

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Dec. 2 nd	Xmas Hamper Collection: SHARE 12 Days of Xmas – Collecting pairs of gloves new/ slightly used for donation Project Angel – Toy Gift Donation Student Government: Mtg. @ 2:00 in Band Rm Community HUB Programs: Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10
Tuesday,	Dec. 3 rd	Kids Christmas Market Final Sales Day – Lunch Time Only Xmas Hamper Collection: SHARE 12 Days of Xmas – Collecting hats and toques new/ slightly used for donation Project Angel – Toy Gift Donation Community HUB Programs: Fitness Yoga for Young Ladies
Wednesday,	Dec. 4 th	Xmas Hamper Collection: SHARE 12 Days of Xmas – Collecting pairs of shoes/ boots slippers new/ slightly used for donation Project Angel – Toy Gift Donation Clubs: Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 rm. 229 Community HUB Programs: Learning Guitar @ 3:10 -4:10 Last Session
Thursday,	Dec. 5 th	Xmas Hamper Collection: SHARE 12 Days of Xmas – Collecting pairs of sweaters new/ slightly used for donation Project Angel – Toy Gift Donation Admin Assembly: Team Skye @ 1:15
Friday,	Dec. 6 th	Xmas Hamper Collection: SHARE 12 Days of Xmas – Collecting pairs of coats/ jackets/ blankets new/ slightly used for donation Project Angel – Toy Gift Donation Community Circles: @ 11:40 – school wide
Monday,	Dec. 9 th	Project Angel – Toy Gift Donation Community HUB Programs: Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10 Last Session
Next Week: Tues. Dec. 10 th Team Skye Field Trip to Britannia Mines; Thurs. Dec. 12 th Christmas Winter Concert Rehearsal @ 1:30 and Evening Performance @ 7:00; Fri. Dec. 13 th Me to We Entrepreneurial Fair Fri. Dec. 13 th Term One Report Cards go Home		
Two Weeks: Student Government Spirit Week Activities - Mon. Fri.; Fri. Dec. 20 th Monty Hoe Down and Last Day of School		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Civility and Kindness

At this time of year we are inundated with messages about the importance of giving and what is the best gift to give and where to find this best gift at the best price for your special loved one to help make their life more significant. The implied message is that purchasing a gift from the right store is the only way to show appreciations. I would venture to propose another key idea that gets lost in the hubbub of the holiday sale season and that is the idea of civility and kindness. In this time of hectic rushing around, trying to find the last parking spot to get your bumper in their before the other person or the antics we watched on the news last week of shoppers displaying violence towards each other to battle for the last boxed gift. We need to stop and teach our children the beauty and simplicity of politeness and self-respect as virtues that can change the world. If we invest as much time and thoughtfulness into kind words rather than behaviours that place us closer to the animal domain and further from being the reflective humans we all have inside of us, then we might end up in a happier place.

It is rare that we hear words like excuse me, thanks, good morning, your welcome... come attached with a smile and sense of sincerity and purposefulness. One day last year I stood by the entrance to my classroom and counted the number of students who greeted me with a friendly hello or a cheerful head nod and a flash of their pearly whites. Out of 30 students who passed by me, I shared the results with them and it was a measly 30% - 9 students ventured to share a greeting to me in some reasonable facsimile of a simple good morning.

I believe, that instead of the time spent shopping for the perfect gift, it might be best for us to slow down and say thanks and all of the other possible niceties that we could share with people we truly care about that would help make their regular day a much brighter experience. A kind gesture or word will carry me much further in my daily journey than a person ignoring my presence or buying me a gift with no words or personal thoughts attached. We try hard to model these small acts of kindness in our day to day living at Monty, we write little notes of thank you to kids, we have wayside teaching moments in the hallways, we high five them on their way out the door with our Big Red Hands and we take the time to have a wee chat with a child who we may not get a chance to talk to on a regular basis. Our belief is that if we can model the acts of a caring and respectful community through the daily conversations that your children have with significant adults in their building so that it becomes second nature or a good habit that is hard to break. Then, we will have moved that child further along their development in basic civil politeness and making relationships. We strive to make connections and reach out so that our students feel that they belong and that through time they will develop a closer bond with somebody in a caregiving position so that they feel a part of the larger community. These we believe are acts of civility and kindness that we feel helps them become a citizen of Monty who has a voice and who is acknowledged for their gifts of their head, their heart and their body.

As we approach the holiday season, expect news about many community minded activities with regards to supporting families in our school and community who may be in need. Please help us role model the appropriate level of empathy and support required to make some of our Socially Responsible Initiatives happen successfully. We thank you for your support of our Project Angel, 12 Days of Christmas and our Kids Xmas Market all of which benefit local families through our local charities.



2013 KID'S CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE

Thank you to our many volunteers, parents, students and staff for working together to make our Christmas Market such a big success. We raised \$1,640 on Friday to support our Christmas Charities this year, with most purchases costing only a dollar or two. Isn't that amazing!! Imagine how much food we will be able to contribute to create some hearty holiday dinners and the number of gifts for opening on Christmas morning, many by children who otherwise wouldn't have one. While shopping it was nice to hear kids talking about who they were shopping for, why they were choosing this particular gift and how much they enjoyed the market.

We will hold our Last Chance sale on Tuesday, December 3rd during the lunch block. This will be the final shopping opportunity for parents and students before we pack up the remaining items for donation. Gift wrapping will be available during this time.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Evelyn Chursinoff

Kid's Christmas Market Coordinator



Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

Monty's 12 Days of Christmas Donations

This year instead of food hamper donations we have decided to have Monty's version of "The 12 Days of Christmas." Each advisory is responsible to have students sign-up to bring the following items to be donated to SHARE. These are only guidelines and a way to provide focus to our donations. If your child is able to sign up for a donation of one or two of these specific items then we will have a great positive impact upon making the holiday season more festive and meaningful to someone in our own community. Your donations truly do make a difference.

Date	Item
Day 7 – Monday Dec. 2	Pairs of gloves
Day 6 – Tuesday Dec. 3	Hats/toques
Day 5 – Wednesday Dec. 4	Boots/shoes/slippers
Day 4 – Thursday Dec. 5	Sweaters
Day 3 and 2 – Friday Dec. 6	Jackets and blankets or pair of PJ's
Day 1 – Nov. 25 – Dec. 6	Project Angel Toys

Ski and Snowboard Club Info - If you are looking to have your child participate in a safe and secure winter outdoor experience then you would want to sign up for our Ski and Snowboard Club. Starting on Thursday Jan. 9th and going for 4 weeks our club members will leave the school before 3:00 and return around 9:00ish whereby they will have participated in lessons, learned about mountain safety and had individual free time to practice their skills in a supervised environment. We still have room available so if you are thinking about a possible holiday gift idea then this could be the exact item you are looking for as it adds to your child's recreational and social repertoire of skills. For more information please contact Mrs. Sheila Hutchinson for cost and details at: shutchinson@sd43.bc.ca

School Closure in the Event of Extreme Weather

In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back
- The district website posting is official – there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates

Montessori Student Confirmation Form – Last Friday District # 43 sent home their Parent Commitment letter for those students who are currently in Gr. 6 or 7 at our school in the Montessori program. The district asks that you complete the confirmation letter assuring them what your plans are for your child to attend Montessori classes next year as this allows them clearer projections as to organizing district programs of choice. Please also note that on the sheet is a place for you to indicate if you are planning to have younger siblings attend Monty for next year and this again help in our overall planning. The forms are due back into the Montgomery Middle Office by Friday Dec. 13th. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr. McFaul @ rmcfaul@sd43.bc.ca

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

In January, the process of transitioning our Grade 8s to secondary schools throughout the school district will begin. Very shortly, you will receive a letter detailing this process and letting you know which secondary school your child will be going to, based on the information that you completed in the student verification form earlier this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Carruthers or Mr. McFaul @ 604 – 939 7367

JAN 28, 2014 STEPPING UP TO SECONDARY

The Family & Individual Support Program and School District 43 Student Services are pleased to present...

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Gallery Room

Winslow Center

1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

(just west of Gatensbury)

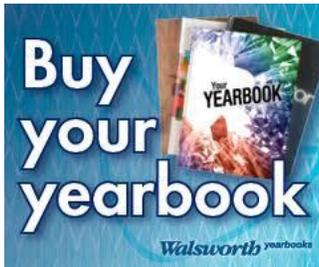
This information evening is especially for parents whose children with intellectual or developmental disabilities will begin Secondary School in September, 2014.

Our panel of teachers, counselors, principals and student services will provide information and answer your questions about secondary schools in School District 43, the transition process and what parents should be doing now and in the near future to prepare their children and themselves.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

To register contact Rachel le Nobel at rlnobel@sfscf.org
or 604-528-3950 extension 312

Starting high school is a big and exciting change. As parents of children with extra support needs, we have questions and concerns about the differences between Middle School and High School. We wonder how our children will cope, what kinds of supports they will receive, and how we can continue to ensure that they receive meaningful educational opportunities that support their future goals.



The Yearbook

Monty Yearbook is on sale at a new price that increases as the time gets closer to final sales. The new current **PRICE** is up to **\$45.00 until Dec. 20th** After this date of Dec. the final price goes to \$50.00. So **ACT NOW** so you can get a **hardcover** yearbook stuffed full of 80+, **full colour** pages of fun Monty memories of you and all your friends.

You can **buy** your yearbook **online** this year! Just go to our Monty Homepage and find the Jostens Yearbook link and follow it to **buy now**. You can also bring a **cheque or cash for \$45.00*** to the **office**.

You can also add other features to your yearbook this year, either online or at the office. The additional cost for each add-on feature is listed below:

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| 1) Icons (stamped on front cover- up to 4) | \$4 |
| 2) 8 extra signing pages | \$3 |
| 3) Plastic photo pocket | \$3 |
| 4) Protective cover (note: our book is hardcover) | \$3 |

After December 21, yearbooks can be purchased for the **full price** of **\$50.00**.

**Please make cheques payable to Monty Middle. Please account for additional features in the total.*



PAC News and Events: Our Next PAC Mtg. is on Wed. Jan. 15th @ 7:00

Updates:

1. A big thank you to Mrs. Chursinoff for her leadership in the organizing and follow through for a very successful Kids Xmas Market. She has a great vision and every year the dream becomes a reality for families in our school and beyond.
 2. Our past and present Parent Volunteers who helped throughout the day for Kids Xmas Market selling wares, wrapping presents and helping our students work through their financial challenges of purchasing gifts with cash only with no credit. Your work was greatly appreciated.
 3. A big thank you to Gary K. for his work with installing a special alarm on our Emergency Container bin that has been vandalized several times in the past few years. His work might help deter acts of vandalism and thus keep our supplies safe and ready to use for our students and neighbours in the event of an emergency.
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Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraising - Montgomery PAC has received approval for this year's Smile Card Fund Raising. All pre-existing cards are ready to load for this school year. 5% of \$\$ loaded at any Thrifty Foods will be paid to Montgomery Middle PAC.

Cards can be obtained by e-mailing Elaine at equereng@hotmail.com. Ordered cards will be left at the office for pick-up.

Community News:

Please see the following list of community events.



COQUITLAM
CONTINUING Education

Learn in the Tri-Cities	Face-to-face	www.ce43.com
		

Study English. FREE learning opportunities!
Join our Foundations English classes for adults which focus on basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

REGISTRATION AT MONTGOMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
Thursdays ONLY until December 19 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Thursdays January 9 - ongoing 4:00 - 7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING:
1 Proof of Canadian Status **2** Photo ID **3** Two proofs of BC residency

MONTGOMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
380 Montgomery Street, Coquitlam
British Columbia, V3K 5G2

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR VISIT
604.936.4261 | www.ce43.com



SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
Coquitlam
Learning for a Lifetime



Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
2525 Como Lake Avenue
Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 3R8

Information Night
for Future Grade 9 Students and their
Parents

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Thursday, January 16th, 2014

7:00 to 8:00 pm

Small Gym

Dr. Charles Best Secondary will be hosting an information night for all future Grade 9 students and parents. The presentation will focus on the following items:

- ✧ Meeting the Administration and Counsellors
 - ✧ Course Programming Sheets (Course selection)
 - ✧ Language Requirements for Post-Secondary
 - ✧ Ministry Graduation Requirements
 - ✧ Graduation Program Exams
 - ✧ Course Equivalencies / Course Challenge
 - ✧ Parent Communication
 - ✧ Parent Involvement
 - ✧ Clubs/Sports Teams
 - ✧ Question and Answer Period
 - ✧ **Tour of Dr. Charles Best Secondary at 6:30pm**
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Place Maillardville Programs

Upcoming Events at Place des Arts

A Lantern Affair Celebration of Light

Saturday, December 7, 4:30- 7:30pm

1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Come celebrate light at this dark time of year at Carré Heritage Square's *A Lantern Affair*. Place des Arts' new Theatre Company ushers in the warmth of light in a multi-cultural lantern ceremony featuring special guest actor Simon Webb. A host of fun arts and heritage activities, live music and song and a festive market brighten up this community event. Free Admission | All Ages

Art Activities

Lantern Making; Mini Clay Owls; Diwali Lights Greeting Cards; Mosaic Christmas Trees

Heritage Activities

Museum Tours; Heritage Baking; Hot Apple Cider; Gingerbread Decorating; Storytelling

Entertainment

Lantern Ceremony; Live Music & Song; Storytime with Father Christmas

Festive Market

Holiday Bake Sale; PdA Pottery Department Sale; Christmas Boutique; Positively Petite Miniature Exhibition; Free Tim Horton's Donuts & Coffee

Upcoming Art Workshops at Place des Arts

Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Wednesdays, Dec 4 & 11, 3:30-6:00pm • \$47.50

Create your own stop-motion animated film. Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class. Teacher: Kenten Bowick

Graphic Novel Workshop (11-17 years)

Wednesdays, Dec 4 & 11, 6:15-8:45pm • 44.50

Dive into the world of comic book making. Whether your interest is Japanese manga, humour comics or superheroes, you'll learn to design your own cast of characters, plot and lay out scenes across eye-catching pages and share your story in an inventive and engaging way. Teacher: Kenten Bowick

Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years)

Thursday, Dec 5, 6-9pm • \$30.50

Create beautiful felted ornaments such as bejewelled Christmas Balls or a garland of felted stars. Explore different wet felting techniques and acquire the skills necessary to create finished pieces. Felting is quick, fun and a great way to make gifts. Materials kits provided. Teacher: Catherine Dumaine

Youth Theatre & Dance Classes

Did you know that along with an abundance of visual and performing arts classes at Place des Arts, the centre also offers off-site theatre arts classes at Millside Centre and dance classes at Evergreen Cultural Centre? Take a look at some of the great classes available in the winter session and visit placedesarts.ca for more info:

Theatre Arts at Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette Avenue

- On-Camera Acting for Kids & Teens (8-12 & 13-17 years)
- Musical Theatre Company (audition only: call 604.664.1636 for info)

Theatre Arts at Millside Centre, 1432 Brunette Avenue

- Drama II (11-13 years)

Dance at Evergreen Cultural Centre

- Contemporary Dance (13+ years)
- Modern Repertory & Choreography (12 + years)



FOCUS VOLLEYBALL CLUB IS LOOKING FOR BOYS & GIRLS 12-18yrs old for the upcoming 2014 Club season.

Tryout fee is \$20.00. Please attend both tryout dates. Arrive 15 minutes early to check in. If you played for another club last year please bring a valid signed athlete transfer form.

For further information or to pre-register go to: www.focusvolleyball.com or contact bartonlim@yahoo.ca

***** TRYOUT SCHEDULE *****

Locations:

- * Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC) 7564 Barnet Hwy. Bby.
 - * Burnaby Mountain Secondary School (BMSS)
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Montgomery Middle 1900 Edgewood Ave. Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 2Y1
Phone: 604-939-7367 Fax: 604-939-7930 Web: www.montymiddle.ca
Principal: Mr. Rob McFaul Vice-Principal: Ms. Dawn Holden

U13 Girls (b.2001 or later) Dec. 7 & 15 1-3pm @ HJSC
U13/U14 Boys (b. 2001 or later) 2 teams Sat. Dec. 7 & 14 11am to 1pm @HJSC
U14 Girls (b.2000) 2 teams Sat. Dec. 7 & 14 11am to 1pm @ HJSC
U15 Boys (b.1999) Sat. Dec. 7 & 14 1 - 3pm @ HJSC
U15 Girls (b.1999) Sat./Sun. Dec. 14 & 15 1-3pm @ HJSC
U16 Girls (b.1998) 2 teams Dec. 7 & 15 3-5pm @ HJSC
U17 Boys (b.1997) Dec.2 6-8pm @ BMSS & Sat. Dec. 7 9am-11am @ HJSC
U17 Girls (b.1997) Sat. Dec.7 9am-11am & Sun. Dec.15 3-5pm @ HJSC
U18 Boys (b.1997) Mon. Dec.2 6-8pm @BMSS & 2nd date TBA



Baseball registration starts soon!

Coquitlam Little League registration for players aged 4-18 happens in January, so mark your calendars. To register for the 2014 season, come by Scout Hall (corner of Porter & Winslow) on **Saturday, January 11th from 10 am - 1 pm** or **Sunday, January 19th from 11 am - 2 pm**. Registration can also be done on **Tuesday, January 14th from 7-9 pm** at Poirier Rec Centre in the MacDonald-Cartier Room.



If you require additional information, please visit our website www.coquitlamlittleleague.ca or feel free to contact any of our Board of Directors listed on the website.
