

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #4 Friday, December 1st, 2023

Weekly Schedule of Events- *Basketball schedule TBA*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				
Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:50am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:50am	Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:50am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:50am	Student government meeting 830am-9:30am
Lunch				
Intramurals Gr 7/8s Library Open	Intramurals 6s	Intramurals 7/8 Library Open	Intramurals 6s	Intramurals 7/8 Chess club
After School				
	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15 Library Open	Harry Potter Club	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15	

December Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7 Red Team Entrepreneurial Fair IHub Open House 7pm for gr 8s exploring high schools	8 Christmas Market Open to families at 3-3:30pm No student government meeting
11 Candy Grams Go on Sale 1 for free all other \$1	12 Band Concert 7pm	13	14	15 Birthday club Dec Student Gov meeting 8:30am Grade 8 high school catchment letters sent out.
18 Munch-A-Lunch orders available for Winter (PAC hot lunch)	19	20 Term 1 report cards online	21 Candy Grams Handed Out	22 Western Dress Hoe Down 1pm Last day of school

Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Date	Needs	Contact
Breakfast program	One day per week, any day 8:15-9am	45 minutes once per week before school to help our youth worker with our food programs.	Carolyn Cai ccai@sd43.bc.ca
Basketball Coach	1 practice/ week and one game we will accommodate preferred times.	Work with a staff sponsor who will support forms and organize transportation.	Nadia Tuan ntuan@sd43.bc.ca

Mrs. Husband's for Your Consideration- Every day events can be a life lesson



Life is full of twists and turns and opportunities to practise teamwork and patience. On Tuesday, November 28th Monty experienced an all-day power outage.

During a scheduled outage by BC Hydro, Montgomery Middle was mistakenly included in the outage. The result was that we had no power, heat, or use of the new water fountains. With the help of our district staff, we were able to get the heat running throughout the night to warm the building back up for Wednesday.

Thanks to the teamwork of staff and students, we were able to keep our classes in session until we had confirmation that the power would not return until after 3pm. Our students were very cooperative and supportive during these last-minute changes. We really have an outstanding group of students. Thank you to the many parents who also changed your plans/work schedule to unexpectedly pick up your child from school in the middle of the day. We used both texting and direct emails to teachers to ensure that every child had a plan, including remaining at school.

On Wednesday, we asked kids what they had heard about the cause of the power outage. There were many weird and wild rumours that had been shared and only a few of them were accurate. This was an excellent example of misinformation and how easily information can be shared even when its wrong. We talked about rumours, checking facts and the dangers of believing what you see or hear without checking the source.

We could have also talked about resilience, problem solving, or the importance of teamwork. The point is that everything we do or challenge we face is an opportunity to learn and apply the advice/ lessons that we are often trying to instill in our children. Attaching these lessons to the challenges we experience along the way helps to make our "life lessons" more relevant and memorable.

Life is full of challenges, how we frame these challenges for our children can shape how they come to view the normal hardships that we all experience from time to time in life's journey.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our PAC group for their tireless efforts to make Monty an exciting place to work and learn. Hot lunches, monthly meetings, fundraising, parent education, the annual Winter Market are just a few of the wonderful ways they contribute to our community. The Christmas/ Winter Market is well under way, but many hands are needed. If you can assist in any small way, please contact Danielle Nicholson our PAC president.

We also have several parents we wish to thank who assist with weekly shopping, donation pick up at Starbucks and Cobbs bread as well as a weekly chess club. You make a difference! If you have a small amount of time of each week and would like to help, please email Sarah Husband at shusband@sd43.bc.ca

School News

ECOLE MONTGOMERY MIDDLE HAS SPIRIT! JOIN US FOR SPIRIT WEEK IN DECEMBER.

Monday Dec 18 Jingle Jammies	Tues, Dec 19 Top it off Tuesday	Wed, December 20 Winter Ball Wednesday	Thursday, Dec 21 Throw it up Thursday	Friday, December 22 A Western Christmas
<p>Wear Your Christmas pajamas, onesie or any pajamas you like. The cozier the better.</p> 	<p>Show us your holiday hats, hair and bows.</p> 	<p>Sparkle and Shine in your x mas outfits, ties.</p>	<p>Wear anything and everything that is about Christmas all at once.</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> 

Volleyball Finale

The volleyball season has ended for all grade 6, 7, and 8 players. The grade 8 A Boy's team finished the district playoffs in 2nd place, well done! Congratulations to all the players who came out to try a sport, make connections and improve their volleyball skills. Thank you to the many coaches who made the season possible through the gift of their time. Mrs. Tuan, M. Hashmi, Mr. Welch, Mr. Sitter, Ms. Kuba, Mrs. Sievers, Mrs. Husband, Mr. Piper, Mr. Prestia and M. Riccardi. Merci to the many parent drivers who made away games possible.

Basketball

Grade 6s Coach needed- parent/community volunteer welcome (lunch time practises)
 Grade 7 Girls Mrs. Sievers/ Mrs. Best
 Grade 7 Boys Coach needed- parent/community volunteer welcome
 Grade 8 Girls Coach needed- parent/community volunteer welcome
 Grade 8 Boys Mr. Rossier- parent volunteer welcome

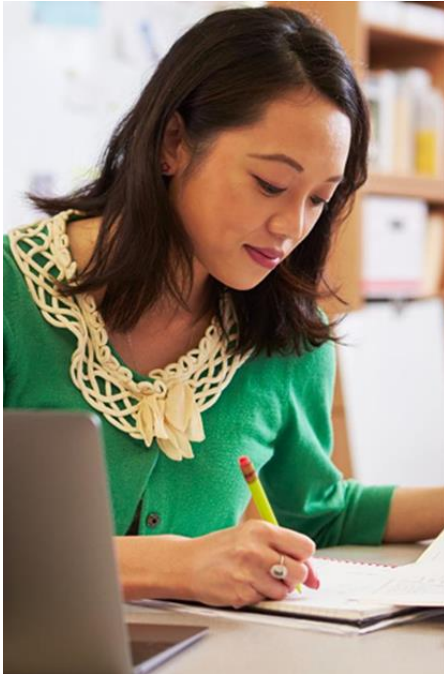
Wrestling- Mrs. Perry





Monty's wrestling team began practice before the winter break. Students who are interested in joining can do so this week. Please take a permission form from the sports board and return it to Mrs. Perry. Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday, and no experience is needed, and all sizes are welcome. Students compete against people that are in their weight category and either on the girls or boys' team.

Report Card Changes

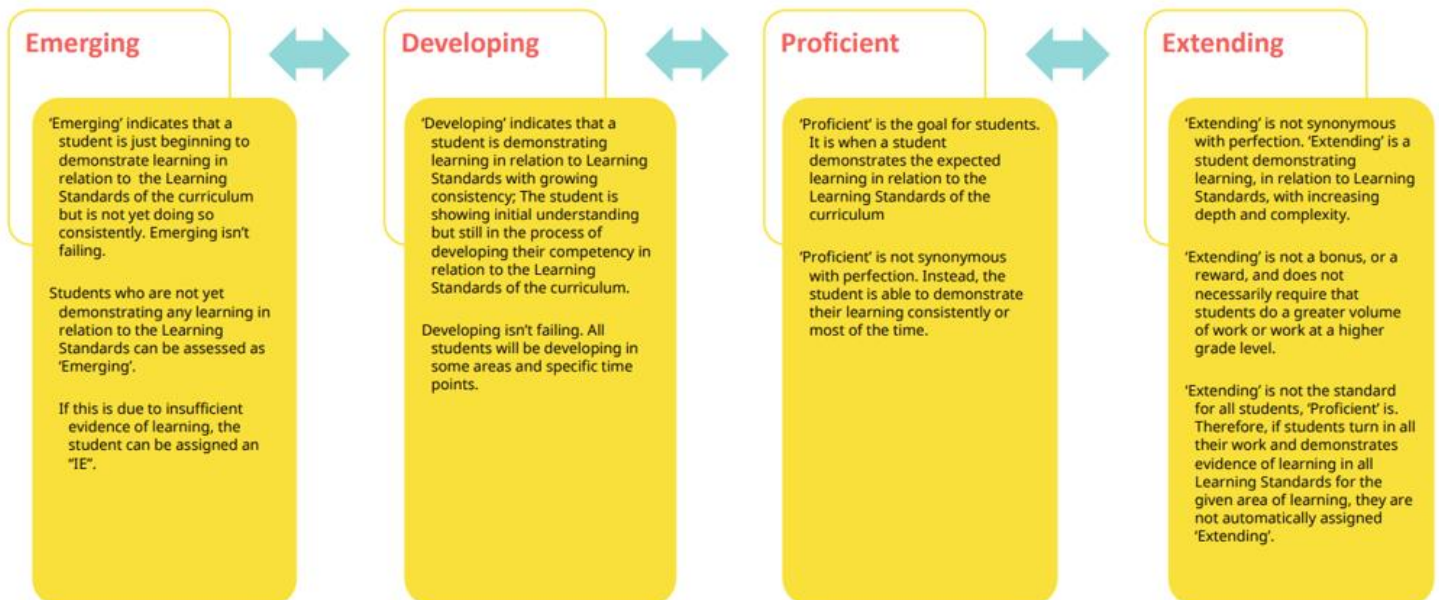
The Provincial Proficiency Scale

If your child is in Grades K-9, you won't see letter grades on their report card. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms "Emerging," "Developing," "Proficient," and "Extending" to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.



 EMERGING	 DEVELOPING	 PROFICIENT	 EXTENDING
Bum on seat. One foot on ground or rides with training wheels. Frequent stops.	Rides on two wheels. Mostly balanced, often with 2 feet on the pedals. Straight, steady line forward.	Moves forward on a surface with ease. No stopping, completely balanced. Smooth and consistent pedaling. Can make turns with ease.	Rides on a variety of surfaces. Transitions smoothly around obstacles. Takes risks, tries executing tricks. Increased speed and agility.

What about the scale?



[Click here](#) for a link to the Ministry of Education and Childcare website for parents with detailed information in 6 languages about the change in reporting.

After schools programs at Montgomery.

We have three after school programs beginning in the new year at Montgomery. An email with specific times and a registration link will be sent to families next week.

Do What U Love works in partnership with many Coquitlam Schools including Montgomery to provide quality after school programming options for children with the convenience for families of the program being at the school.



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AfterSchoolLife

\$125	Jan - Mar
03:05 to 04:05	9 sessions

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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

Hello Monty Families!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16th, 2023 - 7:00pm (no meeting in December)

Email Danielle Nicholson at montymiddlepac@protonmail.com Come by to help us plan, and to see a report with photos from one of our administrators about what our kids have been up to!

Monty's Christmas Market is almost here! We are still looking for more donations and more volunteers. If you can help out with organizing before the event, or during the day on December 8, please fill out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfj29O5Bspss9E2FRhudfuQMBjopkRbWXuoOPneu6lYz83umQ/viewform>

Ongoing Fundraising

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.

PAC has set up an account with Return-It Express. Put all your empty pop, juice, alcohol and milk containers in a see-through 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.

Hot Lunches and Treat days

Treat day information and payment is now available to order through Munch-a-Lunch. Please make note of the order cut-off days. If you can volunteer to help distribute lunches to classes, please let us know when you place an order on Munch-a-Lunch. We appreciate your help to make these lunches available to all students.

Lunch/Treat Day	Order/Pay by 11:59PM on
Friday, December 15th	Tues, December 5th
Winter Munch-A-Lunch Orders opens on Monday, December 18th	
Fri January 26 - Subway	Tues, January 16
Fri February 16 - Little Caesar's	Tues, February 6
Fri March 8 - TCBY Frozen Yogurt	Tues, February 27

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

If your child is away/ field trip, their order is saved until the end of the day, so someone may pick it up.

Sorry we are unable to save food after 3:30pm due to Food Safe Regulations.

Thanks again for all your help and support, which allows us to help and support our wonderful students and staff.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE & CROSS BOUNDRY INFORMATION

ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO GR 8s

PREGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

Early and Late French Immersion for September 2024

Apply [on the main page of SD43 website](#), between **January 11, 2024 at 9:00am to January 17, 2024** 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 2024.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS**.

Early and Late Montessori for September 2024

Apply [on the main page of our website](#) between **January 11, 2024 at 9:00am to January 17, 2024** 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. 9, 2024 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024 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 in the second week of March.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE OPTIONS FOR GRADE 9 and 10

INQUIRY HUB OPEN HOUSE

Come join us on December 7th, 2023
7PM-9PM (Doors open at 6:15 for student-guided tours.)
1432 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam, BC



Reserve a
spot at our
Open House

[InquiryHub.
org/open](https://InquiryHub.org/open)



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 and needs?

Inquiry Hub Secondary School is an innovative secondary school, in SD43, 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 for individual passion projects, group work, and getting school work done.

International Baccalaureate Port Moody SS

PMSS Pre-Diploma Application Timeline Sept. 2024 Intake



Nov. 28 & Nov 29

Attend 1 of 2 info. sessions (7:00PM)

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

Nov. 28 to Dec 15

Online Registration

Registration window closes at 4:00PM on the 15th. Requests to register after the deadline will not be accepted.

Jan. 20

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. 26

Status of Application

Applicants will be notified of either:

- an offer of placement or
- waitlist status

Jan. 26 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"

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 information session 6:30 to 7:00 pm @ Gleneagle in Room 115, Wed, Jan 11th

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**

Please come to our information night on Jan 15 at 6:15 at Gleneagle. If you have questions, contact Ms. Quach (cquach@sd43.bc.ca) or Ms. Stevens (astevens@sd43.bc.ca). Any applicants who are not in the Gleneagle catchment must submit a cross-catchment application form, available from Feb 9-14, 2024 at [Cross Catchment Process](#). Applications will be opened in January 2024 at <http://jumpstartgleneagle.com/> and are due by March 15.

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 2025 Program in Jan/Feb of 2025.

Current Grade 8 students wishing to apply for COAST 2026 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



12th Coquitlam Scouts are looking for adult volunteers

Do you enjoy getting outside for camping, hiking, biking, or just getting some fresh air?
Do you have skills you could share with the kids in our community?

We could use your help with our Scout Troop

Scouts is an adventure based program for boys and girls aged 11 - 14
Our Troop meets out of the Mundy Elementary School Gym, Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30

If you are interested, please contact:
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scouterringtail@gmail.com
604-340-1662

