

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #4 Monday, December 6th, 2021

December Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Candy Grams Go on Sale 1 gram for free all others \$1 Term One Spirit Points announced	7 GSA meeting at 315pm	8 Staff vs Gr 7/8 Purple A volleyball team Sorry no spectators (We will try to live stream)	9 Safer spaces for adult parent virtual presentation 7 pm See below	10 Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 330pm Teams
SPIRIT WEEK AT MONTY DRESS UP FOR ADVISORY POINTS & SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT				
13 Giving Tree Donations all week Christmas Toppers (Hats) Gingerbread House Decorating Contest Deadline 5pm.	14 Green and Red Day	15 Blizzard Day (wear white) Virtual Band Concert for gr 8 students. Live streamed 7pm.	16 Winter PJ day Candy Grams Handed out	17 Term one report cards go home Western Dress Hoe Down Last day of school

Montgomery Middle Families Safer Space for Adults

Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7pm

There is a virtual workshop for families of Monty students given by TCO2 that will provide valuable and relevant information to help keep our youth safe online. TCO2 has already presented to all classes. Sexting and revealing photos/ images are something that most youth will experience by being prepared you can support this difficult conversations.

Safer Space for Adults by TCO2 is a 60 minute presentation covering topics such as (but not limited to):

- Top apps kids and teens are using today
- definition and discussion of Sexual Exploitation, Online Exploitation, Sextortion
- how to have practical conversations with your youth about internet and app safety
- general device safety
- Child Sexual Abuse Materials and the Criminal Code
- resources

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85857176307?pwd=Wm5pamhrVGVMNWZwNU1jUk9LWVpvQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 5717 6307

Passcode: 480641

Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- Giving Back



In this era of Black Friday and online shopping, students can sometimes lose sight of the deeper spirit of helping others and giving of oneself. Not every family celebrates Christmas, but we can all join together as a community to help those who need our support. At Ecole Montgomery Middle, December is the month that we focus on caring for others. The devastation of the recent floods has more than ever highlighted the need to support people in our community. We recognize that not every family is fortunate enough to be able to help those in need. Please only do what you can manage.

Monty's tradition of helping others through our Annual Christmas Market had to be put on hold due to COVID. In 2019, the market raised \$1300.00 to help create Christmas hampers. Thank you to the many families who made online donations to continue our tradition of supporting local families with hampers.

We have two other initiatives that we are undertaking in the next two weeks.

1. **Red Cross Flood Appeal through Candy Grams Sales** sponsored by the Student Government
Candy Grams are a message written from one student to another and includes a candy cane. This is done in the format of a Secret Santa within the class. Every child at Monty will give and receive one Candy Gram... additional candy grams can be purchased for \$1.00
2. **Share Food Bank through the Giving Tree Campaign** sponsored by the Blue Team



This year, to help needy children and families in our community, we are asking families to make a small (\$2 and up) donation to SHARE.



To make this as safe and easy as possible, we have set up donations on School Cash Online.

Each student who brings in an item will receive a paper ornament from your teacher to colour and put on the Giving Tree in the hallway outside your classroom (or design your own).

Let's give generously to those in need

MONTY ROCKS!

"Giving Tree"- Every class has been given a Christmas tree that is hung in the hallway outside their classroom. Each class will place a decoration on the tree for each donation of \$2 or more to the Share Food Bank. Families are asked to donate \$2 or what ever amount they can manage through school cash online so we can track our school total. We know that not every family is able to help others. Direct financial donations are the most impactful way of donating to Share Food Bank. They have enormous buying power as they are given significant discounts by merchants.

School News

Report Cards

Report cards will be coming home with your child on December 17th. Please take time with your child to read through the report card. There is a lot of writing in each report. The areas that are particular to your child are,



1. Student perspective
2. Teacher comments
3. Collaborative Goals and Next Steps

Teachers complete reports cards in MyEd which is the provincial student information system. Using this system ensures that student data is securely stored and creates a record in a system that is used by most districts throughout B.C. Expo courses are embedded into the report card and are assessed using a proficiency scale and comment rather than a letter grade. In the next year or two all reporting for K-9 students in B.C. will be done using a proficiency scale.

What Happens at Lunch?

Lunch time is a vitally important time for most of our students. It is their chance to connect with classmates, and play. Without access to technology, we see kids using our large campus to play, create new imaginative games and have fun. To help students have opportunities to engage and enjoy themselves we have ensured that,

- Every advisory class has a bag of sports equipment kids can use outside. Thanks to the PAC and your PAC donations in the fall which provides money to purchase the equipment.
- Two teams (10 classes) have their breaks at the same time, while outside students can interact with any student on the same break schedule.

Monty Hoe Down

One of the many unique Monty traditions, is our annual Hoe Down on the final afternoon of school before Christmas Break. This yearly dance event is a highlight for many students and for the staff too.



Right now, all classes are in the beginning of their dance unit in PE and learning the many dances that they will showcase at this year's Team Hoe Down. Students are strongly encouraged to dress up in Western style for the Hoe Down, Cowboy hats, plaid shirts, cowboy boots if you have them are all on display. Find what you can at home or borrow from friends and family to join in the fun and get into the spirit. Advisory points and best dressed contest are always part of the event.

While the Hoe Down will be different this year, we will be coming together by team to show case and celebrate together. This year's event is being hosted by the Red Team and will include a variety of activities during the final afternoon of class.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Students can showcase their talents for food art by entering our virtual Gingerbread House contest. All items (except the base) must be edible and include the house and the student in the photo. Additionally, close up photos are welcome. All entries are due to dmclean@sd43.bc.ca on Wednesday, December 15th at 5pm.

Categories include

1. Most challenging
2. Traditional
3. Most creative

Volleyball Finale

The volleyball season has ended for most players. Congratulations to all the players who came out to try a sport, make connections and improve their volleyball skills. School teams are the most affordable way for your child to participate in a team sport. Several players have also tried out for club teams, and we wish them success.

This year we were unable to compete against other schools due to COVID. Instead, we created 12 teams and competed against each advisory team.

Gr 6 teams Blue, Purple, Green and Red

Gr 7/8 teams Blue, Purple, Green and Red- 2 teams per advisory team.

The purple gr 7/8 A team was undefeated all season and will play the teachers on Wednesday, December 8th for an added bit of fun. Thank you to 12 coaches who donated their time to make it all possible for students.

DISTRICT NEWS

Winter Weather and School Closures

Schools are not usually closed because of snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain open, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

Our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for **some** schools to be closed within SD43 while others remain open. If there is a partial closure of schools within the school district, these individual schools will be named. Full or partial school closures do not happen often.

Extreme weather can also change the transit bussing. Bus schedules may have changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents looking for information on public bus schedules need to consult the Translink website:

<http://www.translink.ca/>

Coquitlam School District school closures will be decided by 6:30 a.m. or earlier and will be announced on:

1. School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and school website

2. Radio

CKNW 980am radio

CKWX 1130am radio

CBC 690am radio



Please do not call the school.

PAC News and Events

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 - 7:00pm – online

email Danielle Nicholson at montymiddlepac@protonmail.com

Welcome to our 2020/21 PAC Executive:

President: Danielle Nicholson

Secretary: Kristine Kirk

Members at Large: Manjit Herar, Christine Friend

Treasurer: Kim Cameron

District PAC Rep: Sabine Sengmueller

Minutes and Agendas of previous and upcoming meetings are posted on the school website under the heading PAC. Mrs. Husband, Principal participates in every meeting and is available to take questions and share updates about the school. There is also a short slide of events from the previous month so that parents get a bit of an inside look at the school.

The PAC wishes all our families a safe and wonderful Holiday break. We thank you for your continued support in helping us provide for our Montgomery Community.

**DISTRICT NEWS
PROGRAMS OF CHOICE
CROSS BOUNDRY INFORMATION**

Address verification letters will be sent to all grade 8s. It is vital that we have a current address on file.

JUMPSTART

Creating bridges between English, Social Studies, Art, and life. No walls, no boundaries.



Are you a student who is:

- always drawing, doodling or thinking visually all the time?
- excited to find connections between English, Social Studies, Art?
- interested in big ideas like freedom, identity, and independence?
- looking to express your learning in a diverse and new ways?
- keen to contribute to and take part in building a community?
- curious about the world and what makes people tick?
- wants to learn to create art that explodes with meaning?



Then JumpstArt is where you belong!
JumpstArt: thinking inside, outside, and around the box.

Please visit jumpstartgleneagle.ca and gleneagle.org for more information or to complete the online application .

REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

Early and Late French Immersion for September 2022

Apply [on the main page of SD43 website](#), between Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00am to Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00pm.

- Children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.
- Siblings will be given priority if the older sibling is in the program of choice in September 2022.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS**.

Early and Late Montessori for September 2022

Apply [on the main page of our website](#) between **Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00am to Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00pm**

- Students currently in Grade 5 Montessori and interested in continuing must still apply online and will be given priority over new applications.
- Children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS**.

CROSS CATCHMENT PROCESS

Parents sometimes wish for their children to attend a school that is not their catchment school. In such cases, a Cross Catchment Application is required after registering at their catchment school. School District 43 uses a random draw process for Cross Catchment Applications (using in-district priority, then out-of-district).

If enrolment projections show that space is available, Cross Catchment transfer Applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities:

- (i) sibling of a child who will be in attendance at the Cross Catchment school in the following year;
- (ii) a child residing within the SD43 residential boundaries (could include private or homeschool) and
- (iii) non-school district resident child.

The [School Locator](#) tool on the district web site provides a student's designated catchment area schools. **Catchment is based on permanent home address that is currently on record with the school.**

There are two separate applications:

- 1) Kindergarten Cross Catchment- Kindergarten students must first register with their catchment school.
- 2) Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment (including a section to confirm sibling status)

To apply for Cross Catchment:

Apply [on the main page of the SD43 website](#), starting **Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 at 4 p.m.**

- Applications will be processed based on the availability of space in schools and on a **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS**. (using in-district priority then out-of-district)
- The application requires student or Personal Education Number (PEN) number (can be obtained from your child's school), child's birth date, home address, name of current or assigned school, and the name of the requested school(s). Kindergarten requests do not need to provide the student number/ PEN number.

You are invited to:



Inquiry Hub Secondary's Digital Open House

Click [here](#) to view the recorded virtual event.



International Baccalaureate Port Moody SS

December 6th @ 8:00am	Online Registration & Application Forms Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located on our website under IB Programme • 4 components of registration required*
	Confidential Teacher Referral Form Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must print and provide the form to a current teacher • Student must return this to PMSS in a sealed/signed envelope on January 15th as part of their in-person registration.
December 17 th @ 4:00pm	Application & IB Student Background Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No extensions for any reason will be permitted. • Families that do not meet this first step are not permitted to attend the in-person session with the hope of being registered at that time. • The application highlights submission details (when and how) and are the responsibility of the family.
January 15th, 2022	In Person Assessment Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday session; details will be communicated to families in January Assessment components = Math and Writing ; no pre-exam prep materials or tutorials are available.
January 28 th @ 4:00pm	All Applicants Notified of Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either "conditionally accepted" or "waitlisted"
January 31 st	Recent Report Card Submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family to provide a copy to us as part of their application.
February 4 th @ 4:00pm	Acceptance of Jan. 28th Conditional Offer Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response from a family, or a response after the deadline, will be interpreted as a decline.

COMMUNITY NEWS

After School – Out of School Programs

Support Their Dreams ☆ Stir Their Imagination ☆ Nurture Their Abilities ☆ Believe in Them So, Kids Can Grow Up Great!



www.tckm.ca

Tri Cities Kids Matter <https://www.tricitieskidsmatter.ca>

Tri Cities Children's Charter of Rights

<https://www.tricitieskidsmatter.ca/childrens-charter/tri-cities-childrens-charter>

Tri Cities Healthy Living Working group – want to create better healthy habits (local download) 3-12yrs
SCOPE – <https://www.live5210.ca/resources/downloads/> get the **Live 5-2-1-0 App**

REGISTRATION is OPEN

Place Maillardville Community Centre Call 604-933-6166 <http://www.placemaillardville.ca/>

Place Des Arts <https://placedesarts.ca>

Port Coquitlam Parks and Recreation <https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/recreation/children-youth-services/>

Port Moody Parks and Recreation [Recreation - City of Port Moody](#)

Coquitlam Recreation <https://coquitlam.ca/294/Registration>

REGISTRATION is OPEN

Do What U Luv - Out of School Programs & Experiences <https://www.dwul.io/>
(Soccer, Volleyball, Martial Arts, Dance, Chess, STEM, Coding)

Volunteer opportunities with **Moresports BC** – Tri Cities HUB (Ages 12-18)
<https://forms.gle/6ypvunYnDVrPTveg6>