Grade 6	M. Baldonado and Ms. Huang	clhuang@sd43.bc.ca
Grade 7	Mrs. Husband	shusband@sd43.bc.ca
Grade 8	Mr. Sitter	msitter@sd43.bc.ca



Track and Field Club

Thanks to the many coaches who supported over 40 students this season. Last week the district held their annual track and field events and we had many outstanding results. Thanks to all the athletes for their dedication and team spirit and to Ms. Rubinic is coordinating the track and field club.

High jump	Ms. Rubinic	srubinic@sd43.bc.ca
Throwing Events	Mr. Piper	mpiper@sd43.bc.ca
Running Events	Ms. Kuba	vkuba@sd43.bc.ca
Long Jump	M. Blizzard	cblizzard@sd43.bc.ca

Rugby Team

This spring we also have a small but mighty Rugby team thanks to the coaching of Mr. Turner. The team practises with other schools to make up enough players for games. Middle school rugby is about introducing players to the game and developing a good foundation so that students can carry on at the high school level if they choose.

Mountain Biking

Mr. Piper and Mr. Wylie have been sponsoring our Mountain Bike Team. They practice and compete on Wednesdays around the community. Thank you to the parents who help the team with the transportation of bikes.

PAC News and Events

Hello from your PAC.

Our AGM will be during May's PAC meeting, on Tuesday May 21 at 7pm in the library.

We will be holding elections for executive positions, including:

President

Chairs monthly meeting

Sets monthly agenda in partnership with PAC (monthly format)

Works with other parent volunteers and PAC members to facilitate

Spending of PAC funds in partnership with school

Staff appreciation, winter market (with help from school)

Secretary/ Communications

Takes notes at PAC meetings and posts the notes.

Treasurer

DPAC Representative

Attends monthly DPAC meetings 8x per year and shares information at school PAC meetings.

Positions outside the executive

Members-At-Large.

Hot Lunch/Treat Day Committee

Chooses vendors (recommended list provided).

Sets dates with Principal.

Uses Munch a Lunch program to enter information.

Places order with vendor

Assists with event and other parent volunteers.

Winter Market Leader

If you are interested in learning more about or would like to put your name forward to volunteer your time to fill any of these positions, please email Danielle at montymiddlepac@proton.me by May 17. This is the most important PAC meeting of the year, and we hope to see you there. We will also have a presentation from the Administration about school priorities, upcoming events and what our kids have been up to!

A reminder that all parents/guardians are automatically part of the PAC if they have a child enrolled at Ecole Montgomery Middle. We would love to see more of you involved in planning fun events and activities for our kids!

Staff Appreciation Day is sponsored by the PAC and will be happening on May 23rd. We will be spending a few minutes to sign Thank You cards after the May 21 meeting.

Ordering for the final session of hot lunch/treat days is now open!

Lunch/Treat Day:

Order/Pay by 11:59pm on:

Fri, May 24 - Subway Fri, Jun 14 - TCBY Frozen Yogurt Tue May 14, 2024 Tue Jun 04, 2024

Ongoing

We are once again accepting donations to the PAC through Montgomery Middle. If you wish to donate straight to the PAC, you can log in to School Cash Online and find it under your child's name. Thank you to the many families that have already donated this year. We are using this money to help buy technology and sports equipment for our kids.

PAC has set up an account with Return-It Express. Put all your empty pop, juice, alcohol, and milk containers in a seethrough plastic recycling bag and take it to any Return-It Location. Once there, go to the Express label printer, put in the school's phone number (604-939-7367), and print a label. Put the label on your bag, drop the bag off, and our account will get credited with the deposit returns.

For more information about how you can help or get connected, email montymiddlepac@proton.me. Or check out the PAC section of the school website, where you can find meeting minutes and other information.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Why Participate?

- Win prizes from Science World, gnubees, Active for Life, and more!
- Create healthy habits and arrive at school energised and ready to learn!
- Compete with other schools for online shout-outs and certificates!
- Promote sustainable transportation and reduce congestion around school streets.

Learn more at bikehub.ca/btsw



SUMMER CAMPS



DOUGLASCOLLEGE

- Offering over 100 child & youth camps
- Choose from sports, computers, art, writing, acting, leadership, entrepreneurship
- Ages 6+

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