

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #2 Monday, October 3rd, 2022

Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				
Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:50am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:50am Gr.8 Boys volleyball practice 745am Library open	Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:50am Library open 8-840am T/ W Th	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:50am Gr.8 Girls volleyball practice 745am Library open	
Lunch				
	Grade 6 volleyball practice lunch		Grade 6 volleyball practice lunch	
After School				
Gr.8 Girls volleyball practice 3:10pm Oct 3 rd postponed Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Practice 4:15-5pm	Gr 7 VB Game Day Schedule TBA	Gr 8 VB Game Day Schedule TBA Gr.8 Girls volleyball practice 3:10pm October 5th only	Gr.7 Boys volleyball practice 3:10pm Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Practice 4:15-5pm	

October Month At A Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Individual School Photos	5	6	7 Wear Monty Spirit wear or team colours.
10 Thanksgiving No School	11	12	13	14 Wear Monty Spirit wear or team colours
17	18 Virtual PAC meeting 7pm	19	20	21 Provincial Pro Day No School
24	25	26 Early Dismissal 3 way Conferences Me&Eds Pizza Night	27 Early Dismissal 3 way Conferences	28 Wear Monty Spirit wear or team colours
31 Halloween Fun	1	2	3	4

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
x- mas market This event generates funds to purchase x mas hampers for families in our community	Late November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents to collect and organize donations Parent to set up the market Parents to “sell” goods for \$1-5 and collect money 	Danielle Nicholson
Chess Club	Once per week at lunch	<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- Three Way Conferences



Later this month our staff will be inviting all parents/guardians to participate in a Three-Way Conference. The three-way conference is our formal interim report process for all families. Each year, the vast majority of families participate in this important opportunity to communicate student learning and to ensure your child has a positive start to the year. Please mark your calendars for this date.

Three-way conferences are a conversation between the student, their parents/guardian and their teacher. This gives students an opportunity to share their growth as a learner and set goals. They accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners. Students, parents/guardians and the teacher - sit together and talk about the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role.

The conference is a 15-minute in person meeting with your child and their advisory teacher. It is an opportunity to:

- reflect on progress
- celebrate successes
- ask questions
- set a goal(s) for the school year

Also, please note that students will have early dismissal on both days at 12:25 pm for teachers and staff to prepare for the conferences starting at 1:00pm.

Wed, Oct 26th Early dismissal 12:25pm

Conferences 1pm-4:45pm

Thurs, Oct 27th Early dismissal 12:25pm

Conferences 1pm-6:45pm

A separate detailed notice will be emailed to all parents/ guardians with online booking information.

School News



Online Payments

www.montymiddle.ca



School District 43 Coquitlam

School expenses including fieldtrips, athletic fees and school events are made through an online payment system that will allow you to view and pay your child's student fees safely and conveniently. This system is used until your child completes gr 12 and is automatically updated when they move to high school.

All families need to be registered, if you don't have an online account, please get one now! Here's how to get started:

1. Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>
2. Click on "Get Started Today"
3. Create your account
 - o Enter first and last name; click continue
 - o Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue
 - o Choose a password and security question
 - o Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

Student Activity Fee \$35.00 was due Sept 26th (this includes the student planner, school shirt and locker rental).

Athletic Fee \$20.00 one-time fee for students who play on any school team

This is a one-time fee that will cover all teams and all three seasons throughout the year. Students will also have a form to complete which acknowledges their commitment to the Middle School's athletic code of conduct

School Drop Off/ Pick Up and Student Safety

Help us keep your children safe, please read the parking signs. There is not stopping in these areas



Student Pick Up/ Drop Off

There is no parking on the south side of Edgewood Ave
Please arrive after 310pm so that your child is ready for pick up in the cul de sac.

Parking Lots

The lots are not for drop off or pick up unless a parent is entering the school

Christmas Market

The Annual Monty Christmas Market generates funds to purchase x-mas hampers for families in need in our community. Families donate new items or almost new household items. These items are organized by a team of parent volunteers and students purchase affordable items in late November as gift for their family members/ friends. The gifts are wrapped as a part of the market.

This PAC sponsored event needs the support of parents to help organize items for sale and sell items during the market. Please start to save household items for your child to donate, we will be collecting donations in late October and again in November. Please contact Danielle Nicholson if you are able to help.



We Scare Hunger Food Drive



The Green Team is sponsoring a food drive for Halloween. Please donate either non-perishable food items or money to help us achieve our school goal of \$500 and 500lbs of food to support the Share Food Bank.

The SHARE Food Bank distributes 5000 pounds of food to a minimum of 375 families every week, 37 percent of which are children. The Food Bank provides bi-weekly food and emergency hampers for Tri-Cities' individuals and families in need.

PAC News and Events

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18th, 2022 - 7:00pm – Virtual
President – Danielle Nicholson

Thank you to the many parents who attended our first PAC meeting. At our PAC meeting, we had an update from Mrs. Husband, and made some plans for events to come. We will be running a few pizza night fundraisers, plus one or two other fundraisers. Or, if you would prefer to make a direct donation to the PAC, a donation option through School Cash Online is available now.

We are happy to announce that we will be running treat and hot lunch days this year. Our first hot lunch day will be Friday Nov 18, followed by a treat day on Friday December 9. More details to follow soon, so please keep your eyes and ears open. Ordering for these days will happen via Munch A Lunch.

We are working on organizing a Family Portrait Day for some time in October or November. The sitting fee for each time slot is \$25, all of which goes to the PAC, and it includes one 8x10" portrait of your choice. Information and a sign-up link will be communicated shortly.

The PAC is very excited to announce the return of the Christmas Market. This event is a wonderful way for our kids to buy Christmas presents for friends and family members, and to feel very proud about doing it. Families donate gently used items to the school, and children get to "shop" these items, all priced between \$1 and \$5. More details will follow, but we are looking for a few parents/guardians to help with planning and/or day-of execution. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact montymiddlepac@protonmail.com.

In late January, we would like to see the return of a wonderful Monty tradition - the Multicultural Lunch. Families donate a food dish or funds, and the whole school gets to try a range of dishes from many different cultures. If you are a parent/guardian of a child who attended Monty in the past, we would love to have your or their help in planning this event!

There are many opportunities for volunteering if you want to help but aren't sure how, we encourage you to contact Mrs. Husband, who can get you connected.

The last item is a request - Mrs. Husband shared more information about the Student and Family Affordability Fund that was announced earlier this year. Right now the funds must be allocated in certain ways in a very short amount of time; it would be helpful if these funds could be used for more items, and for longer. We would like to have parents write to or call their MLA to ask for more ways to spend the funds, and more time to spend them in. We want to see these funds used effectively. The PAC will be drafting a letter about this matter over the next few days - if you would like a copy please send us an email.

IMPORTANT PAC HOT LUNCH / TREAT DAYS UPDATE

The logo for 'hotlunch orders' features the word 'hotlunch' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with 'hot' and 'lunch' stacked. Below it, the word 'orders' is written in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark blue rectangular background.

Please read these important changes;

- We look forward to providing lunch and treat opportunities to the students.
- We do not accept cash orders this will improve accountability of funds in the PAC budget.
- Late orders cannot be accepted, this will allow us to be invoiced directly by vendors so that the vendor payments are ready on Hot Lunch Day.
- Sorry no refunds can be given for student absences.
- If your child is away, their order will be saved until the end of the day, so someone may pick it up. We are unable to save food due to Food Safe Regulations.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Learning is ongoing

Students come into every learning situation with their own experiences and background knowledge. A student does not necessarily begin at Emerging or Developing at the beginning of each school year. Similarly, students do not only reach Proficient at the end of the school year. Reaching proficiency is not the end of learning; if a student enters a learning experience with Proficient understanding or achieves proficiency during the school year, the goal becomes to further enhance their learning.



Letter grades and percentages for grades 10-12

Most universities and colleges currently use letter grades and percentages as part of the admissions process. To continue the successful transition of B.C. students to post-secondary learning, letter grades and percentages will remain in the graduation years. However, the Ministry of Education and Child Care will work with post-secondary institutions in the coming years to explore the use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades 10-12.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

**REPORTING ON
STUDENT LEARNING
IS CHANGING IN B.C.**

What is student reporting

Student reporting is the assessment and communication of student learning, often thought of as report cards. Every student in B.C. receives communications from the school throughout the school year that provide parents, caregivers, and students with information about student learning.

The way teachers and schools communicate student learning, and the format of traditional report cards is shifting.

Upcoming changes to student reporting

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework (“the framework”) is the result of many years of consultation and engagement with rightsholders, education partners, teachers, families, students, and the public.

The framework provides an overview of the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year.

Student Information

- Shifts in reporting are being made to ensure each student experiences success within the education system
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting gives every student input into their learning, including where they go next
- Graduation status update in Grades 10-12 ensures students know they are on track to graduate

What's new

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.'s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Changing the “I” reporting symbol to “IE” to indicate “insufficient evidence” of learning instead of “incomplete” learning
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Graduation status updates at Grades 10-12
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

What's the same

- Timely and responsive feedback to families throughout the school year
- 5 communications of student learning; 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade and percentage

CONTACT US

 studentreporting@gov.bc.ca

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale gives students, parents and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can do now and areas for future growth.

Reporting scales are already being used by all districts in the province. There are currently 17 or more known reporting scales in use. The introduction of the Provincial Proficiency Scale will provide consistency and alignment across B.C. schools.

	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Benefits of the provincial proficiency scale and descriptive feedback

- Views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done
- Provides feedback, to both families and students, on where the student is at and how to help them move forward in their learning
- Supports lifelong learning by shifting the focus to developing competencies rather than the achievement of marks
- Maintains high provincial standards by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning