

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coquitlam Parks and Rec – Winter Camp Info available @ lunch</b> <b>Community HUB Programs:</b> Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10 Last Session
Tuesday,	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>International Human Rights Day</b> <b>Field Trip – Team Skye to Britannia Mines – students must be at school early</b> <b>District Leadership:</b> SLC Member Mtg. @ 12:30 @ Winslow <b>Community HUB Programs:</b> Fitness Yoga for Young Ladies – Remake Session
Wednesday,	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Clubs:</b> Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 rm. 229 Check Lost and Found Materials before Holidays
Thursday,	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Xmas Winter Concert Rehearsal:</b> All classes attend the Xmas Concert @ 1:30 <b>Evening Xmas Winter Concert Performance:</b> All invited to attend the band/choir concert @ 7:00
Friday,	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Community Circles:</b> @ 9:50 – school wide <b>Me to We Entrepreneurial Fair:</b> @ 11:00 – 4:00 in the Fitness Rm. <b>Montessori Parent Commitment Letter for Sept. 2014:</b> due to Office <b>Term One Report Cards go Home</b>
Monday,	Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Student Government Holiday Spirit Week:</b> Photos with Frosty and Santa sponsored by Student Government <b>Return Signed Report Card Cover to Advisory Teacher</b>
<p><b>Next Week:</b> Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Spirit Week – Wear Red and Green Day/ Team Hokkaido Field Trip to Poirier Rec Centre @ 10:15/ <b>School Cafeteria will be closed to all Food Sales/</b> Centennial Concert Band &amp; Choir Performance @ 1:15; Wed. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Holiday Spirit Week – Wear Xmas Sweaters/ Mundy Rd Elementary Xmas Concert @ Monty @ 6:30 in our Gym; Thurs. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Spirit Week – Wear Xmas Hats, Ties Scarves/ Xmas Sing-a-long in Blk. 6/ Fri. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Holiday Spirit Week – Western Cowboy Wear – Traditional Monty Hoe-Down @ 1:15/ Last Day of School before Winter Break</p> <p><b>Two Weeks:</b> Return to School on Monday Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>; Thurs. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Session # 1 Ski and Snowboard Club Bus leaves the school at 3:00 and returns to Monty @ 9:00ish</p>		

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## **McFaul's Chat and Chew: Cell Phones Usurping Student Self Advocacy**

The world of technology is unfolding at an intense and rapid rate and along with it is this urge for all of us to purchase the latest gizmo on the tech scene. Our Smart phones provide us with more capability in our hand held device than the technology used by NASA to send man to the moon and safely back. With this incredible amount of power, access to information and communication options we now entrust or unleash this powerful tool to the world through the hands of our youngest and most fragile socially developing minds – our children. Yes, we all want our children to be safe and to be able to communicate and learn proper etiquette through the use of developing communication platforms.

However, the reliance upon the use of cell phones I propose has removed our children from developing an enhanced and responsible sense of self-advocacy and self-management.

This past week was no more unusual than others, but our staff has had to help students and families manage through the technological challenges of cell phones and the safe and effective use of a powerful communication device. We had cell phones misplaced, lost or possibly stolen and then through much diligent work on behalf of our staff the phones were returned. This placed students into a state of confusion about object value, trust, honesty and justice. We have had unsafe and maladaptive uses of technology in social media platforms being used to inflict self-harm as a method of seeking attention. Leading staff to investigate possible student perpetrators of potential wrong doings and misuse of various social media channels, all purposely designed to enhance a child's woes for others to show care and concern to them. We have had students contacting their parents via cell phone about an egregious action done towards them by another without that child victim ever informing school personnel of the negative event. All are small when viewed in isolation; moreover, they speak about the need for our children to develop their voice, their trust and their belief that they have the responsibility and power to admit mistakes, ask for help and guidance in socially appropriate ways and to speak their concerns to the people who are directly involved with the issue or complaint. This part usually involves another child or adult in our building.

We need to teach our kids to manage their fears, to seek justice when harmed and to ask for guidance when faced with social and emotional challenges. These skills are what kids need to work through and grow roots in, as these are their responsibilities which are often times being usurped by simply phoning a parent to tell about the injustice or hurt or social harm, thus waiting for parent intervention to rescue them and solve the issue. We remove the child from so many steps of this incredibly powerful learning and significant social story. That being, to take responsibility for owning the behaviours, seeking support from people who are currently living in the same situation, like school staff and allowing themselves to see that through time and perspective sharing they, themselves can work through issues that are unfair or hurtful. Once they have worked through these early problem solving steps with school support; then we encourage the child to go home and discuss their issue. To share their pro-active steps of self-advocacy that they did and then possibly through time the steps they have designed and worked through with school personnel to find resolve, restitution and restoration of fairness and reconciliation of souls and emotions. Please allow your child to work through these significant steps with your guidance and support and have them build resiliency and an inner voice that speaks to their growth and development. When you speak for them you usurp their voice and thus get in the way of them developing the social skills and nuances of working through their challenge. They are the ones directly involved in the issue and they will learn right from wrong as we all did in our playgrounds of life, work and relationships with caring family and friends, helpful teachers and supportive community neighbours.

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## **Culture Beat: Events and Activities.**

### **International Human Rights Day - A Monty Perspective from Briley and Mitchell**

Have you heard about Human Rights Day? This upcoming Tuesday, Human Rights Day is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as it continues to strive towards a better world. Human Rights Day is celebrated across the globe to ensure that all rights are taken care of including children's rights and human rights. This past week, some Monty students have put together wonderful posters that are up around the school so that other kids could take the time to become more aware about their rights and all other human rights.

An example of children's rights is Article 22 – children have the right to special protection and help if they are refugees. Please take the time to ensure you and your children have a good understanding about other's rights and your own rights. To see more children's rights, visit [http://www.everychild.ca/uploads/pa/fa/pafa-tA4P\\_2d1zBFKYCZWA/UNCRC.pdf](http://www.everychild.ca/uploads/pa/fa/pafa-tA4P_2d1zBFKYCZWA/UNCRC.pdf) and to learn more about Human Rights Day, see [www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsdays/](http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsdays/).

*By: Briley Hallam Adv. 8*

We have all heard of Mother's Day and Father's Day, but did you know that there is a day that is celebrated specifically for human rights? On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Human Rights Day is celebrated around the world and is meant to educate people on their rights and the importance of keeping these rights. On Tuesday, we would like you to take the time to understand why each and every one of the rights are important to us and the rights-respecting behaviors that go with them.

*By: Mitchell Davitt Adv. 8*

**Cafeteria Services Closed on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Please make note that on this date we will not be able to provide any cafeteria service for Nutrition Break and for Lunch. This is one day only and we encourage students and families to alter their routines for this day in order to ensure that all students will have a snack and lunch brought with them from home. This is a wonderful one day opportunity to have kids make their own lunch meal and prepare to bring it to school, which may allow some to create new lunch ideas and for others they may learn the appreciation of having a cafeteria service available to them every day. Please note that we are a closed school campus so we do not allow students to leave the premises at lunch in order to go purchase a lunch at local convenience stores. If you would like to have your child come home for lunch that day then please write a permission note and have them show it to their Advisory teacher and then submit their parent permission note to the office so we have records of who might be going home for lunch on that one day. We thank you for your understanding and support.

**Small School with Large Athletic Results** – Compared to other middle schools we are considered to be one of the smaller schools with an enrolment of just over 355 students. This is of note when you compare ourselves to other middle school who are pushing over 500 and 600 students in which they can draw from for all of their extra-curricular activities like athletics, fine arts and social responsibility groups like our Me to We club. In the one area of athletics our students and coaches have done extremely well in developing their skills and competing against other aged peers within the district. We have achieved some very positive results as you can see below with our Fall Sport summary. Thanks to our players and our coaches for their gift of time.

Grade 8 Girls A Team: Coach – Ms. Smallwood

- placed first in their pool in the first round of playoffs
- placed in the top 8 teams in the district

Grade 8 Girls B Team: Mrs. Perry

- finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the playoffs
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the district.

Grade 8 Boys A Team: Coach – Mr. Nordby

- finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the first night of playoffs and top 8 in districts

Grade 8 Boys B Team: Coach – Mr. Kwok

- finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district.

Gr. 7 Boys Team: Coach Mr. McFaul

- placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district finals

Grade 7 Girls A team: Coach - Ms. Redlich

- qualified for the finals and were eliminated in the first round of the district finals.

Grade 7 Girls B team: Coach - Ms. Redlich

- finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place from their Tuesday night draw and 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in the district.

Cross – Country Running: Coaches - Mr. Hanna and Mr. Magistrale

- Julia Kostecki: 4<sup>th</sup> place Grade 7 Girls
- Cameron Braidwood: 10<sup>th</sup> place Grade 7 Boys

Swim Team: Coach – Mme. Mitchell

- 50 fly girls 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district-- Haley Bredin
- 50 fly boys 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district—Finn Clements
- 50 free girls 3<sup>rd</sup> in district – Sophia Seol
- Montgomery Middle Team Score 6<sup>th</sup> in the district

**Monty's 12 Days of Christmas Donations** – We had a very successful 12 Days of Xmas over the past few weeks. Our students and their families were very generous with donations of new socks, personal hygiene items, coats and canned food items. The collection of all of the clothing articles, food stuffs and health products were collected by the Coquitlam Firefighters last Friday and there were boxes and boxes of items that were passed along to be shared in our community. Thanks to you for your support and generosity.

**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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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

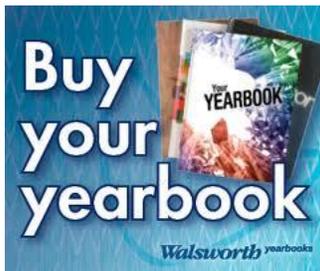
**Montessori Student Confirmation Form** – The district asks that you complete the confirmation letter assuring them what your plans are for your child to attend Montessori classes next year as this allows them clearer projections as to organizing district programs of choice. Please also note that on 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 helps in our overall

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planning. The forms are due back into the Montgomery Middle Office by Friday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr. McFaul @ [rmcfaul@sd43.bc.ca](mailto: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



## **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 at the office. The additional cost for each add-on feature is listed

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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.*



**cheque**  
online or  
below:

**PAC News and Events:** Our Next PAC Mtg. is on Wed. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00

**Updates:**

1. A big thank you to Mrs. Querengesser for her leadership in organizing our fundraising campaign and in particular the QSP magazine sales.
2. Thanks for the hard work put forth by Mrs. Hannas in purchasing and organizing the replacement of our Emergency Bin equipment. This has been a big challenge to replace the materials needed for safety and health maintenance and Mrs. Hannas has been steadfast in gathering these goods.

**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](mailto:equereng@hotmail.com). Ordered cards will be left at the office for pick-up.

**Community News:**

Please see the following list of community events.



**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](http://www.coquitlamlittleleague.ca) or feel free to contact any of our Board of Directors listed on the website.

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Face-to-face

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## 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](http://www.ce43.com)



THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



in cooperation with School District #43 (Coquitlam)

**PRESENTS A NEW SUBJECT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, JANUARY 7 – MAY 29, 2014**

This **brand new program** being offered at the Family Resource Centre, located in Minnehada Middle School in Port Coquitlam will suit students in Middle School who are struggling to complete assignments and classroom subject matter. Students that have trouble organizing, tracking, understanding instruction, need help to begin and work through assignments, and need support with learning how to tackle home assignments are best suited for this program. Program facilitator is Alida Noort, a trained Multisensory Tutor, SEA, and Program Developer for the Family Resource Centre.

This program will run in ½ hour time blocks with a maximum of 2 students per block, on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 5:15 P.M. Program start date is Tuesday, January 7, 2014 and runs through May 29, 2014. Students will be given individual help, with an understanding that parents will be actively involved keeping the facilitator up to date on all classroom subject matter that the student needs help with. Communication among parents, students, and facilitator is the key to the success of this program.

Fees are paid monthly, **all** post-dated cheques to be submitted with registration. First month's fees are due with registration and are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. A 30 day notice of withdrawal is a requirement of this program. Cost per session is \$22.00.

**Total cost of this program = \$836.00**

**Monthly payment = \$167.20** \$167.20 x 5 payments = \$836.00

First payment due with registration (non-refundable), postdated cheques dated February 1, March 1, April 1, and May 1, 2014 in the amounts of \$167.20 each.

PROGRAM LOCATION: FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE, ROOM #4, MINNEKHADA MIDDLE SCHOOL,  
1390 LAURIER AVENUE, PORT COQUITLAM (ACROSS FROM HYDE CREEK RECREATION CENTRE)  
EMAIL: [frcdistrict43@gmail.com](mailto:frcdistrict43@gmail.com)

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE  
REGISTRATION FORM – SUBJECT SUPPORT PROGRAM  
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS JANUARY 7 – MAY 29, 2014

**\*\*\*\*\*please fill in ALL fields below\*\*\*\*\***

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STUDENT'S NAME:

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SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL:

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ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE:

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HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE DURING PROGRAM TIME:

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PARENT'S NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENTS ENCLOSED: \$167.20 Cheques: \_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_

**CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: E. MYERS**

\_\_\_ YES, **ALL** CHEQUES ARE ATTACHED (\$167.20 DUE WITH REGISTRATION – POST DATED CHEQUES \$167.20 Feb.1 – June 1/14) **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE FIRST MONTH'S FEE. TOTAL OF 5 CHEQUES SUBMITTED.** You may choose to make one payment of \$836.00 \*\*\*\*\***REGISTRATION ACCEPTED ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS**

\_\_\_ **I UNDERSTAND A 30 DAY NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL IS A REQUIREMENT OF THIS PROGRAM**

**TIME REQUESTED:** \_\_\_ 5:15 P.M. – 5:45 P.M. (limited to 2 students)

\_\_\_ 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (limited to 2 students)

\_\_\_ 6:45 P.M. – 7:15 P.M. (limited to 2 students)

**FORMS MAY BE MAILED TO: FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE**

3295 COAST MERIDIAN ROAD

PO BOX 78023 NORTHSIDE

PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. V3B 7H5

YOU MAY ALSO DROP OFF FORMS/PAYMENTS AT MINNEKHADA MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE.

**PROGRAM LOCATION:** FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE, MINNEKHADA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ROOM #4 – 1390 LAURIER AVENUE, PORT COQUITLAM

EMAIL US AT: [fredistrict43@gmail.com](mailto:fredistrict43@gmail.com)

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – MINNEKHADA MIDDLE SCHOOL

1390 Laurier Avenue, Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 2B8

Email: [fredistrict43@gmail.com](mailto:fredistrict43@gmail.com)

This is a community based program and is open to all students attending Middle School.

***This program is not suitable for children with behaviour challenges.***

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