

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition # 8 Thurs, April 2nd, 2026

## Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>				
Advanced Concert Band @ 7:45am	Beginner Concert Band @ 7:45am	Advanced Concert Band @ 7:45am	Beginner Concert Band @ 7:45am	Student Government Meeting 8:30am-9:30am
<b>Lunch- Library is open every lunch 😊</b>				
Intramurals GSA meeting Games Club (Welcome Rm)	Gr 6 Badminton Drama Club (NEW) Games Club (Welcome Rm)	Intramurals Games Club (Welcome Rm)	Gr 6 Badminton	Intramurals/ Open
<b>After School</b>				
Dungeons and Dragons Club		Harry Potter Club		

## April Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 (March)	31 (March)	1 (April)	2	3 Good Friday (No School)
6 Easter Monday (No School)	7 Terry Fox Week  LFI district speech finals @ Citadel	8 Terry Fox Week	9 Terry Fox Week  Safer Spaces In Class Presentation	10 Terry Fox Run  Cutoff for Treat Day Orders
13 Safer Spaces in Class Presentation	14 Lock Down Drill	15	16	17 Treat Day – TCBY Frozen Yogurt
20	21	22 PAC Meeting 7pm Gr 6/New Student Family Info Night – 6:30pm-7:30pm	23 Birthday Club	24 District Pro-D Day (No School)
27	28	29	30	1 (May)

Please see our school calendar on our website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/School/montgomery](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/montgomery)

## Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- Supporting Each Other



While we have been very fortunate in Canada, I want to acknowledge the ongoing war in Ukraine, destruction in Gaza and conflict in Iran and much of the middle east. These challenges have created unimaginable stress for some families in our community. Please let us know if your family is impacted so we can better support your family and your child.

Additionally, many families are continuing to struggle to meet the significant challenge of inflation and the increased financial pressures it has created. Please be reminded that we can assist families who are experiencing challenges with food security.

With the support of the school district, we have renovated the cafeteria to create a small kitchen that students can access before school to serve themselves breakfast using dishes and proper cutlery. This small kitchen includes a sink for students to wash their hands and rinse their dirty dishes as well as a dishwasher to load their dirty dishes. The goal is to create a homelike and welcoming environment for all students that also helps to build their independence. We hope in turn that they will bring these good habits home to help your household.

The breakfast program begins at 8am in the cafeteria every morning and is available to all students on a drop-in basis. Staff are in the cafeteria to supervise and help students from 8am until 8:35am. For students who arrive closer to the bell there is normally some fruit that they can grab and take with them to class. Breakfast is universal access which means it is open to all students regardless of their circumstances. As a school we are grateful for donations from Starbucks and Cobbs Bread that helps us stretch the targeted funding we get from the Ministry of Education.

We also have a daily lunch program for those families that request support due to food security challenges. Please contact our youth worker Carolyn Cai at [ccai@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ccai@sd43.bc.ca) to learn more so that we can better assist your child or family.



A massive thank you to Save On Foods for donating plants to Montgomery on a weekly basis. We are able to collect plants that they are no longer able to sell. With a bit of work we are able to save many of the indoor and outdoor plants and put many our school garden. Bulbs planted last year have created a beautiful spring garden. Recently a large donation of primeulas made for great planting for 10 student gardeners.

## Class Building 2026-27

Now is the time of year when we are completing our staffing and begin our student grade configurations for next year. This is a long and detailed process involving many aspects of each child's learning profile and their social relationships with peers and staff.

We take into accounts all the perspectives of the professionals that we know have relationships with your children and then we place together a plan that we feel best fits the learning environment for them and one that we can provide with our staffing arrangements.

The principal has the responsibility for the final placement of each student. The development of class lists is given a great deal of time, careful thought and understanding with the knowledge teachers have of each student and what will be in the child's best interest. Our decisions are also governed by a collective agreement and the outcome of the Supreme Court of Canada Ruling that limits class size and provides strict requirements about class composition. These requirements are complex and not flexible and are in place to ensure the best possible learning environment for all children.

### **Factors Considered for each class are as follows:**

- Academic achievement (a mix of academic ability is placed in all classes).
- Learning styles
- A balance of social emotional needs
- A balance of gender
- Instructional groupings
- Social groupings that support a learning focus
- Class composition (the number and type of identified learning needs in each class)
- Class size
- Recommendations of teachers and school-based team
- Recommendations of parents for children who need specific supports
- Teaching styles

**Parent input is also considered provided that it is received by email, to the Principal, Mrs. Sarah Husband before April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and is based on educational needs.**

The focus of parent/ guardian letters must be about your own children and their needs and should be based on sound educational reasons. Requests must be related to your child's specific learning needs and style rather than teacher placement. Due to many placement factors and contractual class size and composition, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. Requests for peer placement or suggestions regarding the placement of other children should respectfully be avoided. While we guarantee that all parent input will be given careful consideration, we cannot promise that all requests will be met.

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## School News

### Sports Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>		Gr 7 Badminton	Gr 7 Badminton		
<b>Lunch Time 12:55-1:15</b>	Throwing Events	High Jump 6s + Long Jump 6s <i>Alternating weeks</i>  Gr 6 Badminton	Throwing Events	High Jump 7/8s Long Jump 7/8s <i>Alternating weeks</i> Gr 6 Badminton	
<b>After School 3:15-4:00</b>	Running Practice	Gr 8 Badminton	Running Practice	Gr 8 Badminton	

#### Coaches

**Ms. Coupland and Mr. Porco** – all running events

**Ms. Rubinic** – High Jump                      **Mme. Araund** – Long Jump

**Ms. Gronemose**– Throwing Events

**M. Baldonado** – Grade 6 Badminton    **Ms. Martini** – Grade 7 Badminton

**Mr. Turner** – Grade 8 Badminton

#### **Track and Field Important Information:**

- Students must attend practices consistently in order to participate in the district track meet
- There will be 1-2 mini meets held before the district meet. Students must participate in a mini meet in order to participate in the district meet at Town Centre
- Dates for the mini meet(s) and the district meet have not yet been determined. We will pass this information along to athletes and families as soon as we know.
- Students must participate in a minimum of two events in order to participate in the district track meet (one event at mini-meet is ok)
- All students participating in Track & Field need to fill out an athletics form (and pay the one-time annual athletics fee online, if not already done) and return it to Ms. Rubinic before they can begin practices



## Terry Fox Week- Let's Keep the Marathon of Hope Alive!



Once again, Monty will host its Terry Fox Run on Friday, April 10th to commemorate when Terry began his Marathon of Hope in 1980 - 45 years ago! To continue Terry's efforts, we are hoping to raise enough money to equal a toonie per student, and even more if possible.

There is an opportunity to donate up to \$10 on School Cash Online, however if you would like to donate more than \$10, this website below is a way to do so, and to also receive tax receipts. Please copy and paste the below link into your internet search bar. We thank you in advance for all support for this fundraiser and celebration of a Canadian hero.

Monty is proud to play an important role in keeping the legacy of Terry Fox going. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the heroic efforts of Terry over the next few weeks as well as raise much-needed funds for cancer research.

We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox Run. This is our opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from cancer. We hope you will join us as our school community bands together in the

fight against cancer.

Here is the link for online donations above \$10 - [Montgomery Middle School - Coquitlam, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#)

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE ONLY UNTIL **May 13th** DON'T MISS OUT-THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

The much-anticipated Monty yearbook is currently being created!

This is a piece of history that students cherish and look back at 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 with Lifetouch, we are not able to add students/ families. If you are interested in ordering a copy, please use the link below to order: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/>

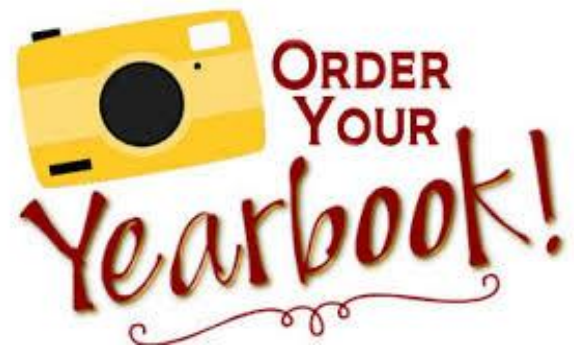
\$35 for a soft cover

\$45 for a hard cover

Yearbooks orders are only available through the Lifetouch website.

Yearbook ID **13454526**

Deadline to place an order is **Wednesday, May 13th, 2026**, If you have any questions, please contact [084-headsecretary@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:084-headsecretary@sd43.bc.ca)



## **PAC News and Events**

Happy Spring! We hope you had a restful March break. Here's a look ahead to the last few months of the year.

***For 2025-26, PAC meetings: Wednesdays 7pm in the Monty Middle Library.  
Next meeting April 22.  
Annual General Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> (last meeting of 25/26)***

The purpose of the PAC is to promote the education and welfare of students in the school, be the collective voice of parents, encourage parent involvement in the school, and to advise and assist the administration and staff in matters pertaining to the school and students. We encourage all parents and caregivers to be engaged with their child(ren)'s school and joining PAC meetings is one way to get connected. All parents and caregivers are automatically PAC members.

This year, we will continue to raise funds to support our students and school. In addition to helping with planned team trips to Grouse Mountain, the PAC will support the purchase of technology for the STEAM program and sporting equipment for every class to use at break times, contribute to the Grade 8 leaving ceremonies, provide entertainment to students, and give each classroom a small discretionary fund to buy supplies needed for the year.

We need a representative for President and Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year. After many years of service, our President Danielle Nicholson, Secretary Jennifer Jensen and Co-treasurer Kristine Kirk will be moving on. At our AGM on May 20, we will be holding our annual elections for the positions on our executive. If all 4 positions on the executive are not filled, the ability to register as a PAC is lost, as is access to the BC Gaming Grant funding. If you are willing to fill any of our positions (President, Treasure/Co-treasurer, Secretary or DPAC Representative) or if you are willing to be a Member at Large, we ask that you come to our AGM. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at [montymiddlepac@proton.me](mailto:montymiddlepac@proton.me).

Staff appreciation day is May 19th. We love and appreciate our teachers, administrators and support staff, and we set aside a day every Spring to say thank you in a meaningful way. We welcome donations through School Cash Online towards this day, and towards supporting the buses for the team-based trips to Grouse Mountain. You can log into your child's account and find the PAC Donation item under your student's name. We thank you again for all your support for what we as a PAC do in and around the school.

### Looking Ahead

Treat Day/Hot Lunch Dates	April 17 (order by 11:59pm April 10) & May 22 (order by 11:59pm May 15)
Staff Appreciation Day -	May 19
AGM -	May 20

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

- 1. All orders need to be made and paid for online (sorry, no cash orders).*
- 2. Sorry absolutely no late orders; this allows us to have vendor payments ready on hot lunch/treat day.*
- 4. Sorry no refunds can be given for student absences.*
- 5. You can order multiple lunches and treat days at a time, as well as pay for all your children's orders in one transaction. This it reduces the fees associated with credit cards for PAC.*
- 6. If your child is away or on a field trip, their order will be saved until the end of the day at 315pm, so someone may pick it up. We are unable to save food beyond that due to Food Safe Regulations.*

2025-2026 Executive

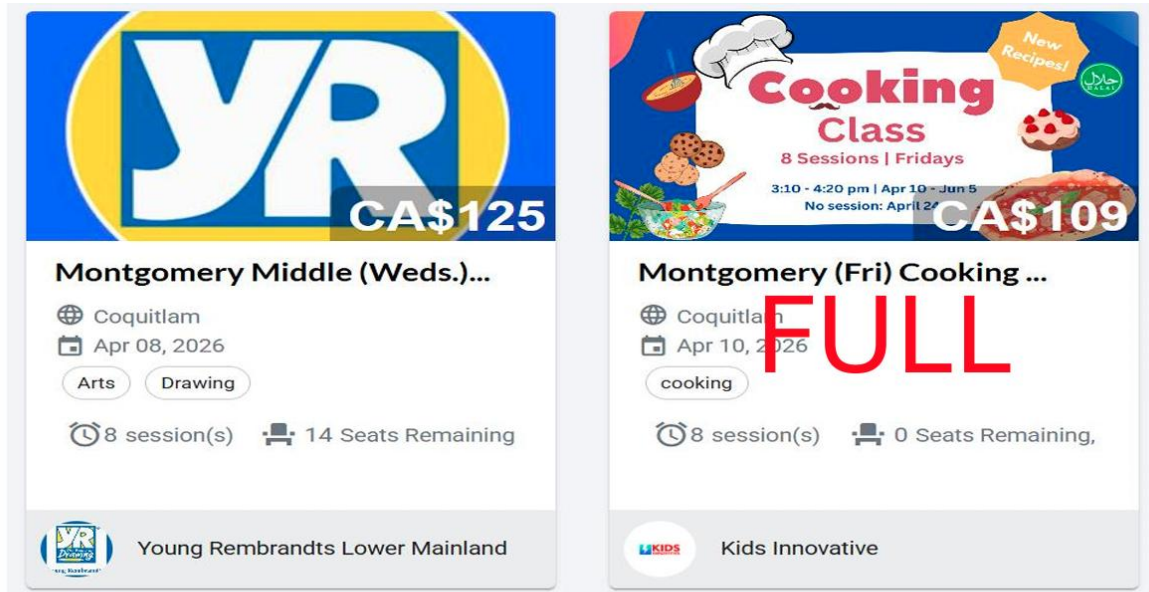
President – Danielle Nicholson  
Secretary – Jen Bradley  
Co-Treasurer – Kristine Kirk  
Co-Treasurer – Lily Gu  
DPAC representative – Chris Hilliker  
Members at Large – Valorie Salimpoor, Devon Steeves (Hot Lunch Coordinator),  
Kathy Lee, Zeyad Saleem, Brendan Reid, Hannah Chow

Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 (there are no meetings in December, March and June)

Wednesday Sept 24 7pm                      Wednesday Oct 15 7pm  
Wednesday Nov 19 7pm                      Wednesday Jan 21 7pm  
Wednesday Feb 18 7pm                      Wednesday Apr 22 7pm  
Wednesday May 20 7pm - AGM

**Monty Spring Afterschool Programs**

**\*\*Our Cooking program is full, BUT we still have space in the Art Program**



Wednesdays, Drawing, April 8<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, Art Room  
Fridays, Creative cooking, April 10<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> (No class on April 24<sup>th</sup>), Home Ed room

Please see below the registration information for the Spring 2026 Afterschool Programs being held at Montgomery Middle.



**Montgomery: Afterschool Programs (Spring 2026)**

Go to [www.DWUL.io](http://www.DWUL.io) or click below, search "SD43 Montgomery" or "Montgomery."

**How to register:** See the [Support Document](#), [60-second Video](#), or [Online Guide](#).

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

Note: If program links do not open due to browser or firewall issues, go to [www.DWUL.io](http://www.DWUL.io) first. Then, search "SD43 Montgomery" or "Montgomery."



## District News

### **\*Summer Learning – NEW for 2026\***

SD43 Summer Learning registration will be using a LOTTERY system to ensure fair access to all students.

#### **Important Dates:**

##### **Elementary/Middle**

Lottery Registration	April 2-8, 2026
Lottery Draw	April 16, 2026

##### **Secondary – Skill Building and High School Credit**

Lottery Registration	April 28-May 4, 2026
Lottery Draw	May 8, 2026

### **District-Wide Clothing Swap – April 18**

Centennial Secondary, along with other SD43 secondary schools, is hosting a **District-Wide Clothing Swap** on **Saturday, April 18**, at the **Pinetree Community Centre gym**.

This event gives SD43 families a chance to donate quality clothing they no longer use and pick up items they need — **all for free**. Last year's event was a huge success, supporting many families while promoting reuse, reducing waste, and fighting fast fashion.

#### **How to Participate:**

- Between April 7-16 drop-off stations will be set up at selected secondary schools.
- **Families who donate will receive an entry pass** to the Clothing Swap event.

Thank you for supporting sustainability and our SD43 community!



# SD43 CLOTHING SWAP



**Don't shop—Swap!** Give your pre-loved clothes a second life and find your new favorite outfit for FREE.

**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026**

9:00 am (VIP) - 3:00 pm

**Location:** Pinetree Community Centre  
1260 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam

**DONATION COLLECTION AT ALL SD43  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS. ASK AT OFFICE.**

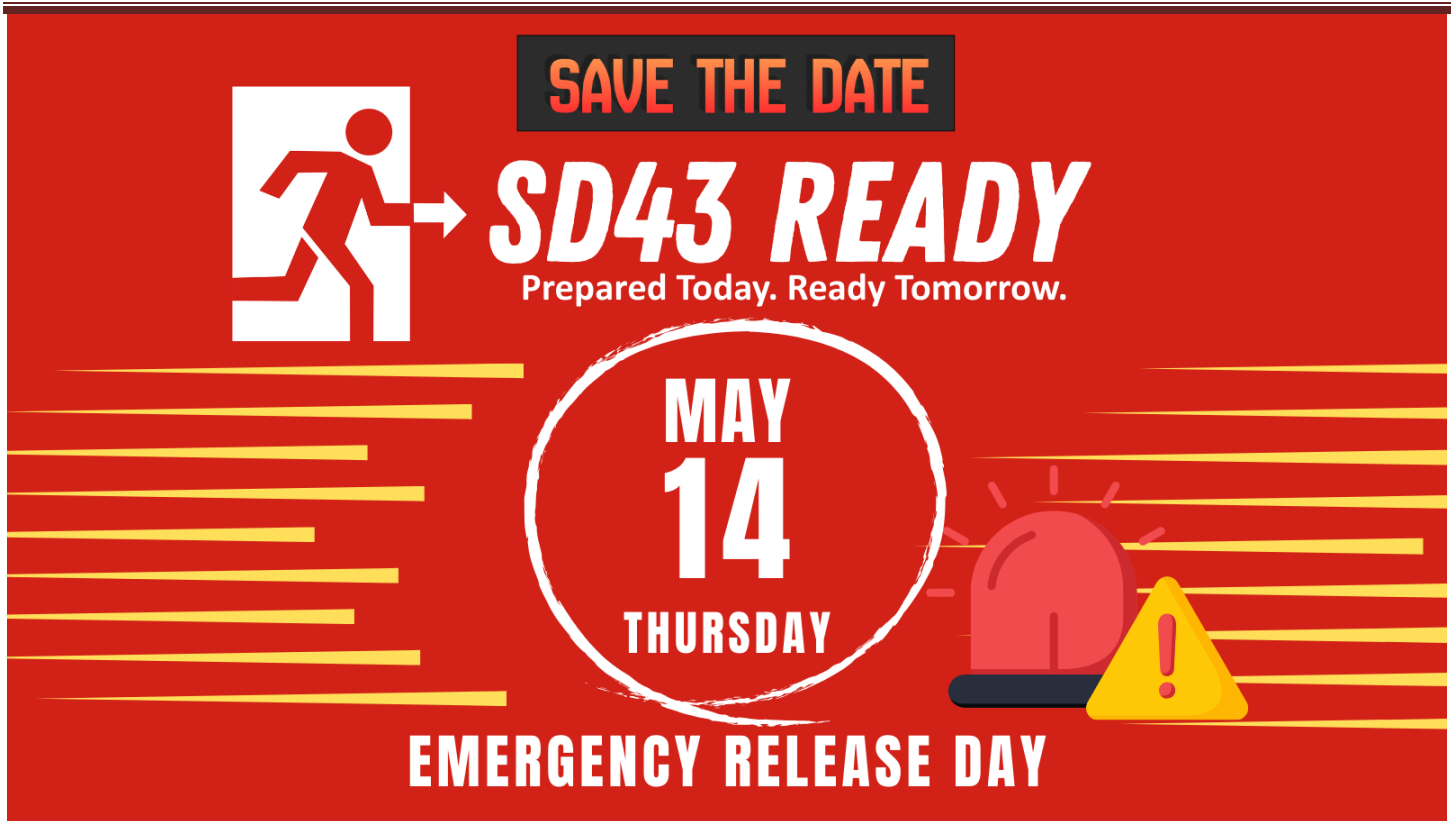
## Who can participate?

- All SD43 families and friends are welcome, 10:00 am
- Donate and get VIP early entry, 9:00 am  
(See office for VIP pass)



**Organizer:** SD43 District  
Sustainability Leadership  
Committee - DSL





The poster features a red background with yellow horizontal stripes. At the top left is a white icon of a person running through a doorway. To its right, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' is in white on a black rectangular background. Below this, 'SD43 READY' is written in large, bold, white letters, with the tagline 'Prepared Today. Ready Tomorrow.' underneath. In the center, a white circle contains the date 'MAY 14 THURSDAY'. To the right of the circle are icons of a red fire alarm bell and a yellow warning triangle with a red exclamation mark. At the bottom, the text 'EMERGENCY RELEASE DAY' is written in large, bold, white letters.

**SD43 is planning an EMERGENCY RELEASE DAY, are you #SD43Ready?**

**Date: THURSDAY, MAY 14 at 2:00pm**

**This event is district-wide and occurs close to the majority of regular dismissal times to facilitate planning and preparation for district families to make suitable arrangements.**

In the event of a major emergency, it may become necessary to release students from school before the regularly scheduled time. A successful emergency release protocol requires preparation now, including a 'practice run' to help ensure a smooth procedure should such a release become necessary.

For more details, please visit: [Emergency Information - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\)](#)

# KEEPING KIDS SAFE online

Keeping Kids Safe Online is a 60-minute presentation **designed for parents, caregivers and service providers** to learn how to help children stay safe online while using apps, social media, and gaming platforms. The presentation can be delivered in-person or virtually.

Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00  
Mundy road elementary  
2200 Austin Ave  
School Library  
All parents welcome

**Part 1: Overview** – discusses and defines different forms of online sexual exploitation, including sextortion and intimate image sharing, as well as red flags of luring and grooming.

**Part 2: App Literacy** – a review of today's most popular apps used by children and youth.

**Part 3: Practical Conversations** - how to talk children and youth about online safety and sexual exploitation.



**Children of the Street**

[childrenofthestreet.ca](http://childrenofthestreet.ca)



**KidSport Tri-Cities will be hosting a Massive Used Bike Sale on Saturday, April 18 – rain or shine - at the Winslow Centre Sport Court, 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam from 10:00am-2:00pm. While we sold 174 bikes at the March 7 Equipment Sale, we still have close to 200 to sell.**

We're looking for volunteers to help roll/move the bikes about 80 metres from the basement of Como Lake Middle School – 1121 King Albert Ave – to the school's outdoor sport court from 8:30-9:30 am and then move whatever's left over back into the school basement from 2:00-2:45 pm on April 18.

So the two shifts are, Saturday, April 18:

8:30-9:30 am

2:00-2:45 pm

Please let us know if you're available and if so, which shift(s) you'd like by signing up here:

[Used Bike Sale - Saturday, April 18th — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

# Calling all youth ages 12-18

## Join New Westminster Army Cadets!

- Leadership experiences
- Outdoor adventure
- Fitness activities
- Summer camps
- Lasting friendships
- Marksmanship, band, & drill
- + much more!



## Want to learn more?

Training for new cadets will start in  
Sept 2026

Sign up for an online info session:

April 14th (Tues) or April 22nd (Wed)

Time: 7:00pm



[www.newwestarmycadets.com](http://www.newwestarmycadets.com)



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