

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

April 5th, 2024

April Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Visits to gr 5 classes at Cape Horn, Mundy, RC and RVP to welcome students.	2	3	4	5
8 Terry Fox Week	9 Terry Fox Week	10 Terry Fox Week	11 Terry Fox Week	12 Advanced Band Day Terry Fox Run
15	16 Tropical Tuesday Dress for the Tropics and show your spirit	17	18	19 District Professional Day No School
22	23 PAC meeting 7pm Library	24	25	26 Birthday Club Hot Lunch for those who order Noodle box
29	30	1	2	3 Lip Sync Contest Open to all, Auditions earlier in the month

Please see our school calendar on our website: www.sd43.bc.ca/School/montgomery

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Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- Supporting Each Other



While we have been very fortunate in Canada, I want to acknowledge the ongoing war in Ukraine, destruction in Gaza and turmoil in many other parts of the world. These challenges have created unimaginable stress for some families in our community. Please let us know if your family is impacted so we can better support your family and your child.

Additionally, many families are continuing to struggle to meet the significant challenge of inflation and the increased financial pressures it has created. Please be reminded that we can assist families who are experiencing challenges with food security.

With the support of the school district, we have renovated the cafeteria to create a small kitchen that students can access before school to serve themselves breakfast using dishes and proper cutlery. This small kitchen includes a sink for students to wash their hands and rinse their dirty dishes as well as dishwasher to load their dirty dishes. The goal is to create a homelike and welcoming environment for all students that also helps to build their independence. We hope in turn that they will bring these good habits home to help your household.

The breakfast program begins at 8am in the cafeteria every morning and is available to all students on a drop-in basis. Staff are in the cafeteria to supervise and help students from 8am until 8:35am. For students who arrive closer to the bell there is normally some fruit that they can grab and take with them to class. Breakfast is universal access which means it is open to all students regardless of their circumstances. As a school we are grateful for donations from Starbucks and Cobbs Bread that helps us stretch the targeted funding we get from the Ministry of Education.

We also have a daily lunch program for those families that request support due to food security challenges. Please contact our youth worker Carolyn Cai at ccai@sd43.bc.ca to learn more so that we can better assist your child or family.



A massive thank you to Save On Foods for donating plants to Montgomery on a weekly basis. We are able to collect plants that they are no longer able to sell to save and plant in our garden. Bulbs planted last year have created a beautiful spring garden. Recently a large donation of primeulas made for great planting for 10 student gardeners.

We owe Eve Gauthier a massive thank you for the tremendous work she did over the past few weeks securing, cleaning, moving, filling and sealing large barrels that were food safe for the storage of water in the event of an earthquake. Thank you, we appreciate all that you do to assist our work at Montgomery. The barrels are in a secure and accessible outdoor storage area.

Class Building 2024-25

Now is the time of year when we are completing our staffing and begin our student grade configurations for next year. This is a long and detailed process involving many aspects of each child's learning profile and their social relationships with peers and staff.

We take into accounts all the perspectives of the professionals that we know have relationships with your children and then we place together a plan that we feel best fits the learning environment for them and one that we can provide with our staffing arrangements.

The principal has the responsibility for the final placement of each student. The development of class lists is given a great deal of time, careful thought and understanding with the knowledge teachers have of each student and what will be in the child's best interest. Our decisions are also governed by a collective agreement and the outcome of the Supreme Court of Canada Ruling that limits class size and provides strict requirements about class composition. These requirements are complex and not flexible and are in place to ensure the best possible learning environment for all children.

Factors Considered for each class are as follows:

- Academic achievement (a mix of academic ability is placed in all classes).
- Learning styles
- A balance of social emotional needs
- A balance of gender
- Instructional groupings
- Social groupings that support a learning focus
- Class composition (the number and type of identified learning needs in each class)
- Class size
- Recommendations of teachers and school-based team
- Recommendations of parents for children who need specific supports
- Teaching styles

Parent input is also considered provided that it is received by email, to the Principal, Mrs. Sarah Husband before April 26th, 2024 and is based on educational needs.

The focus of parent/ guardian letters must be about your own children and their needs and should be based on sound educational reasons. Requests must be related to your child's specific learning needs and style rather than teacher placement. Due to many placement factors and contractual class size and composition, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. Requests for peer placement or suggestions regarding the placement of other children should respectfully be avoided. While we guarantee that all parent input will be given careful consideration, we cannot promise that all requests will be met.

New After school program through DO WHAT U LUV at Monty register online.

-YOGA

[https://www.dwul.io/page/detail/1335?type=program#SD43-Montgomery%20Middle%20\(Tuesday\)%20-%20YOGA](https://www.dwul.io/page/detail/1335?type=program#SD43-Montgomery%20Middle%20(Tuesday)%20-%20YOGA)

- MARTIAL ARTS & SELF-DEFENSE

[https://www.dwul.io/page/detail/1300?type=program#SD43-Montgomery%20Middle%20\(Thursday\)%20-%20MARTIAL%20ARTS%20&%20SELF-DEFENSE](https://www.dwul.io/page/detail/1300?type=program#SD43-Montgomery%20Middle%20(Thursday)%20-%20MARTIAL%20ARTS%20&%20SELF-DEFENSE)

-SCRATCH GAME CREATION: SPACE VS. ALIENS

[Montgomery \(Thurs 3:05 - 4:05 pm\): Scratch Game Creation: Space vs. Aliens - DWUL](#)

Please use **GOOGLE CHROME** for opening the PDFs and LINKs,
or search **MONTGOMERY** in <http://www.DWUL.io> to find the programs.



YOGA
After School Program

AfterSchoolLife

\$119
9 sessions
from April 16
Every Tuesday
3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

Registration Link



kidsinnovative.com/mont

SPACE VS ALIENS

10 Week Coding Program
Montgomery Middle

Thursdays

Apr 11 - Jun 13 3:05 - 4:05 pm



AfterSchoolLife

**MARTIAL ART
SELF-DEFENSE**

After School Program

10 APR WEDNESDAY FROM 03:05 PM \$120 10 sessions

<<< Registration Link >>>

registrationca@afterschoollife.org

School News

Spring Athletics Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School (8:00-8:30)		Throwing Events Gr 6-8 (Mr. Piper)			Throwing Event Gr 6-8 (Mr. Piper)
Lunch (12:45-1:15)	Intramurals	Gr. 6 High/Long Jump (Mrs. Rubinic) Grade 6 Badminton Tues or Thurs	Intramurals	Grade 7/8 High/Long Jump (Mrs. Rubinic) Grade 6 Badminton Tues or Thursday	Intramurals
After School (3:15-4:00)	Running Events (Kuba/Aida)	Gr 7 Badminton (Husband)	Mountain Biking Club (Wylie/Piper)	Running Events (Kuba/Aida) Gr 8 Badminton Sitter	

Gr 6 Badminton students choose which day they are available at lunch to practice. Parent volunteers are needed to help with running events. We have a teacher coach but need two-three other adults to record times and help with set up. Without volunteers running will be limited to medium and long distance events.

Permission forms and meetings are being held this week and next. Permission forms are available at the office and students can speak directly with the coach in charge. Please visit the school website for updates or changes to schedules.

Sport/ event	Coaches
Mt. Biking	Michael Piper mpiper@sd43.bc.ca There are some equipment requirements for this team.
Rugby	Scott Turner sturner@sd43.bc.ca Begin April 11 th Schedule to be determined
High Jump	Stacey Rubinic srubinic@sd43.bc.ca
Throwing events	Michael Piper mpiper@sd43.bc.ca (Javeline, Discus and shot put)
Running events	Veronika Kuba vkuba@sd43.bc.ca (parent volunteers needed to add events)
Long Jump	Chris Blizzard cblizzard@sd43.bc.ca
Badminton	Mark Sitter Gr 8 msitter@sd43.bc.ca Sarah Husband Gr 7 shusband@sd43.bc.ca Francis Baldonado Gr 6 fbaldonado@sd43.bc.ca

Public Speaking Finalists

It takes courage and a lot of effort to write an effective speech on a topic of interest and to present it before a group of peers. A huge congratulations to all of the students who participated in the class, team and English and French school finals.

Before spring break we held team finals in person and the school finals virtually over four days. Finalists had both strong writing and a confident delivery and were able to hold their audience. LFI students did this in an additional language, wow! Well done everyone. Thank you to Griffin and Nikhil for your work as emcees at the school English public speaking contest.



Ecole Monty English Team Speech Finalists 2024

This year the district finals are being held for the French Public Speaking only

Red Team	Name	
6	Elizabeth Johnson	
7	Makenna Newman	
8	Tayler Strain	

Purple Team	Name	
6	Darren Tung	
7	Stella Hummel	
8	Justin Hahn	

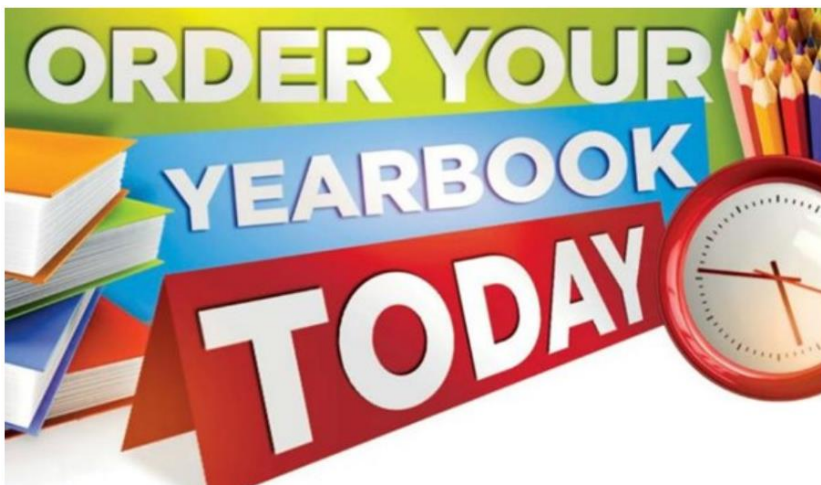
Green Team	Name	
6	Jacinta Garcia	
7	Deedar Khoja	

Bleu -LFI	Name	
7	Oliva Liu	District Finalist
7	Rena Chang	District Finalist
7	Natalia Hegewisch	

Bleu -LFI	Name	
8	Nathan Zeng	District Finalist
8	Emily Shin	
8	Srisha Vodnala	
8	Faylinn Kong	

Bleu -LFI	Name	
6	Melissa Tang	
6	Adela Chang	
6	Alex Walker	
6	Shine Park	
6	Ewan Lipsett	
6	Chelsea Espadero	

**YEARBOOKS ON SALE ONLY UNTIL May 13th
 DON'T MISS OUT-THE COUNTDOWN IS ON**



Use the link to order
<https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/>
 \$35 for a soft cover only

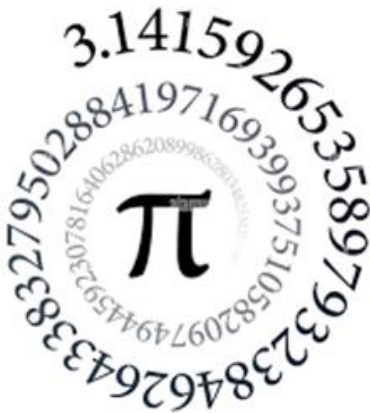
Yearbooks orders are only available through the Lifetouch website.
 Yearbook ID 13454524

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Malach at the office.

PAID NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR ECOLE MONTGOMERY MIDDLE

Coquitlam School District needs permanent and temporary Noon Hour Assistants to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) within an assigned area. Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset and training and support for the job is provided. This is a great way to get insight into the day to day lives of students.

Please submit your resume by email to Kristy Kozak, Human Resources Advisor, @ kkozak@sd43.bc.ca if you are interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for the school.



MONTGOMERY'S ANNUAL PI CONTEST

On Wednesday, March 13th Ms. Rains held Monty's annual Pi contest to help celebrate all things mathematical and the upcoming Pi Day. Students are challenged to recite as many digits of Pi 3.14 as possible. Congratulations to everyone that gave it a try....some of you have amazing memories.

First place- Chesley Xie Div. 8 (winner- 109)

Honourable mention- Leo Div. 16 (92)

Chelsey won a pie (to eat) and her name on the Monty Pi trophy!

Moving? or New Neighbours?

SD43 is gathering information to make enrollment predictions for the upcoming school year which will determine the amount of staffing we are assigned.

Please tell us if right away

- If you are planning to move
- If you know of new neighbours who have recently purchased/ rented a home in your area and will soon be moving in. Please encourage them to call the school to register



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



On **Friday, April 12**, Monty students will be taking part in our annual Terry Fox School Run. We hold the run in April instead of the traditional September date to honor the actual start of Terry' run back in 1980.

Monty is proud to play an important role in keeping the legacy of Terry Fox going. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the heroic efforts of Terry over the next few weeks as well as raise much-needed funds for cancer research.

An easy way to support The Terry Fox Foundation is by donating online. It's fast, easy and donors get a receipt immediately by email. Simply go to [Montgomery Middle - Coquitlam, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#) - this link will take you directly to our school fundraising page on the Terry Fox Foundation website.

If the online donations are not of interest, we will also be asking students to donate a 'Toonie for Terry' in classes. It would be wonderful if students could donate in this way, either as well as or

instead of the online donations.

We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox Run. This is our opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from cancer. We hope you will join us as our school community bands together in the fight against cancer.

Parent volunteers are needed along the route to help ensure that students are safely supervised throughout the run. Please email Sarah Husband shusband@sd43.bc.ca if you are able to help.

PAC News and Events

Happy Spring from your Parent Advisory Council! Here's what's happening.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 - 7:00pm Montgomery Library

We will hear from our administrators what has been happening at the school, talk about our planning for 24/25 school year and discuss the upcoming Staff Appreciation Day that the PAC organizes every year. Hope to see you there!

This year's Annual General Meeting- Tuesday, May 21st at 7pm at Montgomery Middle.

We will be electing our council members for the next school year. We are in need of a President, Secretary/ Communications and a DPAC (District PAC) representative and members at large. These spots must be filled by parents of students that will be attending Monty in September 2023.

If you are interested in either a position or would like to know more or simply ask questions, please contact montymiddlepac@protonmail.com 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.

Hot lunch/ treat days for the school year are now available to order. Use munchalunch.com for ordering.

Lunch/ Treat Day

Fri, Apr 26-Noodlebox

Fri, May 24-Subway

Fri, Jun 14-TCBY Frozen Yogurt

Order / Pay by 11:59pm on

Tue Apr 16, 2024

Tue May 14, 2024

Tue Jun 04, 2024

Please read this important information regarding hot lunch/treat day orders: .

- 1. Late orders are not accepted; this allows us to have vendor payments ready on hot lunch/treat day.*
- 2. Sorry no refunds can be given for any type of student absence. Their order will be saved until 320pm, for pick-up. Due to Food Safe Regulations, food not picked up will not be saved.*
- 3. You can order multiple lunches and treat days at one time, as well as pay for all your children's orders in one transaction, this reduces the fees associated with credit cards for the PAC.*

We are once again accepting donations to the PAC through Montgomery Middle. If you wish to make a donation straight to the PAC, you can log in to School Cash Online and find it under your child's name.

We want your beverage container returns! Bag up your empty pop, juice, milk, and alcohol containers and take them to any Return-It Express. Put in the school's phone number (604-939-7367) to print labels, and we get credited for all your deposit returns.

A reminder that your PAC is here to support parents and students. If you have any questions, suggestions, or requests for help, please reach out to us.



Thank you to the PAC and all the families that support the PAC, for generously funding a huge supply of outside sports equipment for every class. Each class has a bag of equipment in addition to badminton racquets, and spike balls games. The equipment makes a huge difference for our students at break times.

District News



Summer Learning

2024

Elementary

Eight locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!
Free to all BC residents*.

Middle

Three locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Two locations. Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Two locations. Wednesday July 3 - Thursday August 8 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11,12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11.

Secondary Full Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track Credit

To Register

Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!
Registration begins at 6:00am for ...
- Elementary: Tuesday April 30
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 3
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 8
Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

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Courses and locations listed above are subject to change



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GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
PRESENTS

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INCLUDES:
T-SHIRT**

SPRING BASKETBALL CAMP

**For Girls in
Grade 7 & 8**

8 sessions of basketball skill development led by Dr. Charles Best Secondary School coaches and players. An emphasis will be placed on individual skill development, including: shooting, footwork, ball handling, 1 on 1 play and 3 on 3.

8 SUNDAYS FROM 6 – 8PM

SUNDAY APRIL 14 – SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024

at Charles Best Secondary, Coquitlam

To register email Megan Weeks at mweeks@sd43.bc.ca. Please provide: players name, contact phone number, grade/school and t-shirt size. Bring a cheques for \$50.00 to the first session made payable to Charles Best Secondary school.