

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #5 Tuesday, January 3rd, 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 Library open 8am	Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:50am Library open 8am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:50am Library open 8am	Student government meeting 830am-9:30am
Lunch				
Intramurals Gr 6s Sewing Club starts Jan 9th	Intramurals Sewing club Chess club-library	Intramurals Sewing club	Intramurals Sewing club	Intramurals
After School				
	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15		Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15	

January Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3 School Reopens LFI information session for new gr 5s 7pm @ Monty	4	5 Late Immersion and Montessori registration begins	6
9	10	11 Late Immersion and Montessori registration closes 4pm	12	13 Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am
16	17 PAC meeting online Click here to join the meeting	18	19 Centennial Gr 8 Parent info night @ Centennial 6:30-7:30pm	20 Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am PAC pizza lunch
23	24	25 Charles Best Gr 8 parent info 7:00 pm on Teams	26	27 Student Gov meeting 8:30am Gr 8 high school tours – morning only
30	31	1	2	3 Multicultural Lunch

Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Date	Needs	Contact
Lunch program	Mon, Tues Wed, Thurs or Fri	45 minutes once per week before school to help our youth worker with our lunch program	Carolyn Cai ccai@sd43.bc.ca
Puzzle Tray(s)	ASAP	Someone to build a tray with edges for puzzles, wood available at school.	Sarah Husband shusband@sd43.bc.ca
Chess Club	Once per week at lunch on Mon or Thursday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer once weekly no chess knowledge is needed. • Hand out chess sets and collect them. 	Sarah Husband shusband@sd43.bc.ca

Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- Every event can be a life lesson



Life is full of twists and turns and opportunities to practise teamwork and patience. On Thursday, December 16th Monty experienced a fairly significant flood in our explorations area.

During the replacement of a sprinkler head which is part of our fire suppression system the water was not properly shut off. The result was that the STEAM, Art, Book room and two other unused rooms were flooded. With the help of the fire department and our district staff we were able to get the water off and the system back online and school was able to remain in session.

Thanks to the teamwork of many staff, we were able to keep the water out of the band room and move the art and STEAM classes to other spaces for their last day of Explorations. Our students were very cooperative and supportive during these last-minute changes. We really have an outstanding group of students.

The following day during our student government meeting I asked kids what they had heard about the cause of the flooding. There were many weird and wild rumours that had been shared and none of them were accurate. This was an excellent example of misinformation and how easily information can be shared even when its wrong. As a group we had an extended conversation 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.

School News

Volleyball Finale

The volleyball season has ended for all grade 6, 7 and some grade 8 players. The grade 8 A fight playoffs were postponed due to the heavy snow in December and will be rescheduled in January. Congratulations to all the players who came out to try a sport, make connections and improve their volleyball skills.

Basketball

Grade 6s Mr. Turner and Mr. Piper
Grade 7 Girls Mrs. Sievers
Grade 7 Boys Mr. Sitter
Grade 8 Girls Coach needed- parent volunteer welcome
Grade 8 Boys Coach needed- parent volunteer welcome

Wrestling

In Monty's wrestling team began practice before the winter break. Student 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.

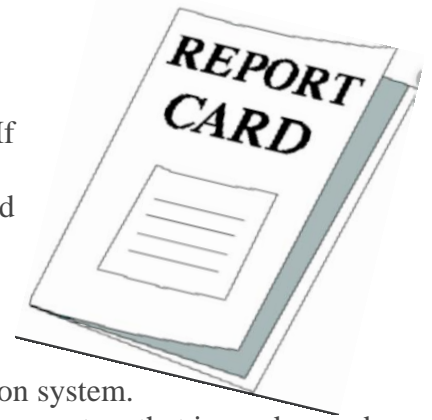
Report Cards -Now Available

On December 14th report cards and updated IEPs will become available online. If you have not done so, 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 specific 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. [To access your child's report card in MyEd, click here](#). For support, please follow the steps outlined in this document: [MyEd Report Card Information](#).



Multicultural Lunch

We are planning our Annual **Multicultural Lunch** on **Friday, February 3rd, 2022**. This event has been a highlight for many students and has been on hold due to COVID since 2021.

Students bring food to share from their heritage or families donate money and we purchase food. Parent volunteers organize and serve the food at one of 4 food stations. Students will eat either in the gym or in their classroom depending on student and staff rates of illness (Flu and Covid). Please help us make this meal a community builder.

To reduce our environmental impact all students must bring

- Reusable utensils, plate or bowl and cup
- a bag to carry the clean and dirty dishes to and from home

We will need nearly 40 parent volunteers to make this event possible. A form will be sent out next week with more detailed information. This is a very fun event and a great opportunity to connect as a community and celebrate multiculturalism at Montgomery.

After schools programs starting soon.

We have three after school programs beginning next week at Montgomery. Please click on the following link to go the registration page which also includes detailed information. [DWUL](#)

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

Programs



Montgomery (Tues): Intro ...

🌐 Coquitlam

📅 Jan 10, 2023

Coding STEM

🕒 9 session(s) 🪑 20 Seats Remaining



Innovation Works



École Montgomery Middle (...)

🌐 Coquitlam

📅 Jan 12, 2023

Arts Visual Art Drawing + 2 more

🕒 9 session(s) 🪑 25 Seats Remaining



Young Rembrandts Lower Mainland



Montgomery Middle (Wed) L...

🌐 Coquitlam

📅 Jan 11, 2023

Dance Arts Music

🕒 8 session(s) 🪑 15 Seats Remaining



MetaHuman Academy

PAC News and Events

Happy New Year to our Montgomery families. We hope you had a wonderful Winter Break.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 - 7:00pm – MS Teams

email Danielle Nicholson at montymiddlepac@protonmail.com

Join us online for discussion and planning for upcoming school events. Each month the admin team shares a slide who and reports on school priorities. It's also a chance to ask questions and hear about events that your child might not be sharing at home. We would love to see more people join us!

Welcome to our 2022/23 PAC Executive:

President: Danielle Nicholson

Treasurer: Kim Cameron/ Kristine Kirk

Secretary: David Sotelo

District PAC Rep: Sabine Sengmueller

Members at Large: Christine Friend, Rene Norena, Jennie Robson

Christmas Market Update

Thank you so much for your donations to the Christmas Market. **We raised an astounding \$1578!** This money was put towards Christmas/ holiday hampers for the school community and supported many families. An extra big thank you to the nearly 20 people who donated time on Thursday and Friday to set up and run the Market.

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.

<i>Lunch/Treat Day:</i>	<i>Order/Pay by 11:59PM on:</i>
Fri, Jan 20 - Little Caesars	Tue Jan 10, 2023
Fri, Feb 17 - Subway	Tue Feb 07, 2023
Fri, Mar 03 - TCBY Frozen Yogurt	Tue Feb 21, 2023

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

- 1. All orders are made and paid for online (sorry no cash orders).*
 - 2. Sorry late orders cannot be accepted; this allows us to have vendor payments ready.*
 - 4. Sorry no refunds for student absences.*
 - 5. You are able to order and pay multiple lunches and treat days at a time or order and pay one at a time.*
 - 6. 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.*

Pizza night fundraiser through Me & Ed's

Wednesday February 22. Order pizza and tell Me & Ed's that you're part of Montgomery Middle School, and the PAC gets 20% of your order! The last pizza night raised \$380, thank you to all the families who ordered pizza.

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

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.

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 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

GRADE 8s WILL COMPLETE COURSE SELECTION FORMS FOR GRADE 9 COURSES THIS MONTH, PARENT SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.

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')

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 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**

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