

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Clubs:</b> Student Parliament Mtg. – All Members of parliament and Alternate Reps are asked to attend @ 2:00 in the library</p> <p><b>Community HUB Programs:</b> Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10</p> <p><b>Athletics:</b>                      7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice                      3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice and Girls Field Hockey @ Maillard                      4:15 – 5:15 - Gr. 7 Boys Vball Practice</p>
Tuesday,	Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p><b>Field Trip:</b> EAL Students Walking Field Trip to Poirier Ice Skating @ 1:10</p> <p>Go Girls Session # 3 with Big Sisters at 3:15</p> <p><b>Athletics:</b> 3:30 – 4:30 – Gr. 7 Boys and Girls Game Day Home and Away</p> <p><b>Community HUB Programs:</b> Fitness Yoga for Young Ladies @ 3:10 -4:10</p>
Wednesday,	Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p><b>Clubs:</b> Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 rm. 229</p> <p><b>Athletics:</b> 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice                      3:30 – 4:30 – Gr. 8 Girls and Boys Game Day Home and Away                      3:15 – 4:15 – Girls Field Hockey Practice @ Maillard</p> <p><b>Community HUB Programs:</b> Learning Guitar @ 3:10 -4:10</p> <p><b>Parents:</b> October PAC Mtg. @ 7:00 in the Library</p>
Thursday,	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Reporting: Student &amp; Teacher Assessment Interim Report comes Home</p> <p><b>Events:</b> Me to We Assembly – We Scare Hunger @ 1:15</p> <p><b>Athletics:</b> 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice                      3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 6 Boys and Girls Vball Practice                      4:15 – 5:15 – Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice                      3:30 – 4:30 – X- Country Running Meet Days</p>
Friday,	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Provincial Professional Development Day Schools Closed</b>
Monday,	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Athletics:</b> 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice                      3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice and Girls Field Hockey @ Maillard                      4:15 – 5:15 - Gr. 7 Boys Vball Practice</p> <p><b>Community HUB Programs:</b> Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10</p>
<p><b>Next Week:</b> Sat. Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Pi of the Tiger Math workshop at Dr. Charles Best Sec. for Gr. 8 students – pre-registration is required; Wed. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 Team Sicily Walking Field Trip to Zone Bowling; Thurs. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:15 Halloween Events Organized by Team Quadra in the gym</p>		
<p><b>Two Weeks:</b> Mon. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 Student Parliament Session # 2; Thurs. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 Remembrance Day Assembly; Thurs. Term One Explorations End; Fri. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam Board of Education School Closure Day – all Coquitlam Schools are closed</p>		

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**McFaul's Chat and Chew:** This past Friday an event happened at Rogers Arena that had great magnitude for our 20 students who were in attendance along with the many who watched via web-link back at school in our library. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual We Day is an event that promotes our youth to become involved in active social change projects that are offered throughout the year by the organizers of Free the Children and Me to We. Our 20 students along with 18 000 other students from across the province EARNED the opportunity to attend by their past support of social change projects like- We Scare Hunger/ We are Silent/ We Create Change and We Stand Together. Through these initiatives the students raised money for causes that can range from global issues, like safe water in Kenya; to national issues, like learning about Aboriginal culture and challenges. They may take a vow of silence to speak out against violence and bullying or they may gather food items to share at our local food banks with the campaign for We Scare Hunger.

Our students shared up close and personal moments with leaders from around the world. They heard from former Secretary General to the United Nations – Koffie Annan talk to them about the importance of climate change upon people. Martin Luther King Jr. III shared his passion created by his father and the civil rights movement that no matter who you are be your best at your passion. Spencer West a young man with no legs who has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and plans to walk using his arms across Canada to support this The Year of Education and Molly Burke a young girl who due to her loss of her sight at age 14 was bullied and tormented by her peers for being different but with support she has overcome this period of time to talk to kids about their internal power to make changes on a one to one friend level. Mix in some popular music, a We Day Dance and many motivating videos and you have the making of the biggest social change event for teenagers that has now spread throughout Canada burst upon the scene in several large American cities and this spring will launch their idea of changing the world from a Me only state to a We together can stand for change in London, England.

Our Me to We Team will be organizing our We Scare Hunger campaign this week and next week as we attempt to gather food stuff items for the upcoming Halloween as the movement asks our kids to move from the Me of just getting candy to the We of asking for non-perishable food times for the Tri-Cities food bank. We want to thank Ms. Redlich and Ms. Chan for their leadership with our students and for supporting this change attitude within our school community.

For an opportunity to view some of the speakers please check out the following website:

<http://www.weday.com/we-day-events/we-day-cities/vancouver/>

Stay tuned for more information about television broadcasts in November on MMTV and CTV

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## **Culture Beat: Events and Activities.**

**E. F. Tours Canada** - For the first time in many years, Monty is excited to offer an amazing opportunity for your child in July 2014. In partnership with EF Tours, Monty students and teachers will be traveling on an educational tour to Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa! This is a great opportunity for students to experience firsthand what they've learned in class, make new friends, and become more independent and globally aware.

The trip is open to ALL Monty students but there is a process of screening and application that occurs. The Monty Travel Club is endorsed by the school itself and by the district board office

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and the focus is on the educational aspects of travel through Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa.

Since we have a limited number of spots available, this trip will no doubt sell out quickly. Discuss this fantastic opportunity with your son or daughter and then join us at a parent information session on **October 22, 2013 at 6:00pm in Montgomery's library** where an EF Tours representative will give a presentation and answer all your questions regarding this travel experience.

We will not be sending multiple emails to everyone like this again so if you are interested and plan on attending the information session, please respond (RSVP) to Ms. Chan at [alchan@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:alchan@sd43.bc.ca) by **Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>** and she will put you on a separate mail list to keep you up to date with information.

Thanks very much and we hope to see you on October 22.

Sincerely,

Montgomery Middle Teachers

**Middle Years Development Instrument** – The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that our Gr. 7 students will undertake this coming November. The purpose of our study is to understand how children during the middle childhood years think and feel about their lives both inside and outside of school by having children complete. The Middle Years Development Instrument survey (MDI). This study is one of the first of its kind taking place in Canada. The information collected from this study will help inform educational and community efforts to improve the lives of children. You have the right to withdraw your child from the research at any time. Two weeks ago you received information through an email sent to you and IF YOU DONOT HAVE EMAIL PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE AND WE WILL GET A hard copy of the information and a withdraw form if you choose not to have your child participate. The information is anonymous and pertains primarily to neighbourhood trends in which the school district can help respond to these neighbourhood challenges through program planning and resource sharing. Please see the attached link for more information.

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

### **Coquitlam South Community Hub After School Programs –**

Good Day Parents of Monty Middle,

Well I hope that everyone had a super Thanksgiving weekend and didn't get too full of turkey and pumpkin pie. So the After School Programs (ASP) are about to get off to great start and registration has been going smoothly. We are continuing in collecting registrations to ensure that everyone who wants to join an after school program can. I just want to Thank-you all for your support and cooperation during the registration and start-up of programs.

Part of my job as a Community School Hub Coordinator is to gather information about how the community uses ASP and which ones they would like to add or drop. So the best and easy way of doing that is to survey both students and parents about ASP's. The information that I gather in these surveys are kept confidential and are used to report to the Ministry of Education about the

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use of ASP's in a School such as ours. The surveys help ensure that Monty Middle continues to offer ASP's and the need of ASP's at Monty. Just so that you know, studies have shown that students that regular attend ASP's tend to improve in attendance and performance in school over time. So please take the time as a parent to fill out the online survey that is posted below:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/MontgomeryParents/>

Thank-you for your cooperation and effort in filling out the survey which is only 4 short questions.

For more information please contact.

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**Monty Dog Show** – The gym was taken over by the hounds last Thursday as Monty hosted their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dog Show. With our esteemed judges from past years Mrs. Carol Ashwell, Mrs. Diane Champion-Smith and our current resident judge Ms. Megan Carruthers, our canine companions were championed to strut their stuff with their beloved human helpers. We had large dogs like Chip dancing, we had Odis not follow any directions, we had Snowball showcase sky high leaps and overall we had 26 dogs on display in the following categories. Below is the list of runner-ups and winners in each category along with the coveted Best in Show trophy going this year to Lauren R. and Chip. Thanks to Ms. Patching, Ms. Chan and Mrs. Hutchinson for their organization and loyal support to keep the Monty tradition alive for our pups and partners.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Runner - Up</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Cutest Puppy</b>	<b>Erica &amp; Bella</b>	<b>Alex &amp; Beanie</b>
<b>Best Fetch</b>	<b>Lauren &amp; Chip</b>	<b>Maeghan/ Maddy &amp; Ruby</b>
<b>Best Small Jumper</b>	<b>Alex &amp; Beanie</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Snowball</b>
<b>Best Large Jumper</b>	<b>Elliot &amp; Indy</b>	<b>Brandon &amp; Sofia</b>
<b>Most Loyal</b>	<b>Kayla/Alex &amp; Buddy</b>	<b>Sydney &amp; Max</b>
<b>Dog and Owner Look Alike</b>	<b>Kaia/Holly &amp; Buster Kayla/Alex &amp; Buddy</b>	<b>Chanelle/ Sophia &amp; Romeo</b>
<b>Best Trick</b>	<b>Sam &amp; Bambi</b>	<b>Maeghan/ Maddy &amp; Ruby</b>
<b>Most Dis -Obedient</b>	<b>Hannah/ Luli &amp; Odis</b>	<b>Lili &amp; Lola</b>
<b>Best in Show</b>	<b>Kaia/Holly &amp; Buddy</b>	<b>Lauren and Chip</b>

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### **Kids Christmas Market**

Monty will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Market on Friday, November 29, 2013. For those of you unfamiliar with the Market it is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for family, friends and even Project Angel, which starts the following week. Each class will have an opportunity to come in for a shopping time during the school day. We rely on donated items you may find around the house, the students get to purchase these at incredible prices and then they are wrapped and ready to go under the tree when they get home. 100% of the proceeds of the Market are used for various charitable organizations in our area. We support families having financial hardships, the Share food bank, and Project Angel (the Share gift program) as a few examples. Further details of the Market will be coming out over the next few weeks, watch for them in the weekly newsletters. We will be collecting donations beginning the week of November 25<sup>th</sup>, but it's never too early to start setting aside those nice, but unused items for this year's Christmas Market. The giving starts with the donation of saleable items, wrapping supplies and your volunteer time to set up on the 28<sup>th</sup>, then pack up and help on Market Day the 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or already know you'd like to volunteer please contact Evelyn Chursinoff at [mikeeve@shaw.ca](mailto:mikeeve@shaw.ca) or 604-931-9158.

### **PAC News and Events:**

**Our Next PAC Mtg. is on Wednesday Oct. 23rd @ 7:00**

**QSP Magazine Fundraiser Information** – The package explaining how you can save money on subscriptions and at the same time raise money for our school PAC funds went home last week. There are many incredible deals being presented in the package and they are worthy ideas for upcoming Christmas type gifts that does a double sense of giving a gift of literacy along with supporting our PAC fundraisers. Please review the QS package for timelines and deals.

**Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraising** - Montgomery PAC has received approval for this year's Smile Card Fund Raising. All pre-existing cards are ready to load for this school year. 5% of \$\$ loaded at any Thrifty Foods will be paid to Montgomery Middle PAC.

Cards can be obtained by e-mailing Elaine at [equereng@hotmail.com](mailto:equereng@hotmail.com). Ordered cards will be left at the office for pick-up.

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Dear Parent,

I'm pleased to announce an exciting student educational trip coming up for **July 2014**. We will explore **Québec, Montreal & Ottawa** with EF Educational Tours!

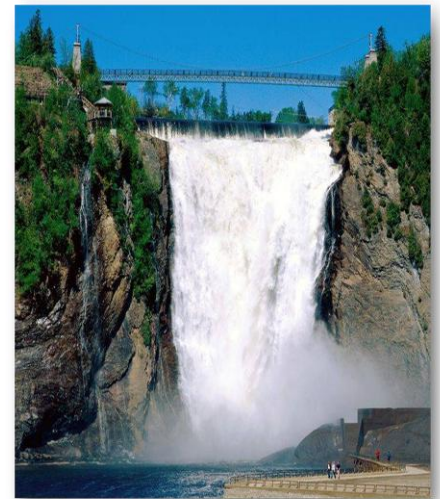
During our tour, we will visit and learn about the culture and famous landmarks in **Quebec, Montreal & Ottawa** such as the **Biodome, Sugar Shack, Montmorency Falls, Parliament Buildings** and more!

This is a great opportunity for students to experience firsthand what they've learned in class, make new friends, and become more independent and globally aware.

I've chosen to travel with EF because they have been in business for over 45 years and have offices around the world - which gives me confidence in them. EF also guarantees the lowest price for high quality tours that are fun, educational and safe. The cost of the tour includes round-trip airfare, a full-time bilingual EF Tour Director, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides, and admission to special attractions.

Discuss this fantastic opportunity with your son or daughter and then join us at a parent information session on **October 22, 2013 at 6:00pm in Montgomery's library**. For those students interested in participating, a non-refundable deposit of \$99.00 will be required to secure their place on tour.

Space is limited so act now! I've included an application full of information about EF Educational Tours. Please complete the last page and bring it to our parent meeting where we'll discuss the benefits of taking an educational tour and all the tour's details. To find out more, you can also visit [www.eftours.ca](http://www.eftours.ca) -Have Tour #? (1502187TN) Click on Enroll Now.



Sincerely,

**Ms. Chan, Ms. Redlich, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Nordby**

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## **Community News:**

Please see the following list of community events.

### *Coquitlam Parks and Recreation:*

#### **Art - Drawing 10- 14 yrs**

Explore the various methods and techniques of drawing using different tools and materials each week. No prior experience needed.

Classes are every Thursday from Nov 7<sup>th</sup>- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** 6:30pm-7:30pm, Thursdays from Nov 7<sup>th</sup>- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Fee:** \$25.50

#### **Creative Writing 10-14 yrs**

Exercise your imagination and discover the magic of words. Learn short story writing, poetry, and dialogue with others who are walking the writer's path. Basic English skills are a prerequisite.

**Time:** 5:05pm - 6:05pm, Wednesdays from Nov 6<sup>th</sup> - Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

**Fee:** \$25.50

**Location:** Poirier Community Centre- 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

**To register contact:** 604-927-4386 or Online at [www.coquitlam.ca](http://www.coquitlam.ca)

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