

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				
Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:50am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:50am	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	Chess club-library	Intramurals Art Room Open (NEW)	Open gym	Intramurals
After School				
	GSA meeting every 2 nd Tuesday	Minecraft club (Full)		

March Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 Gr 7 Boys BB playoffs	28	1	2 Final Ski and Snowboard Wrestling Districts @ Banting	3. Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am
6	7 Gr 7 BB playoffs (rescheduled)	8 Report Cards Go Live Pi Contest Spring Band Concert/ Gr 8 BB playoffs-rescheduled	9 School Public Speaking Finals	10 LFI Speech Contest Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am Spirit Assembly
13 Spring Break Begins No School	14 Spring Break	15 Spring Break	16 Spring Break	17 Spring Break
20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break
27 School reopens	28	29	30	31 Monty Spirit Wear Student Gov meeting 8:30am

Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- School Attendance, The Hard Facts



Why is school attendance important?

This article was adapted from information found at attendanceworks.org and in Sprick, J. and T. Berg. 2019. *Teacher's Guide to Tackling Attendance Challenges*. ASCD

Chronic absenteeism (18 or more days absent from school) is a primary cause of low academic achievement, and a powerful predictor of which students may eventually drop out of school. Importantly, it does not matter if absences are excused or unexcused. Missing school for any reason means lost learning.

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills, and each successive year of chronic absenteeism means the risks of reduced learning compound. Affected students also lose the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or will fall behind. Who can read at grade level by the end of third grade? 64% of students who had good attendance at kindergarten and first grade, versus 17% of students who were chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade.

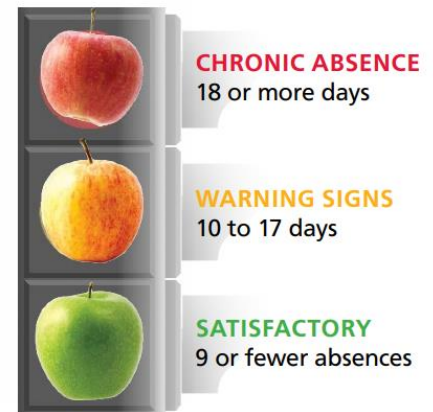
As students progress through school, those who are chronically absent have consistently lower grades and test scores. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator of whether a student will drop out of high school and be left without the academic credentials and skills needed to move on to post-secondary education and compete in a 21st century workforce.

One study found that a student who is chronically absent in even a single school year between the eighth and twelfth grades is over seven times more likely to drop out of school than a student who has not been chronically absent.

What can you do?

1. Have a regular bedtime.
2. Have a backup plan for getting to school if something comes up. Call a family member, a neighbour or another parent or teach (and practice) your child to take the bus.
3. Schedule medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.
4. Plan family holidays during school breaks.
5. Be a good model by going to work regularly and on time.
6. If your child is anxious about going to school, talk with teachers, the school counsellor or administrators.
7. If attendance (including being on time) is a concern, talk about it and set a realistic goal.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

The cycle of school non-attendance.



PAID NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR ECOLE MONTGOMERY MIDDLE

Ecole Montgomery Middle needs a temporary Noon Hour Assistant to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) within an assigned area. Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset and training and support for the job is provided. This is a great way to get insight into the day to day lives of middle schoolers.

Please submit your resume by email to Kristy Kozak, Human Resources Advisor, @ kkozak@sd43.bc.ca if you are interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for the school.

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

Event	Date	Needs	Contact
Weekly Bingo Caller	Wednesdays	March/ April for 4 weeks	shusband@sd43.bc.ca
Tack and Field Timers	Once or twice a week after school	April/ May	shusband@sd43.bc.ca
Needed 300- and 500-piece puzzles for lunch breaks in the cafeteria		ASAP	shusband@sd43.bc.ca

Sports Update

A massive thank you to all the coaches who made the Basketball and Wrestling Season possible. Next week teams are competing in district playoffs/meets after their were postponed due to snow. We wish all players well as they head into their final competitions. Go Monty!

After spring break the badminton and track and field teams will get underway. All players are welcome, and no experience is needed.



Public Speaking



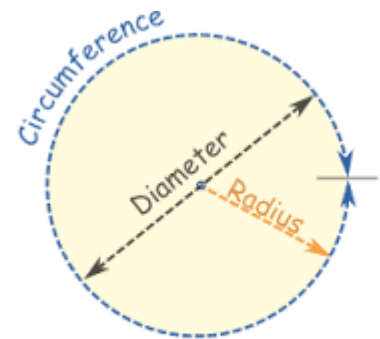
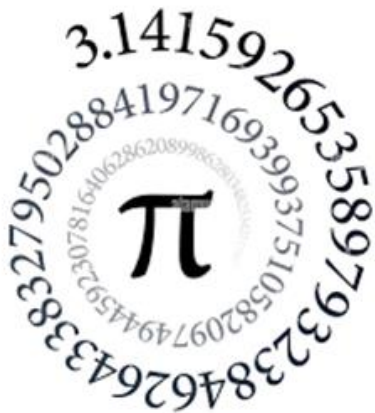
Students are currently completing their class speech finals to select team finalists in preparations for the school finals. This year the team finals are being held in person and the school and district finals are being held in person. Each year we see the hard work and preparation that every student puts into getting ready to present their speech.

For some students (and adults) speaking in front of a group of people is a nerve-racking task. Please encourage your child to practise in front of a mirror, to follow the assignments criteria and to practice deep breathing to help them remain calm. A huge congratulations to all our Montgomery students for participating in our public speaking.

Speaking in front of a group is an important life skill that we use at weddings, funerals, throughout high school and post secondary schooling and in many jobs. District Finals are being held in person after Spring Break.

Monty Pi Contest

Next week on Wednesday, March 8th all students are invited to compete in our annual Pi Contest. The contest is held at lunch in the fitness room. This is a worldwide phenomenon in which people memorize as many digits of Pi as possible and then compete against others to win. Monty winners have their name engraved on a trophy and win a PIE to eat.



$$\frac{\text{Circumference}}{\text{Diameter}} = \pi = 3.14159\dots$$

School Yearbooks Deadline May 15th

Our yearbook is a piece of history that students cherish and look back for many years to come. It is a way to remember the many fond memories and experiences of middle school. Unfortunately, once we have placed the order, we are not able to add students/ families.

Click to order <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/> or visit our website

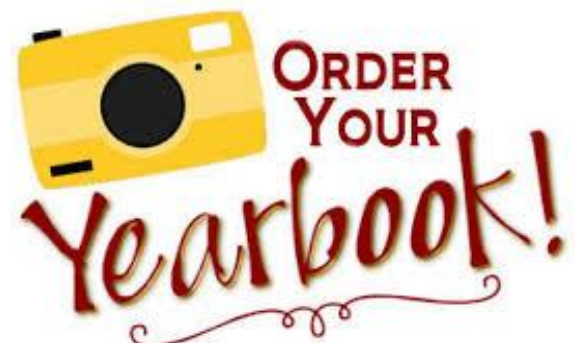
\$35 for a hardcover

\$27 for a soft cover.

Yearbooks orders are available through the Lifetouch only.

Yearbook ID 13454523

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lowther at the office.



After schools programs starting soon

We will have afterschool programs starting after Spring break

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.

Big Thank you!



Thank you to the Save on Foods at Austin Station for their very significant donation of cereal to help us support kids and families in our school community.

PAC News and Events

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 - 7:00pm - Online

Upcoming PAC meetings

- April 18 – online
- May 9 – in person AGM – *new date!*
- June 20 – online

We are always looking for new people to join us and would love to see you.

Executive positions for next year - two of our PAC executive will be leaving the school at the end of the year. We are looking for new people to fill the positions of secretary and DPAC representative for the 2023-2024 school year. Please consider volunteering. Positions will be filled at our May AGM. For more information on what these positions require, contact montymiddlepac@proton.me.

Refundable deposits can be credited to Monty's PAC. Put your juice/pop/milk/alcohol containers in a clear recycling bag and drop them off at any Return-It Express location. Use the school's phone number (604-939-7367) to print a label, and all deposits will go to the PAC.

Thanks again for your help and support, which allows us to help and support our wonderful students and staff. Please come out and join us as often as you are able. Your gift of time is valued and appreciated and a great way to stay connected with what's happening for your child at school.

Thank you and Merci!!!

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 are rare.

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.





Summer Learning

2023

Eight locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!
Free to all BC residents*.

Elementary

Three locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Middle

Two locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Two locations, Wednesday July 5 - Thursday August 10 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11,12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11.

Secondary Full Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track Credit

Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!

- Registration begins...
- Elementary: Tuesday May 2
 - Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 5
 - Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 10
- Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

To Register



WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change

KidSport

So ALL Kids Can Play!

Saturday,
March 4th

10am–1pm

USED EQUIPMENT SALE



RIVERSIDE SECONDARY

**2215 REEVE ST
PORT COQUITLAM**

Admission by

donation or non-perishable
item to the **SHARE food bank**

SAVE on your family's sports equipment!

The KidSport Used Equipment Sale has everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment, wetsuits, and more!

Open to Everyone!

equipment for **ALL** kids and adults!
Outfit a child for lacrosse or hockey, including helmet, stick, and/or skates for approximately \$100!

GIVE back! Donate your gently used* equipment

From *February 22* – *March 3*, donate your used equipment at the following locations:

- Port Moody Recreation Complex (main lobby)
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (main lobby)
- Port Coquitlam Community Centre (Arena 3)

www.kidsporttricity.ca

*gently used
equipment is:

- less than 6 years old
- in good condition
- wearable for league sports



Art Camps

27476	Spring Break Camp (Comics and Cartoon Creations)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	March 13, 2023 to March 17, 2023	12:35pm - 3:35pm	Place des Arts	Add to Cart
	Age At least 11 but less than 14y 11m 4w					
	Quick View					
27475	Spring Break Camp (Drama Club Sr.)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	March 13, 2023 to March 17, 2023	9am - 12pm	Place des Arts	Add to Cart
	Age At least 11 but less than 14y 11m 4w					
	Quick View					
27478	Spring Break Camp (Dress to Express: Painted Denim Jackets)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	March 20, 2023 to March 24, 2023	12:35pm - 3:35pm	Place des Arts	Add to Cart
	Age At least 11 but less than 14y 11m 4w					
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27477	Spring Break Camp (Printmaking)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	March 20, 2023 to March 24, 2023	9am - 12pm	Place des Arts	Add to Cart
	Age At least 11 but less than 14y					



TRI CITY YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents, Players & Members,

We are pleased to announce our Spring 2023 Development League registration will open for current Fall / Winter 2022-23 DEVELOPMENT League players beginning **February 1, 2023**.

Current players wishing to change teams or whose team will not be continuing for Spring season may register February 7.

New Player registration will begin February 27, 2023.

Please see the Registration Guidelines below so you know which date you are eligible to begin registering.

Spring League practices will begin the week of April 3rd and wrap up on June 3rd. There are no practices or games on Statutory Holidays or District-wide Pro-D days. NOTE: For the May long weekend, there will be games on Friday May 19th but not Saturday May 20th.

The Spring 2023 Registration Phases are outlined below. Please ensure you are registering during the appropriate Phase. [Visit our website](#) for more details and to register.

Player Registration must be completed online and all registration phases will open at 6am.

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New and Returing Players

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