

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter



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June Monthly Calendar

Pride Month and Indigenous Peoples Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Activity Day info emailed to all families. Vancouver City Police anti gang presentation	4	5 Grade 6 for a Half Day (Event for incoming Gr 5 Students)	6 Gr 6 Immunizations District Track Meet No student government meeting
9	10	11 Activity Day registration opens on SCO BYOLD Devices Due today	12 Year End Band Concert 7pm Last Choir practice	13 Gr 6 Immunizations Gr 8 Catch Up Immunizations June Birthday Club Final student government meeting
16 Last Advanced Band practice	17 July/Aug Birthday Club Last Beginner Band practice	18 Last Day of Expos	19 Activity Day See separate email for information on how to register	20 Deadline for Gr 8 baby photos Les Alpes to Blue Mountain Park Team Atlas to Machin Park
23 Cascades to Mackin Park Rockies to Mundy Park	24 Talent Show School assembly for staff who are leaving.	25 Last full day of Instruction last day for grade 6 and 7s Gr 8 Leaving Rehearsal 9am Report Cards go live online	26 Grade 8 Leaving 9:30am	27 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 camp, including here at Montgomery.

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, classes are available at [Dr. Charles Best Secondary](#), [Kwayhquitlum Middle](#), [Eagle Mountain Middle](#).

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 Registration

Opens Wednesday, June 11th

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 2025/2026

Next year our school enrollment is predicted to be ~510 students, with 20 advisory classes, which are two more divisions (advisory classes), than 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.

Crystal Redlich – Learning Services Team Leader.

Lisa Jing – Education Assistant

Dave Ruzycki – Learning Services

Megan Odenwald - LISW



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 133 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 16th. 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 now until Tuesday, June 20th. Please write the full name and advisory # on the back of the photo and bring it to your advisory teacher. Photos will not be returned to students so please ensure a copy is sent. That will allow us to display the photos during the Gr 8 leaving ceremony.

Wednesday, June 25th

Grade 8 leaving rehearsal.

Thursday, June 26th

Grade 8 leaving in main gym

Grade 6 and 7 students do not attend Gr 8 leaving

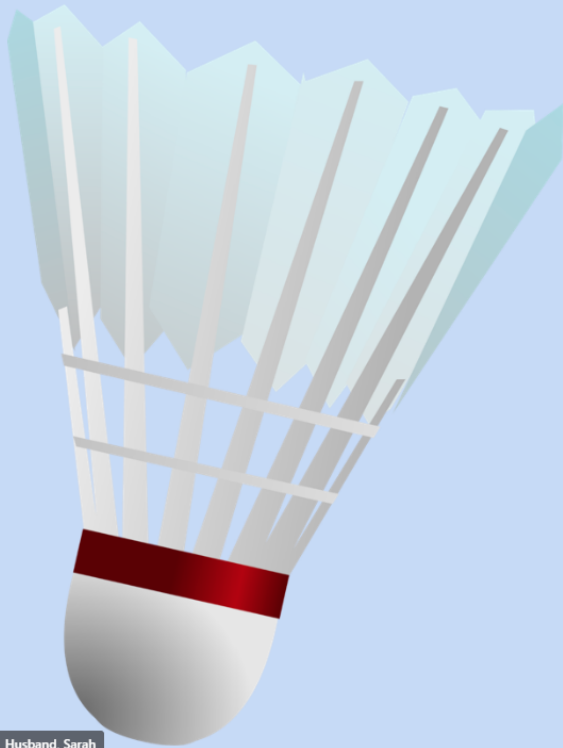
Questions can be sent to Cedar Malach, head secretary, and she will redirect them to the appropriate staff - cmalach@sd43.bc.ca.

Gauss Math Contest Finalists

Congratulations to the 75 students who wrote the Gauss Math Contest this year. We love to see students challenging themselves. A huge thanks to Mr. Turner for sponsoring this yearly event!

Grade 8	Grade 7
1 st Place – Jack Lennox - 120	1 st Place – Avin Sharma - 120
2 nd Place – Sidney Li - 119	2 nd Place – Olivia Li - 116
3 rd Place – Austin Hu - 118	3 rd Place – Aria Qu - 114





CONGRATULATIONS to these amazing
Grade 8 students who will represent
Monty at the **SD43 tournament** next week:

Girls

Reina J and Yuzu L (current district champions)
Jasmine C and Danielle S
Joelle L and Eunice S
Alternates: Raya P and Hailey S

Boys

Austin H and Isaac L
Stas D and Wyatt R
Ryan R and Devante F
Alternates: Deedar K and Spencer L

We are proud of all of you!

**GRADE 7 DISTRICT
BADMINTON
CHAMPIONSHIP!**



We are SO proud of our Grade 7 Badminton tournament players who put in hours of intense and gripping court time on Tuesday evening... our boys played hard and we watched Horace and James push through to the quarter-finals. Our girls were outstanding, playing down to the very end where they eventually had to eliminate each other in the semi-finals! As a result we finished in 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, with Melissa and Adela playing hard right to the end of the final match - **WOW...MONTY ROCKS!**

Library Book Returns – Due June 13th

Just a reminder that all library books are due by **Thursday, June 13th**. 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](https://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 & Ms. Gladys Kong

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.



A huge thank you also goes to Save On Foods who have been donating their slightly less loved plants most weeks to our school garden in the courtyard. We have been able to bring most of them back to their glory and enjoy them.

Urban Roots generously donated nearly 200 plants to nearly 40 schools in SD43. We were one of the lucky winners and have had great success growing peas, beans, radishes, tomatoes, several varieties of lettuce, many herbs and many flowering plants to help with pollination. Come and look in the courtyard at the success the kids have had growing plants. A huge thank you to Heidi, Griffin and Sophia for tending to the garden with such care.



PAC News and Events

Here is the last PAC notice for the school year. Congratulations to everyone for finishing the year, and good luck to our outgoing Grade 8's. Thanks to all parents, guardians and caregivers for supporting our kids. An extra thank you to the parents who have donated time and/or money to the PAC and classrooms, so that we can continue to provide extra equipment and opportunities for students.

The purpose of the PAC is to promote the education and welfare of students in the school, be the collective voice of parents/guardians, encourage parent/guardian involvement in the school, and to advise and assist the administration and staff in matters pertaining to the school and students. A reminder that all parents/guardians are automatically part of the PAC if they have a child enrolled at Montgomery Middle.

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual AGM. We were excited to see so many new faces and look forward to what we can accomplish next year. Your PAC Executive for the 202/2026 school year is as follows.

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

Ongoing

For 2026/26, PAC meetings will likely be on Wednesday nights, but this will be finalized in August.

We are so grateful for the donations to the PAC through Montgomery Middle. You generously donated over \$1,500 - these monies will be used to add supplies to our classrooms. There is still time to make a donation straight to the PAC; you can log in to School Cash Online and find it under your child's name.

PAC has set up an account with Return-It Express. Put all your empty pops, juice, alcohol and milk containers in a see-through plastic recycling bag and take it to any Return-It Location. Once there, go to the Express label printer, put in the school's phone number (604-939-7367), and print a label. Put the label on your bag, drop the bag off, and our account will get credited with the deposit returns.

For more information, email montymiddlepac@proton.me, or check out the PAC section of the school website. Have a great summer!

District News



JAMES PARK SUMMER PROGRAMS

ART/DANCE

WEEKLY
JUNE 30-AUG 8
9AM-12PM

REGISTER APRIL 7TH AT 8AM ON THE KARELO WEBSITE!

The poster features a light blue background with a white cloud shape in the center. Inside the cloud, there are illustrations of two children dancing, a paint palette, and three handprints in blue, orange, and red. Musical notes and stars are scattered around the cloud. A QR code is located on the right side of the cloud.



JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MULTISPORTS

JAMES PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

WEEKLY
JUNE 30-AUG 8, 2025
- 12PM TO 3PM -
AGES K-GR 2 & GR 3-5

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 7TH AT 8AM ON THE KARELO WEBSITE!

FUN FOR EVERYONE

GAMES SPORTS OUTSIDE TIME

The poster features a light blue background with a green grassy area at the bottom. A banner with colorful triangles hangs across the top. Various sports equipment is illustrated: a soccer ball, a basketball, a volleyball, a tennis racket, a skateboard, and a person on a skateboard. A child is shown playing on a swing set. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.



SUMMER

PROGRAMS

at Minnekhada Middle School

- Kids Kitchen
- Soccer
- Theatre
- Cartooning
- Football
- Action Week
- Visual Arts
- Macrame
- Crafting
- Basketball
- Skills for Life

**REGISTER ON THE KARELO
WEBSITE**

Scan here
with phone





The poster features a blue background with a grid of white dots and blue lines. At the top left is a smiling sun icon. The title 'SD43 SUMMER CAMPS' is in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline. Below the title are three photos of children at camp. The dates 'June 30 - August 8, 2025' are in white, with a note 'No camp on Statutory Holidays'. The eligibility 'Open to students who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5' is in white. A dashed line separates this from an orange box containing 'Registration is NOW OPEN!' and 'Closes on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 5pm'. At the bottom, the schools 'Miller Park, James Park Community Schools' are listed in blue. A QR code and 'SCAN ME' button are on the right. Five sun icons are at the bottom.

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