

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter



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June Monthly Calendar

Pride Month and Indigenous Peoples Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Activity Day Info emailed to all families	2 Team Cascades to Grouse Mountain	3 Team Les Alpes to Grouse Mountain	4 Grade 6 for a Half Day (Event for incoming Gr 5 Students)	5 Team Atlas to Grouse Mountain
8 Crêperie La Bohème Food Truck Visit	9	10 Activity Day registration opens on SCO Fire Drill	11	12 June Birthday Club Last Student Government Meeting
15 Activity Day Registration closes	16	17 Last Day of Expos Year End Band Concert 7pm	18 Activity Day See separate email for information on how to register	19 Les Alpes to Blue Mtn Park Team Atlas to Mackin Park
22 Last Day for Advanced Band Cascades to Mackin Park Rockies to Mundy Park	23 Last day for Beginner Band Talent Show 1:00-3:00pm	24 Last full day of Instruction last day for grade 6 and 7s Gr 8 Leaving Rehearsal 9am Report Cards Yearbook Signing	25 Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony at 9:30am	26 Administrative Day

Please see our school calendar on our website: www.sd43.bc.ca/school/montgomery/Lists/Calendar/

Mrs. Husband's For Your Consideration- Summer Planning



One of the challenges transitioning from childhood to early adolescence is learning how to manage unsupervised free time. As children enter middle school, many students no longer have formal after school care or reduce participation in formal summer programming. This is challenging for parents too who worry about the amount of screen time and healthy decision-making that their children are making. In the summer holidays this may mean that, you are not sure what to do with your child while you are at work.

Working with your child to set some parameters around how much unsupervised/ unstructured time they have is a good place to start. Most

children will need your support to research options that are of interest to them and make some initial plans. Here is a list of options for your consideration.

1. Continue to participate in some day or overnight camps

2. Begin to volunteer.

The City of Coquitlam will accept any child aged 13 and older. There is a bit of a process that students can complete before they are 13. Volunteering is a great way to get a foot in the door for a job with the city later.

3. Get a job.

- a. Babysitting
- b. Bottle Depot Return
- c. Newspaper route

4. Participate in Summer School at no cost, limited availability classes are taking place at [Kwayhquitlum Middle, Montgomery Middle and Scott Creek Middle](#). **Grade 8 Skill Building Courses** are taking place at [Centennial & Gleneagle Secondary](#)

5. Plan a stay-cation with friends by making plans

Have your child make a mini holiday plan with their friends.

The pool, sleepovers, playing tennis, basketball, Frisbee golf at Mundy Park, attend City Festivals. Many community options are listed at the end of the newsletter.

Activity Day

On Thursday June 18th the entire school will be participating in a school wide activity day. We will be offering 5 different fieldtrip location options for students to register for. The choices include Castle Fun Park, Playland, Rocky Point Kayaking, Rocky Point Park & Swimming and Jug Island Hike. A package with all the options and the cost will be emailed to all families prior to the registration opening. We have included two very low-cost options for students and their families.

Activity Day Registration Opens Wednesday, June 10th

Activity Day registration takes place on School Cash Online. Here is the link to the login page: <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>. Please encourage your child to have a second choice. Families can only register for **one event**. Duplicate applications will be removed.

School News

School structure 2026-2027

Next year our school enrollment is predicted to be ~500 students, with 20 advisory classes, which is what we currently have.

- Team Rockies 6 English classes
- Team Cascades 5 English classes
- Les Alpes 4 Late French Immersion classes
- Team Atlas 2 Montessori classes / 3 English classes



Staff Changes

We would like to say thank you and best wishes to the following staff for their important role in making this a very positive year.

Ms. Broughton LISW - her temporary contract is coming to an end

Ms. Ferguson Music/Band- her temporary contract is coming to an end

Mr. Porco Adv 2 – his temporary contract is coming to an end

Mrs. Husband- retiring after 36 years in education and 8.5 years at Monty

Monty is a wonderful community, and I am going to miss all the energy and

Spirit brings. Mango will continue here in the fall thanks to Mrs. Diep who is a 2nd handler.



Moving or New Neighbors? Please tell us if:

- You are planning to move to another area within our school district.
- You are changing districts all together.
- You know of new neighbors who have recently purchased/ rented a home in your area and will soon be moving in, then a kind reminder to them to enroll at their local school would help us as we build our enrolment projections.



Grade 8 Leaving Event!

We are delighted to be welcoming families to help mark an important transition in your child's life. Unfortunately, we are limited by gym capacity. With 168 grade 8 students and their families we will be providing **two tickets for each grade 8 student** for family members to attend.

Two tickets will be issued to each grade 8 student during the week of June 15th. While we ask students to wear something more formal than their everyday school clothes, families are not expected to purchase new clothing.

Following the ceremony students and their guests will be able to take photos in our photo booth area in the courtyard, cafeteria, and fitness room, and mingle and connect with each other and their teachers. Gr 8s will also be able to enjoy a treat in the cafeteria.

Baby photos are being collected until Friday, June 19th. Please submit a *printed copy only* (no originals and no emailed photos), as families are required to print them at home. Write the student's full name and advisory number on the back, and have your child bring the photo to their advisory teacher. Photos will not be returned, as they will be displayed during the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony.

Wednesday, June 24th

Grade 8 leaving rehearsal.

Thursday, June 25th

Grade 8 leaving in main gym

Grade 6 and 7 students do not attend Gr 8 leaving

Questions can be sent to Giuliana Semple, head secretary, and she will redirect them to the appropriate staff – gsemple@sd43.bc.ca

French Public Speaking – District Concours d'art oratoire

Montgomery's very own Aria Qu won first place at the provincial Concours d'art oratoire on May 2nd at SFU Surrey. Congratulations to Aria!

Gauss Math Contest Finalists

Congratulations to the 61 students who wrote the Gauss Math Contest this year. We love to see students challenging themselves. A huge thanks to Mr. Turner and Mrs. Lee for sponsoring this yearly event. Thanks also to Ms. Ferguson for helping with the contest day!

Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6
1 st Place – Aria Q	1 st Place – Daniel P	1 st Place – Callen
2 nd Place – Lucas F	2 nd Place – Jocelyn	2 nd Place – Victoria
3 rd Place – Olivia L	3 rd Place – Lana	3 rd Place – Natalie



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Library Book Returns – Due

Just a reminder that all library books are due by **Thursday, June 11th**. Please help your child/ward return any overdue materials as soon as possible.

Yearbooks and Overdue Items

Students with outstanding books or fines will not receive their yearbook until everything is returned or cleared with the teacher-librarian.

Lost a Book? Found It Later?

If you've paid a fine for a lost book and it turns up over the summer, simply return it in September—we'll gladly refund your payment!

Summer Reading Fun

Looking for great books this summer? The [Coquitlam Public Library](http://www.coqlibrary.ca/) (<https://www.coqlibrary.ca/>) offers fantastic [Summer Reading Clubs](http://coqlibrary.ca/summer-reading) (<http://coqlibrary.ca/summer-reading>) to keep young readers engaged—be sure to check them out!

Thanks for your support in helping us wrap up the school year smoothly! - Ms. Taryn Coupland

Thank you!

A massive thank you to the Allondale Animal Hospital for their sponsorship and support of our school PADS dog, Mango. PADS stands for Pacific Assistance Dog Society which is an organization that trains service animals for both individual support and accredited facility dogs. Mango is a facility dog as he is trained to work in a large group setting and support students in need. His incredibly calm and friendly manner makes him a welcome connection for countless students every day.



Mango comes to work and lives with Mrs. Husband and is her responsibility in terms of all care and costs, however he is still officially the property of PADS. The generous food support by Allondale Animal Hospital benefits Mango and all the kids (and staff) who benefit from his daily presence at Montgomery. Thank you, Allondale Animal Hospital.

THANK YOU

Starbucks and Cobs Bread!!



In the past a few months, we have been receiving generous donations from the Starbucks, at Como Lake Village, and daily fresh-baked bread from Cobs bakery, at Sunwood Square (3025 Lougheed Highway). With their support, we have successfully enriched our lunch program with more nutritious and balanced options. These donations along with the donations made through school Cash Online help to support families struggling with food security. Our students in the lunch program are very happy and grateful! We would like to send our sincere gratitude to Starbucks and Cobbs Bread for their kindness and generosity! Their involvement in the local community benefits us all.

PAC News and Events

Thank you to Danielle Nicholson, Jennifer Jensen and Kristine Kirk for their many years of service on the PAC at Montgomery. They will all be moving on from Monty at the end of June.

Thank you also to those who attended our AGM in May. However, **we are still in need of a President or Co-Chairs for PAC next year** - a by-election will be held during September's meeting to fill this position. If we do not have a President, we risk losing access to approximately \$10,000 in grant funding.

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 have continued to raise funds to support our students and school. In addition to helping with planned team trips to Grouse Mountain, the PAC supported the purchase of technology for the STEAM program and sporting equipment for every class to use at break times, contributed to the Grade 8 leaving ceremonies, provided entertainment to students, and gave each classroom a small discretionary fund to buy supplies needed for the year.

2026-2027 Executive

President – vacant

Secretary – Hannah Chow

Treasurer – Lily Gu

DPAC representative – Chris Hilliker

Members at Large – Valorie Salimpoor, Devon Steeves (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Kathy Lee

Meeting Dates for 2026-2027 (there are no meetings in December, March and June)

Wednesday Sept 23 7pm

Wednesday Oct 14 7pm

Wednesday Nov 18 7pm

Wednesday Jan 20 7pm

Wednesday Feb 17 7pm

Wednesday Apr 21 7pm

Wednesday May 19 7pm - AGM

Community News

Douglas College Summer Youth Camps

Looking for summer activities for your child? Douglas College is offering a variety of fun and engaging youth camps from **June 29 to September 4, 2026**. Programs include sports, computers, arts, leadership, and more, with camps available at both the New Westminster and Coquitlam campuses. Families can view the full schedule and register online. For more information, please visit: [2026 Douglas College Summer Camps | Eventbrite](#)



SUMMER CAMPS
Computer programs for children & youth 6-14
Choose from coding, art, writing, and more!

Programs run from
**June 29 -
September 4**

youthcamps@douglascollege.ca

For more info or to register use the QR code





**Only
\$25**

SCHOOL'S OUT PASS

Your Ticket to Fun

Unlimited access during **Summer, Winter, and Spring Breaks** to Coquitlam drop-in activities for kids 0-18 years.

Valid June 26, 2026 - March 29, 2027

coquitlam.ca/SchoolsOut



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SUMMER PROVIDERS

HELD AT MINNEKHADA MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR GRADES 6-8

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THE PROVIDER

PLEASE NOTE THAT PROGRAMS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO LOW ENROLMENT

Kids Kitchen
June 29-July 3
(4 days)
9am-12am
\$200

Creative Tech
June 29-July 3
9am-12am
\$128

Basketball
July 6-10
9am-1pm
\$220

Fabric Lab
July 6-10
9am-12am
\$189

Kids Kitchen
July 6-10
9am-12am
\$160

Stem Builders
July 13-17
12-3pm
\$90

Cooking
July 13-17
9am-12am
\$95

Crafting
July 20-24
9am-12am
\$189

Clay
July 27-31
9am-12am
\$210

Steam Power
July 27-31
9am-12am
\$159

Register here:

Programs are not run by School District 43 or their staff. Families will need to arrange their own support person to accompany their child in the programs if required. Please email the provider directly to arrange.





Summer of Soccer

Community Viewing Parties

FREE Community Watch Events
June 12 – July 19 | Across Coquitlam Parks

A soccer ball sits on a grassy field in front of a blurred stadium crowd.

June 12
Kick-off Event
at Percy Perry Stadium

June 24
Community Viewing Party
at Blue Mountain Park

July 19
Grand Finale
at Percy Perry Stadium

coquitlam.ca/soccer



School Start

Back to School with School Start

Parents you can now order your child's back to school supply kits from **schoolstart.ca**

EARLY ORDER INCENTIVES

SEE SCHOOL START PARENT LETTER FOR DETAILS!

ORDER **ANYTIME** ONLINE

OR

ORDER via CALL CENTRE AT
1-800-580-1868

Visit them at www.schoolstart.ca

