

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition # 8 Thurs, April 3rd, 2025

## 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</b>				
Intramurals	Gr 6 Badminton SLC	Intramurals Chess Club	Fashion Club SLC	Intramurals Social Justice Club
<b>After School</b>				
	Drum Line 3:10pm	Harry Potter Club	Choir 3:10-4:15pm	

## April Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 (March) Visits to gr 5 classes at Cape Horn, Mundy, RC and RVP to welcome students.	1 (April)	2	3	4 Fraser Valley Drumline Regionals
7 Terry Fox Week	8 Terry Fox Week	9 Terry Fox Week	10 Terry Fox Week  Advanced Band Day @ Summit Middle	11 Terry Fox Run
14	15 Order deadline for April 24 Treat day	16	17	18 Good Friday (No School)
21 Easter Monday (No School)	22	23 PAC Meeting 7pm	24 Birthday Club  Treat Day - TCBY	25 District Pro-D Day (No School)
28	29	30	1 (May) Gr 6/New Student Family Info Night – 6:30pm-7:30pm  District Mic'd Up Festival for Finalists @ Eagle Mountain	2

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 turmoil in many other parts of the world. 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 to save and plant in our 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 2025-26**

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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>					
<b>Lunch Time</b> <b>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 week</i>	
<b>After School</b> <b>3:15-4:00</b>	Running Practice		Running Practice		

#### Coaches

**Ms. Kong, Ms. Coupland** – all running events

**Ms. Rubinic** – High Jump

**M. Blizzard** – Long Jump

**Mr. Ruzycki** – 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

### Badminton

See the Weekly Schedule of Events for the practice schedule.

#### **Coaches:**

Gr. 6 – M. Baldonado

Gr. 7 – Ms. Martini

Gr. 8 – Mr. Turner

## Public Speaking Finalists

It takes courage and a lot of effort to write an effective speech on a topic of interest and to present it before a group of peers. A huge congratulations to all of the students who participated in the class, team and English and French school finals.

Before spring break we held team finals in person and the school finals on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Finalists had both strong writing and a confident delivery and were able to hold their audience. LFI students did this in an additional language, wow! Well done everyone.



## Ecole Monty Speech Finalists 2025

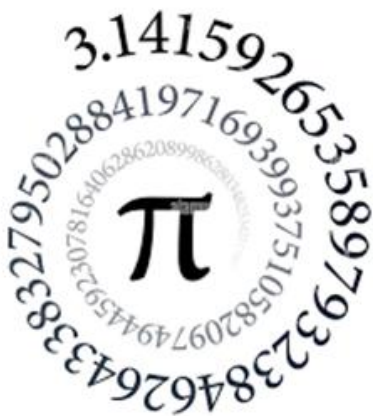
English District Mic'd Up Festival will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Eagle Mountain Middle

### English

Gr. 6 – Owen Ramalho – Adv. 7  
Gr. 7 – Jonah Blatchford – Adv. 18  
Gr. 8 – Ava Lambert – Adv 18

### French

Gr. 7 – Adela Chang – Adv. 13  
Gr. 7 – Aria Qu – Adv. 13  
Gr. 8 – Rena Chang – Adv. 14  
Gr. 8 – Salma Abdi Hadi – Adv. 14



## MONTGOMERY'S ANNUAL PI CONTEST

On Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Turner held Monty's annual Pi contest to help celebrate all things mathematical and the upcoming Pi Day. Students are challenged to recite as many digits of Pi 3.14 ..... as possible. Congratulations to everyone that gave it a try....some of you have amazing memories.

**First place- Jocelyn Kim from Adv 12 – 160 digits!**

Runner up – Brianna Sutherland from Adv 9 – 49 digits

## Moving? or New Neighbours?

SD43 is gathering information to make enrollment predictions for the upcoming school year which will determine the amount of staffing we are assigned.

Please tell us if right away

- If you are planning to move
- 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 the school to register



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



Once again, Monty will host its Terry Fox Run on Friday, April 11th 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. This website is a way to do so, and to also receive tax receipts. 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 - <https://schools.terryfox.ca/92641>



[Terry Fox School Run](https://schools.terryfox.ca)  
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[schools.terryfox.ca](https://schools.terryfox.ca)

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE ONLY UNTIL **May 15th** DON'T MISS OUT-THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

Part of keeping things normal this year has been to continue with the creation of our annual Monty yearbook.

This is a piece of history that students cherish and look back 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, we are not able to add students/ families.

Use the link to order <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/>

\$35 for a soft cover

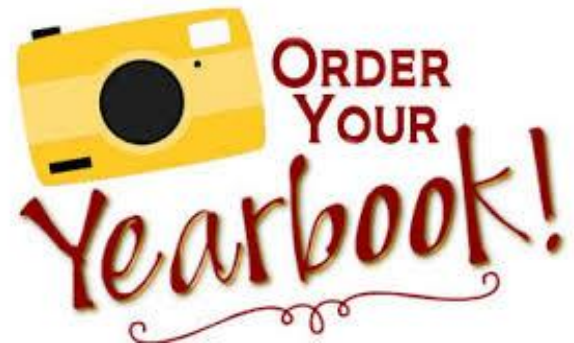
\$45 for a hard cover

Yearbooks orders are only available through the Lifetouch website.

Yearbook ID 13454525

**Deadline to place an order is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Malach at the office.



## PAC News and Events

Happy Spring from your PAC! We would love to see more of you involved in planning fun events and activities for our kids! We hold meetings once a month and we plan to host meetings in person at Montgomery Middle. Meetings include reports from our District PAC representative and our treasurer, and a special photo presentation from one of our Administrators!

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.

**There are two PAC meetings left** for the 2025-2026 school year - April 23 and May 21. May 21 will be our annual AGM, where we elect our executive members for the next school year. We are always looking for parents/guardians to volunteer for our executive positions and are especially looking for a Co-Treasurer.

**The PAC is looking for a Co-Treasurer** for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking for a treasurer who can commit to three or more years at Montgomery. As a treasurer, the time commitment varies, however, it is no more than 1-2 hours per week. Please contact Kristine Kirk with any questions. Email: [kristinekirk.montypac@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinekirk.montypac@hotmail.com).

Ordering for Spring **hot lunch and treat days** is open! Order (and volunteer to help!) through [MunchaLunch](#).

*Treat Day:* *Order/Pay by 11:59pm on:*

Thurs, April 24th – TCBY      Tues, April 15th

Fri, May 23rd – A&W      Tues, May 13th

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

- 1. We look forward to providing lunch and treat opportunities to students.*
- 2. All orders need to be made and paid for online (sorry, no cash orders).*
- 3. No late orders; we need to have invoices from vendors and 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. By ordering and paying at the same time, 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, so someone may pick it up. We are unable to save food beyond that due to Food Safe Regulations.*

### Ongoing

**Important note:** For 2024-25, PAC meetings will be on Wednesday nights.

**We are once again accepting donations to the PAC** through Montgomery Middle. If you wish to make a donation straight to the PAC, you can log in to School Cash Online and find it under your child's name. Thank you to the many families that have already donated this year. We are using this money to help buy technology and sports equipment for our kids.

**PAC has set up an account with Return-It Express.** Put all your empty pop, 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.

### 2024-2025 Executive

President: Danielle Nicholson

Treasurer: Kristine Kirk

Secretary: Jennifer Jensen

Members At Large: Francisca Madariaga

DPAC Representative: Helena Wang

### Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 (no meeting in June)

Wednesday Apr 23 7pm

Wednesday May 21 7pm - AGM

## Monty Spring Afterschool Programs

**\*\*Our Cooking program is full, BUT we still have space in the Robotics and Young Rembrandts Drawing Program, sign up while you still can!\*\***

Please see below the registration information for the Spring 2025 Afterschool Programs being held at Montgomery Middle.



### Montgomery: Afterschool Programs (Spring 2025)

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

[Montgomery Middle School \(Tues\) Robotics ASP Gr 6-8](#)

[Montgomery Middle \(Thur\) Young Rembrandts Drawing Program - Spring 2025](#)

**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



**RAPTORS**  
VOLLEYBALL  
**CAMPS**  
2025

**GIRLS**  
**U12-U13**  
APRIL 29TH - MAY 27TH  
(9 SESSIONS)

**LOCATION:**  
1420 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam BC, V3E 6A3  
(Pinetree Way Elementary School)  
&  
1450 Parkway Blvd, Coquitlam BC, V3E 3L2  
(Summit Middle School)

**FEE: \$285**

**GIRLS**  
**U14-U15**  
MAY 12TH - JUNE 12TH  
(9 SESSIONS)

**LOCATION:**  
1420 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam BC, V3E 6A3  
(Pinetree Way Elementary School)  
&  
1450 Parkway Blvd, Coquitlam BC, V3E 3L2  
(Summit Middle School)

**FEE: \$285**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US: **ATTACK!**  
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