

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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Weekly Schedule of Events

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

****See the school website for Track & Field practice dates/times****

May Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			(May)	1 Class photos sent home
4	5	6	7	8 Immunizations
11	12	13 Yearbook Sales End See below ordering info District Track & Field Meet	14 District Wide Emergency Release Day	15 Hot Lunch Order Deadline
18 Victoria Day (No School)	19	20 Beginner Band Field Trip Gauss Math Contest PAC AGM 7pm	21	22 Birthday Club Hot Lunch - Tripple O's (Last Hot Lunch)
25 Pro D Day (No School)	26	27	29	29 Birthday Club (July Birthdays)

Please see our school calendar on our website:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/montgomery/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/montgomery/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx#/)

With Gratitude – Retirement

A Message from Mrs. Husband



After much thought and reflection, I would like to share that I will be retiring at the end of this school year. While this decision comes with mixed emotions, I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to have served this remarkable school community for the past 8.5 years.

My connection to this school began long before I became Principal, as my own children attended and thrived here. That experience shaped my commitment to the school and guided my leadership every step of the way. Leading a community that meant so much to my family has truly been an

honour.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated staff, supportive families, and inspiring students. Together, we have nurtured a welcoming, inclusive, and caring learning environment where students are encouraged to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. I am proud of all that we have accomplished as a community and grateful for the trust placed in me.

While transitions can be challenging, I am confident the school will continue to thrive. A strong foundation is in place, and I know the care, commitment, and collaboration that define this community will continue well into the future. Monty will continue to ROCK.

Through Mrs. Diep, who has also been trained as a PADS handler, Monty our wonderful PADS dog will continue his work at Montgomery next fall. I am also very pleased to announce that Ms. Shorthouse, who was here this year as acting Principal during my recovery, will be returning to Monty in July as the full time Principal. She knows the school and students and will help to make this a smooth transition.

Thank you for the kindness, support, and partnerships that have made my time here so meaningful. I will always carry fond memories of this school community and wish each of you continued success in the years ahead. It has been a true privilege to serve as your Principal.

JUNE YEAR END SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
15	16 Year End Concert 7pm	17 Last day of expo classes	18 Activity Day (all day)	19 Team Field Trips Les Alpes & Atlas
22 Team Field Trips Cascades & Rockies	23 Talent Show	24 Gr 8 leaving rehearsal Last formal day for gr 6 and 7s Report cards online	25 Gr. 8 leaving 9:30am-12pm	26 Admin day

School News

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony: Thursday, June 25th

We are looking forward to celebrating our 163 grade 8 students during our annual leaving ceremony. Due to the size of the group, we will be providing two tickets per student for family members to attend. Sorry, there are no exceptions. While we would like to include everyone, we are limited by our gym capacity. If someone from your group needs assistance due to mobility limitations, please let us know in advance so we can better support their needs.

While we ask that our grade 8 students wear something more formal than their everyday school clothes, families are not expected to purchase new clothing.

Activity Day 2026

On Thursday June 18th the entire school will be participating in a school wide activity day. We will be offering 4 different fieldtrip location options for students to register for. The choices include Castle Fun Park, Playland, Jug Island Hike, Rocky Point Kayak, and the Rocky Point Pool. 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.

Class Building 2026-2027

We are now well into the process of building classes for September 2026. Thank you to families that honoured the April 25th deadline that was communicated in the April newsletter. Now that class building is well under way, changes become incredibly difficult and not possible at this point, as we must create balanced classrooms (academically, socially, emotionally and gender as well as honour the contract language around class size and composition).

Moving or New Neighbours? –Montgomery Middle is working on team and class placements for next year. Please tell us if;

- If you are planning to move to another area
- If you know of new neighbours who have recently purchased/ rented a home in your area and will soon be moving in, please encourage them to call us to register!



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



A huge thank you to the Monty community for supporting our annual run to mark the anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. Our annual school run celebrated the start of the Marathon of Hope. Through your efforts we were able to raise **\$2,005.00** to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. The students completed their run in the community this year following a short assembly. Thank you to the sixteen parent volunteers who came out to help supervise along the run.

Monty Student Government ROCKS!

Montgomery Middle has a very active Student Government made up of 24 classroom representatives. Through weekly meetings with Mrs. Husband and Mr. Heinrichs, student leaders have created and supported student activities and provided important input into school decisions. Events have included the Gr 5 Family Evening, Multicultural Lunch, Winter Market, and the upcoming Gr 6 for a Half Day and much more. This group works hard to make Monty ROCK. Merci!

Please thank the following students for their dedication and hard work to help make a positive school climate.

Advisory 1	Nikki Yu	Advisory 11	Isabella Konar
Advisory 2	Yuna Lee	Advisory 12	Faiz Shah
Advisory 3	Ryan Webber	Advisory 13	Olivia Su
Advisory 4	Jonah Barbaza	Advisory 14	Jocelyn Kim
Advisory 5	Avin Sharma	Advisory 15	Olivia Li
Advisory 6	Bardia Eghbal	Advisory 16	Owen Su
Advisory 7	Ava Fung	Advisory 17	Heidi Lee, Radahn Nader & Ariya Puar
Advisory 8	Sarim Sarmad	Advisory 18	Prabir Kansakar & Cathy Lin
Advisory 9	Owen Ramalho	Advisory 19	Logan Fortier & Kaashvi Sehgal
Advisory 10	Nyla Khalid	Advisory 20	Stephanie Charlie-Ludman

French Public Speaking – District Concours d'art oratoire

Congratulations to our students who represented our school at the SD43 Concours d'art oratoire, held at École Citadel on April 7th! We are so proud of their outstanding achievements.

Grade 7 LFI:

- 1 Alondra Rojas Uribe — Gold
- 2 Jocelyn Kim — Silver

Grade 8 LFI:

- 1 Aria Que — Gold
- 2 Ewan Lipsett — Silver

A special congratulations to our two gold medallists, Alondra Rojas Uribe and Aria Que, who also went on to compete at the provincial competition last week. What an incredible accomplishment! Bravo to all participants for their hard work, confidence, and commitment to French learning

LAST CHANCE!!
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

SPORTS REPORT

Badminton

This has been such a popular sport that we have four different badminton groups. Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication and support as coaches. Teams are preparing for the district playoffs at the end of the month.



Grade 6	M. Baldonado	fbaldonado@sd43.bc.ca
Grade 7	Ms. Martini	lmartini@sd43.bc.ca
Grade 8	Mr. Turner	sturner@sd43.bc.ca

Track and Field Club

Thanks to the many coaches who supported approximately 60 students. Last week the district held their annual track and field events and we had many outstanding results. Thanks to all the athletes for their dedication and team spirit and to Ms. Rubinic is coordinating the track and field club.

High jump	Ms. Rubinic	srubinic@sd43.bc.ca
Throwing Events		
Running Events		
Long Jump	Ms. Coupland	tcoupland@sd43.bc.ca

PAC News and Events

Greetings! Here's what's going on with PAC.

Our final meeting of the year is our Annual General Meeting on May 20, at 7pm in the library. Snacks will be provided.

We are in need of a new President and new 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, Treasurer/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.

Staff appreciation day is coming May 19. 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 of your support for what we as a PAC do in and around the school.

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 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.

Looking Ahead

Hot Lunch Date – May 22nd (order by 11:59pm May 13th)

Staff Appreciation Day - May 19

AGM – Wednesday, May 20

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

- *All orders need to be made and paid for online (sorry, no cash orders).*
- *Late orders cannot be accepted; this allows us to have vendor payments ready on hot lunch/treat day.*
- *Sorry no refunds can be given for student absences.*
- *If your child is away or on a field trip, their order will be saved until 3pm, 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

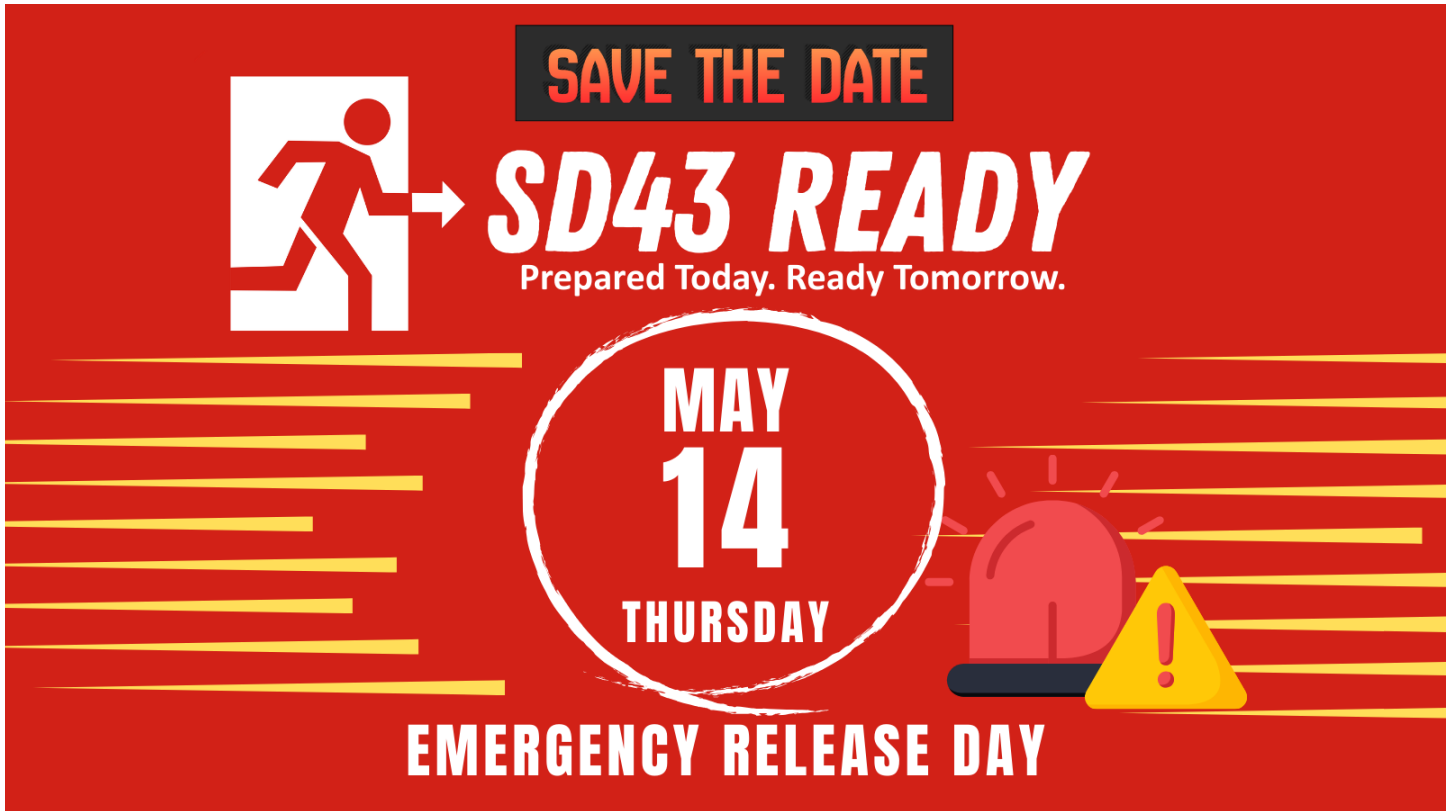
Co-Treasurer – Lily Gu

DPAC representative – Chris Hilliker

Members at Large – Valorie Salimpoor, Devon Steeves (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Kathy Lee, Zeyad Saleem, Brendan Reid, Hannah Chow

For more information, email montymiddlepac@proton.me, or check out the PAC section of the school website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A red poster with yellow horizontal stripes. At the top left is a white icon of a person running through a doorway. To its right is a black box with the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in red. Below that is the text 'SD43 READY' in large white letters, with 'Prepared Today. Ready Tomorrow.' underneath. In the center is a white circle containing the text 'MAY 14 THURSDAY'. To the right of the circle is a red fire alarm bell and a yellow warning triangle with a red exclamation mark. At the bottom is the text 'EMERGENCY RELEASE DAY' in white.

SAVE THE DATE

SD43 READY
Prepared Today. Ready Tomorrow.

MAY 14 THURSDAY

EMERGENCY RELEASE DAY

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 \(Coquitlam\)](#)

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 PROVIDERS

HELD AT MINNEKHADA SCHOOL

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Kids Kitchen: This hands-on cooking program is designed to teach essential kitchen skills that promote safety, confidence, and independence. Participants will learn the fundamentals of proper kitchen sanitation, including cleaning practices, preventing cross-contamination, and maintaining a safe cooking environment.

Fabric Lab: Welcome to Fabric Lab, where creativity meets craftsmanship! In this hands-on crafting program, kids will dive into the colourful world of fabric arts through playful and skill-building projects. From hand-stitched sewing and felt creations to beginner-friendly knitting, crocheting and more, young makers will explore a variety of textile techniques while building fine motor skills and creative confidence. <https://www.riseartscompany.com/>

Basketball: Get ready to elevate your game at our RIZE basketball camp! Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, our camp offers a dynamic environment that will focus on developing fundamental basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing and footwork through various drills and exercises. We are dedicated to improving not only your child's basketball skills but also instilling important values such as discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship which is vital in unleashing the true potential of a student athlete.

<https://www.rizeathleticacademy.com/>

Cooking: Learn essential cooking skills, experiment with recipes, and gain confidence in the kitchen while making delicious creations. Perfect for aspiring cooks who love to get creative with food. <https://www.kidsinnovative.com/>

Stem Builders: Explore the basics of STEM through fun, hands on activities. Students will engage with simple projects using components like circuits and LED's while building friendships in an interactive learning environment.

<https://www.kidsinnovative.com/>

Crafting: Let creativity shine in our crafting camp! Kids will explore a variety of hands on projects, from fun DIU creations to painting, drawing and more. Whether they're crafting unique keepsakes or experimenting with new materials, students will develop artistic skills while enjoying the freedom to express themselves.

<https://www.riseartscompany.com/>

Clay: Get ready to mold, shape and create! In our clay program, artists will dive into the world of clay using polymer clay to craft amazing projects. From colorful figurines to imaginative creatures, kids will learn hands on techniques while exploring their creativity. It is a perfect blend of fun and messy art that speaks endless possibilities. Let's get our hands dirty and bring creations to life.

<https://www.riseartscompany.com/>

Creative Tech with Steampower: Looking for a summer camp that's both fun and meaningful? This exciting half-day camp gives students the chance to explore two of today's most popular creative tech fields: Game Coding and Graphic Design & Animation. Students will create games, design digital art and more.

edusteampower@gmail.com

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Calling all youth ages 12-18

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



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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



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