

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #5 Monday, January 8th, 2024

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 6 Basketball practise	Intramurals STEAM Club	Gr 6 Basketball practise	Intramurals Chess Club
After School				
Grade 8 Boys BB practise 3-415pm Grade 7 Girls BB practise begins. 415pm Jan 15th	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15	Harry Potter Club	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15 Grade 7 Girls BB practise 3pm	

January Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9 School Reopens	10	11 Late Immersion and Montessori registration opens	12 Student Gov meeting 8:30am Black Excellence Day
15	16 PAC Meeting 7pm	17 LFI applications ends 4pm Centennial Gr 8 Parent info night @ Centennial 6:30-7:30pm	18	19 Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am
22	23	24 Charles Best Gr 8 Parent info night 7:00pm Location To be announced.	25 Centennial Gr 8 Parent info night @ Centennial 6:30-7:30pm	26 Gr 8 Tours (all high schools) Student Gov meeting 8:30am Hot Lunch Birthday Club
29	30 Twinning Tuesday Spirit Day	31	1 Black History Month Begins	2

Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Date	Needs	Contact
Grade 7 Boys' Basketball coach	1 practice per week and one game weekly on Wednesdays for about 5 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic basketball knowledge. A Monty staff member will act as a team manager/ sponsor. 	Nadia Tuan ntuan@sd43.bc.ca
Chess Club	Once per week at lunch on Mon, Tues 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- Reflecting on who we are.



Montgomery has a strong history of restorative practises (RP) as one of the core beliefs that drives how we interact with each other. An important step in righting a wrong involves students meeting together with an adult facilitator and owning their mistake and setting it right. RP does not mean that consequences are not part of the learning process.

An often less known and understood component of restorative practise is student agency. It is the belief or value that students should have an authentic voice in shaping their school community and be able to impact real change. The class charters, which all classes completed in the fall was one example of student voice. Charters represent students' collective commitment to themselves and each other by describing how they want to their classroom/ school to function.

Each advisory class is represented by one of their classmates on the Montgomery Student Government, which is sponsored by me, Mrs. Husband, and Mr. Heinrichs. Student leaders envisioned how they will work together and the type of issues that they would like to collect student input on, to make improvements at Monty. So far this year, Student Government has expanded the hours of the library, made plans to improve the change rooms, promoted and helped to organize the Winter Market and raised money for Share Food bank through the selling of Candy Cane Grams and more.

In June 2023, we began a school revisioning process with the help of Katrina Thorsen, an experienced facilitator and artist. Katrina met with two groups of students, 22 grades 6/7 and 22 grade 8 students to collect their input about the strengths and needs of our school and to explore a new mission statement, school mascot (a hammer head shark), school name (Monty Mariners), team names (Colours) and our school logo. The name Montgomery Mariners was created during the change from a Jr. Secondary to Middle level in the late 1990's. Prior to that we were the Monty Trojans.

Throughout the year Katrina Thorsen has been working with the Monty staff during a full day Professional Day and team and EA meetings to collect their input. Our student government (some of whom were part of the focus groups in June 2023) have had a role in communicating this information to their class/ team. While we are reflecting on our school mission statement and identity, we are NOT changing our school's name, École Montgomery Middle. We expect this process to take most of the school year and look forward to sharing the outcome with our parent community.

School News

Volleyball Final

The volleyball season has ended for all grade 6, 7 grade 8 players. Congratulations to all the players who came out to try a sport, make connections and improve their volleyball skills.

Basketball

Grade 6s Mr. Turner

Grade 7 Girls Mrs. Sievers and Mrs. Best

Grade 7 Boys Coach needed- parent or community volunteer welcome.

Grade 8 Girls There are not enough players to form a team.

Grade 8 Boys Mr. Rossier

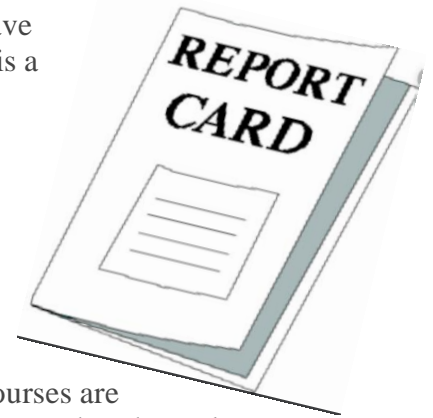
Wrestling

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 after school.

Report Cards -Now Available

On December 14th report cards and updated IEPs became 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. All 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. uses a proficiency scale.

Multicultural Lunch

We are planning our Annual **Multicultural Lunch** on **Friday, February 9th, 2024**. This event has been a highlight for many students and was on hold due to COVID in 2021 and 2022. Last year students ate in their classrooms rather than as a school in the gym.

For the Multicultural lunch students bring food to share from their heritage or families donate money (\$10 is recommended) and we purchase food from many cultures (Italian, Indian, Chinese and Japanese). 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. Please help us make this meal a community builder.

To reduce our environmental impact, all students need to 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 is 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.

Montgomery: Afterschool Programs (Winter 2024)

Go to www.DWUL.io and search "SD43 Montgomery" or click the links below

[Montgomery Middle \(Tuesday\) - MAGIC, Grade \(6-8\)](#)

[Montgomery Middle \(Wednesdays\): Learning Chess Steps \(Step 1 And 2 Mixed\)](#)

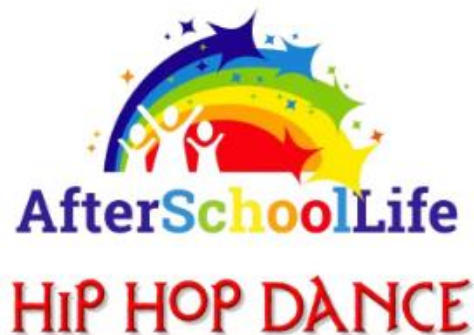
[Montgomery Middle - HIP HOP DANCE \(Thursday\), Grade \(6-8\)](#)

Programs are brought to you by different community organizations.
DWUL (Do What U Luv) provides registration support.

**Note: If the links are not opening due to browser/firewall issues, go to www.DWUL.io first
Then, click the links above or search "SD43 Montgomery" for direct access.**



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PAC News and Events

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and gentle winter break.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 - 7:00pm – in the library

Come by to help us reflect on the Winter Market, review our financial commitments and fundraising, and to see a report (with photos) from Mrs. Husband about what our kids have been up to!

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!

Our PAC needs of a new secretary. If you can attend a monthly PAC meeting and take notes (not minutes), we welcome and appreciate your help! Please email Danielle at montymiddlepac@proton.me if you are willing to help out or would like to learn more.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday January 16th at 7pm, in the Montgomery library.



There are three hot lunch/treat days before March Break.
Ordering is now open through Munch-a-Lunch.

Lunch/treat day:	Order/pay by 11:59pm on:
Fri January 26 - Subway	Tues, January 16 th
Fri February 16 - Little Caesar's	Tues, February 6 th
Fri March 8 - TCBY Frozen Yogurt	Tues, February 27 th

Ongoing

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 donations enable us to support classroom play equipment which all children can access, technology to support classrooms as well as enabling classroom teachers to access a small budget to purchase items for the classroom/ team.

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.



Thanks again for all 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.

For safety reasons, during snow events Kugler and Edgewood Ave from Montgomery Street to the parking lot are closed to parent drop off and pick up. Please drop your child on Montgomery Street and have them walk into the school.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE & CROSS BOUNDRY INFORMATION

ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO GR 8s

REGISTERING 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 number or Personal Education Number (PEN) (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.

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 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"

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. 26

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 9 – 14, 2024 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 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



What's Happening

Aide Aux Devoirs Homework Club

Ages 10-13yrs

Tuesdays 3:30-5:00pm

**Maillardville Community Centre
1200 Cartier Avenue, Coquitlam**

Join us for a French-led homework club for students in FSL, late immersion, or French immersion programs at school. Participants will start by burning some energy in the gym, followed by a snack and then get the opportunity to receive help with their homework. Any time that is left will be spent playing French language games.

***January 16th to February 6th
February 13th to March 12th***






Register online, by phone or in person.

Online: www.coquitlam.ca/register

Phone: 604-927-4386

In person at any City of Coquitlam facility

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