






The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #4 Thursday, December 1st, 2022

December Monthly Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		30 Grade 8 Volleyball Playoffs IB Info Night 630pm Port Moody (2 dates)	1 Red Team Entrepreneurial Fair IB Info Night 630pm Port Moody	2 Christmas Market Open to parents at 3pm
5 Candy Grams Go on Sale 1 for free all other \$1	6	7 IHub Open House 7pm for gr 8s exploring high schools	8 Work BC Find Your Fit Tour	9 Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am Treat Day
12	13	14 Band Concert 7pm Term 1 report cards online	15 Candy Grams Handed Out	16 Western Dress Hoe Down 1pm Last day of school

SPIRIT WEEK AT MONTY, DRESS UP FOR ADVISORY POINTS & SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Monday Dec 12 Holiday Toppers	Tues, Dec 13 Deck the Halls	Wed, December 14 Winter Whiteout	Thursday, Dec 15 Silent Night	Friday, December 16 A Western Christmas
<p>Get your Santa hats, toques, ...anything to put on your heads.</p> 	<p>Wear anything and everything that is about Christmas all at once.</p> 	<p>Wear as much white as you can.</p> 	<p>Wear Your Christmas pajamas, onesie or any pajamas you like. The cozier the better.</p> 	<p>Put on your plaid, your jeans, your cowboy boots and hats and stride down the Monty hallways.</p> <p>There will be prizes for the best dressed.</p> 

Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- Doing Our Part



GIVING BACK

In this era of Black Friday and hard-core 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 in our community.

Monty's tradition of helping others through our Annual Christmas Market had to be put on hold due to COVID for the past two years. In 2019 the market raised \$1300.00 to help create Christmas hampers. Thank you to the many families who have made donations of nearly new items to help us continue our tradition of supporting families. A huge thank you to the PAC for sponsoring this event and the many parent volunteers who have made this community event possible. Adult students from Coquitlam Continuing Education also donate their time to help wrap gifts. Hampers will be prepared and delivered before we break for the holiday.

Monty's Student Government are taking on the promotion and organization of Candy Grams to raise additional money for support families and to spread some holiday cheer.

Below is a thank you from the SHARE food bank for the 620.00lbs of food donations. In addition families donated \$519.00

Hello there,

We greatly appreciate your generous donation of **620 lbs.** Montgomery middle school is a great support to the community 😊

Mishal Bashir

Program Assistant – Food Bank



#2615 Clarke St.,
Port Moody, BC V3H1Z4
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www.sharesociety.ca

School News

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 it was wonderful to see the return to district games and tournaments. A massive thank you to the coaches who made the season possible.

Grade 6s Mme. Riccardi and Mr. Prestia

Grade 7s Mr. Millar and Mrs. Sievers

Grade 8 Girls Mrs. Tuan and Mr. Welch

Grade 8 Boys M. Hashmi

Report Card Changes

On Wednesday, December the 14th, report cards and updated IEPs will become available online. 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. Effective September 2023 all reporting for K-9 in B.C. will be done using a proficiency scale.

WORK BC Find Your Fit Tour

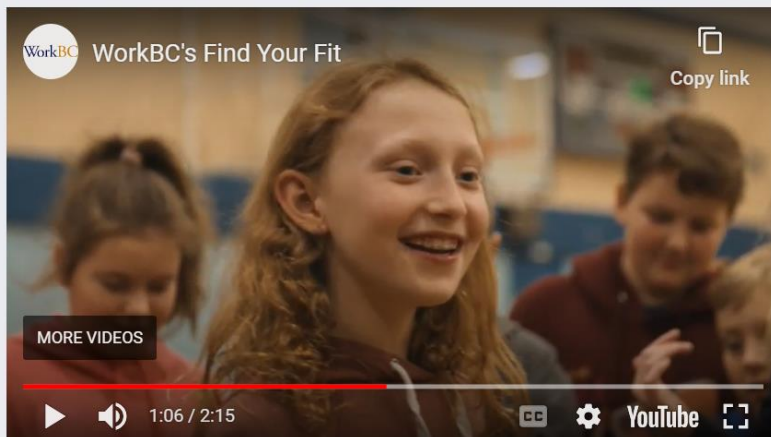
Thank you to the Blue team for organizing a fantastic opportunity for Monty Students. All classes will participate in Work BC, Find Your Fit



WorkBC

Tour.

ABOUT THE FIND YOUR FIT TOUR



The WorkBC Find Your Fit tour is visiting communities all across British Columbia! The tour is targeted to students (grades 5 - 10) to help them discover a range of in-demand careers in B.C. through fun and interactive activities.

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.
- The cafeteria is open beginning at 12:45 for a calm place to play a board game, chat with friends or simply warm up.
- Thanks to Mrs. Tuan and Mrs. Perry we have a busy intramurals program four-five days per week. This year they have hosted a volleyball and soccer tournaments for gr 6 students and a separate tournament for gr 7/8s.

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 middle 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.



We are excited to return to our traditional Hoe Down, we will be coming together to show case and celebrate together. This year's event is being hosted by the Purple Team and will include a variety of activities during the final afternoon of class.

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 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 websites
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 2022/2023 PAC Executive:

President: Danielle Nicholson

Treasurer: Kim Cameron

Secretary: Kristine Kirk

District PAC Rep: Sabine Sengmueller

Members at Large: Manjit Herar, Christine Friend

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.

Lunch/Treat Day:

Order/Pay by 11:59PM on:

Fri, Dec 09 - Gingerbread Cookie

Tues Nov 29, 2022

Fri, Jan 20 - Little Caesars Pizza

Tues Jan 10, 2023

Fri, Feb 17 - Subway

Tues Feb 07, 2023

Fri, Mar 03 - TCBY (frozen yogurt)

Tues Feb 21, 2023

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

- 1. We look forward to providing lunch and treat opportunities to students.*
- 2. All orders need to be made and paid for online (sorry no cash orders).*
- 3. Late orders cannot be accepted; this allows us to have invoices from vendors and have vendor payments ready on hot lunch/treat day.*
- 4. Sorry no refunds can be given for student absences.*
- 5. You are able to order multiple lunches and treat days at a time, as well as pay for all your children's orders in one transaction. By ordering and paying at one time, reduces the fees associated with credit cards for PAC.*
- 6. If your child is away or on a field trip, their order will be saved until the end of the day, so someone may pick it up. We are unable to save food beyond that due to Food Safe Regulations.*

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE & CROSS BOUNDRY INFORMATION

ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO GR 8s

PRE-REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

Early and Late French Immersion for September 2023

Apply [on the main page of SD43 website](#), between January 5, 2023 at 9:00am to January 11, 2023 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 2023

Apply [on the main page of our website](#) between January 5, 2023 at 9:00am to January 11, 2023 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. 3, 2022 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, Feb. 8, 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.
- Families will be notified by district email of the outcome on Monday, March 6th

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE OPTIONS

You are coming to the end of your Middle School years and it's time to think about high school. Are you going to your local neighbourhood school or are you choosing a school that meets your interests & needs?

Join us for our in-person or digital Open House and see if Inquiry Hub Secondary School is a school that you want to attend.

InquiryHub.org/open

7pm on Wednesday December 7th

Our students have a great show planned for you, (and your parents). You will have the opportunity to ask questions and see what's possible when students feel empowered to follow their interests and pursue their passions... while getting a first class education that prepares you for university, and all your future goals and aspirations.

InquiryHub.org
The Dream, Create, Learn school.



Inquiry Hub Secondary School

Inquiry Hub is an innovative secondary school, in the Coquitlam School District, where students pursue their own personal interests and dreams. Students have scheduled standard classes with a focus on collaborative project-based learning, and some time that is left unscheduled. This unscheduled time is used for individual passion projects, group work, and getting school work done.

Join us for iHub Open,
our Open House
Wednesday Dec. 7th, 2022
at 7pm.

(Doors open at 6:15 for student-guided tours.)

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Find out why our
students chose to come
to a school where
they can
Dream, Create, & Learn!

Reserve a spot
on Eventbrite
to see us live,
in-person, at
our school.



Watch us from
the comfort of
your home on
YouTube Live.
(Click 'Notify me')

INQUIRY HUB OPEN HOUSE

Come join us on December 7th, 2022

7PM-9PM (Doors open at 6:15 for student-guided tours.)

1432 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam, BC



International Baccalaureate Port Moody SS

PMSS Pre-Diploma Application Timeline Sept. 2023 Intake



Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

Attend 1 of 2 info. sessions (6:30PM)

Is IB the right choice?
Program information on Pre-Diploma and Diploma Programme reviewed.

Jan. 14

Student Assessment

Details will be emailed to applicants using the email address provided on your online registration.
There are no study aids for this assessment.

Jan. 27 to Feb. 2

Confirm Offer

Email response to offer due by Feb. 2nd at 4:00PM.
Please note:
cross catchment applications to other SD43 schools from Feb. 3rd onwards will be considered as "declined placement offer at PMSS"

Dec. 1 to 16

Online Registration

Registration window closes at 4:00PM on the 16th. Requests to register after the deadline will not be accepted.

Jan. 27

Status of Application

Applicants will be notified of either:

- an offer of placement or
- waitlist status

Feb. 3 to Mar. 10

Course Selection

PMSS staff will work directly with students to complete course selection forms using the MyED student portal.

[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)



JUMPSTART — *Visual Arts and Humanities, together at last!*

JumpstArt 9 is a thematically integrated, enriched Art/Humanities program, offered exclusively at Gleneagle

Are you a student who ...

- Wants to see connections between English, Social Studies, and the Visual Arts?
- Has a passion for the visual arts ... are you always drawing, doodling, thinking visually?
- Is excited about learning and looking for new ways to express your learning?
- Wants to be an active contributing member of a community of learners?
- Is curious about people and the world around you?
- Is excited about working with professional artists from the community?
- Works effectively with others?

... THEN YOU BELONG IN JUMPSTART 9!

JumpstArt students will:

- Approach learning through themes that bridge Social Studies, English, and Art
- Develop skills in drawing, painting, graphic design, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, and fabric arts
- Work for half of each day all year in a community of students with interests similar to yours
- **Fulfill credit requirements for English 9, Social Studies 9, Visual Arts 9, and Sculpture & Graphic Design 9**

If you have questions, contact Ms. Quach (cquach@sd43.bc.ca)

Note: All applicants must fill out an application form on the website at <http://jumpstartgleneagle.ca/> and any applicants who are not in the Gleneagle catchment must submit a cross-catchment application form, available from February 3 – 8, 2023 here: [Cross Catchment Process](#)

GRADE 10 COAST PROGRAM @ GLENEAGLE SECONDARY

COAST is a life-changing, outdoor education experience for Grade 10 students in semester two. The program integrates academics, leadership, and outdoor trips with an emphasis on character development, where students develop skills in resilience, perseverance, collaboration, self-confidence, and humility. As a result, COAST students gain appreciation and respect for nature. Upon leaving the program, students can expect to have learned the value of making informed and responsible decisions, initiating action, and taking personal responsibility for who they become.

Timetable:

Semester 1 Math 10, Science 10, two electives (often one is a second language)
Semester 2 COAST: Social Studies 10, English 10, Leadership 11, Physical and Health Education 10, Career Life Education 10 (Online), and Outdoor Education 11

Certifications Received:

- St. John's Emergency First Aid
- CPR 'A' Ticket
- The Recreational Canoeing Association of BC – Flat-Water Level One
- Climbing Belay

Overnight Outings:

- February Back Country Trip (snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and camping)
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- March Bike Trip
- April Hiking Trip
- Ocean Kayaking Trip
- May Canoe Trip
- June Camp Counselor Leadership Experience

Application Procedure:

Current Grade 9 Gleneagle students are applying for the COAST 2024 Program in Jan/Feb of 2023.

Current Grade 8 students wishing to apply for COAST 2025 who are out of catchment must apply for a cross boundary for their grade 9 year. They will then be eligible to **apply in their Grade 9 year at Gleneagle**.

Application information will be available to Gleneagle Grade 9 students in January 2024, and all applicants will be interviewed in February 2024.

Suitable candidates will be evaluated by a committee on the following criteria:

- commitment to co-operation and respect for others
- level of motivation and initiative-taking
- interest in the program
- responsibility towards academics
- reasonable time management and organizational skills

Funding:

Equipment and travel expenses are covered by fundraising initiatives and a current course fee of \$950. Students who are selected will be contacted and required to pay a \$250 deposit in February, with the remaining \$700 due in September. The cost of the program covers travel, equipment, certifications, and instruction. Students must provide their own sleeping bag, hiking boots, clothing, and food.

(more information currently being updated here: <https://www.gleneaglecoast.com/index.php>) or contact Ms. Bogen at kbogen@sd43.bc.ca