

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Term One Report Card Cover signed and returned to Advisory Teacher</b> <b>Student Government Holiday Spirit Week:</b> Photos with Frosty and Santa sponsored by Student Government @ lunch
Tuesday,	Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Student Government Holiday Spirit Week:</b> Wear Red and Green <b>Cafeteria Services Closed for Today</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Team Hokkaido Walking to Poirier Rec Centre @ 10:15 – 12:30 <b>Assembly:</b> Centennial Band Performance @ 1:30
Wednesday,	Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Student Government Holiday Spirit Week:</b> Wear a Creative Xmas Sweater <b>Clubs:</b> Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 rm. 22 <b>Tree of Memories:</b> Ms. Carruthers and students will honour those who have lost loved ones over the past few years and a special symbolic reflection by making a special decoration. Blk.6 Check Lost and Found Materials before Holidays <b>Xmas Concert:</b> Mundy Rd. Elementary @ 6:30
Thursday,	Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Student Government Holiday Spirit Week:</b> Wear Xmas Hats Ties or Scarves <b>Assembly:</b> Xmas Sing-a-long in Blk. 6
Friday,	Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Community Circles:</b> cancelled for today <b>Student Government Holiday Spirit Week:</b> Wear Cowboy and Western Clothes <b>School Dance:</b> Monty Hoe-Down @ 1:15 – 2:45 <b>Last Day of School</b>
Monday,	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Re-opens after Winter Break</b>
<b>Next Week:</b> Wed. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup> Action School Student Workshop for selected Representatives; Thurs. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> Ski and Snowboard Session # 1 @ 3:00 – 9:00ish; Fri. Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> Gr. 6 Admin Assembly		
<b>Two Weeks:</b> Wed. Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan. PAC Mtg. @ 7:00; Thurs. Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> Ski and Snowboard Session # 2/ Dr. Charles Best Secondary Gr. 9 Parent Night @ 6:30; Fri. Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> Gr. 7 Admin Assembly		

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## **McFaul's Chat and Chew: Report Cards: The Kitchen Table Talk**

You just received the Term One Report Card for your child and what will you do with this document? This was a question that I asked of my Community Circle Group last Friday as we were preparing our students to bring home their first communication of the year and their answers were fascinating. There was discussion from the kids who stated that they like report cards because they got paid for A's and B's earned on their report. There was the idea of, if the report was good then the child would proudly share; however, if the report was not up to expectations then they would place the report in an obscure place hoping to delay the inevitable discussion with the disappointed parent. One sharing was that there would be no discussion about the comments or letter grades as long as there were good marks there was no need to discuss. I shuddered at this thought, pondering what a missed learning opportunity to sit down and have a shared discussion about successes and challenges presented by the teachers.

I view the bringing home of the report card as an opportunity to teach family expectations and establish immediate goals for improvements and continued successes. I picture a Norman Rockwell type vignette, with a clear kitchen table, maybe the odd coffee mug and two adults sitting around the table balanced on each side of their child with the focus of each set of eyes zeroing in on the report card. The shoulders of each parent is turned slightly towards the child, a loving touch of reassurance is placed onto the child's back and heads are nodding while the child speaks on his/her behalf about a plan. Questions are posed such as; How do you feel about the comments and evaluations presented in this report? ... or, What are you most proud of sandwiched together, with, what would you wish to change by the next report? Congratulations are offered on achievements and goal setting is established to breakdown big challenges in to small manageable tasks with target dates and review periods. A sense of satisfaction appears on the face of the child and a sigh of relief is exhaled as the shared communication is about how to support the child doing and performing their best within the difficulties and demands of managing school, outside interests, parent work and all of the social emotional challenges that impact our worlds.

Each and every one of you has established a routine to acknowledge the quality work that your child is producing and demonstrating from their soccer goals to their singing recitals. We ask that the sharing of the report card reading be done together. Be done with a culture of recognizing the highs and the lows and that each word and every letter grade is dissected with a sense of purpose. When sharing thoughts; express that every learning assignment is a celebration of their growth and an identification of the type of creativity chosen and shown in their work. A sense of reflection is applied to all course comments that require the student to clearly label action plans and identify explicit behaviours that they can freely implement on their own behalf. This enables them to be the directors, architects and owners of their achievements along with the guiding hand and reassuring words from you telling them to aim higher, persevere longer and believe in their talents.

So, be it a kitchen table or the two front seats of your car, please create the environment that has the two of you placed side by side working shoulder to shoulder. These are the key first steps in supporting the growth and change that the family group has worked out together in order to build a plan that allows your child to be proud of a report card that meets their needs, pushes their abilities and reflects their challenges.

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

**Monty Explorations** - Every day at Monty during blocks one, two, three, or four students go with fellow students from their team to explorations, Art, Home Ec., Music, or Tech Ed.

This term in Art Grade 8 students are working with water colours; learning different techniques like wet on dry and wet on wet water painting. They started the term with mixing and creating colours using primary water colours. Most recently they drew self-portraits using only letters from their names which are currently being displayed in the hallway in front of the gym. At this time students are painting their names with warm and cool colours, and starting their string art project. In Home Ec. students are sewing pajama pants learning simple stitches and how to thread their own sewing machines. In the near future they will move into the cooking room where they will learn to make simple and nutritious foods.

In Tech Ed. Grade 6 and 7 Students are currently building wooden basketball courts, and previously were building rockets that they launched into the sky with air pressure. In Music, grade 6 and 7 students are performing Rocking Robin for the rest of the class using guitars. Next week they will begin practicing their rock band performance for the school at the end of the term in January.

I love explorations, and my favorite part this year is working in the Art room doing winter string art, and making gumball machines in grade 8 tech ed.

Submitted by: Elyse C.

**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.

**Winter Athletics Call Out** – We have had organizational meetings for the following winter sports: basketball and wrestling. Students who are interested in playing any of these sports should have attended a meeting last week to express their interest. If your child missed this call out then please encourage them to see Mr. Nordby to receive directions as to who is coaching the specific sport gender and grade level team. Wrestling is open to all grades and to both genders. We are currently securing our coaches for the basketball teams at all levels. Practices and seasonal play will start right away upon our return to school in January.

**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)

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### **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

### **TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS:**

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

*International Baccalaureate Program*

### **Information Meeting for Grade 8 Students and Their Parents**

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary School

Students interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask teachers and students questions about the IB Program. **All registration information will be available at these meetings.** Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at [pmsblues.net](http://pmsblues.net) and [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

**X- Catchment/ Boundary Information** – Please see the embedded link below to learn more about the dates and schedule for Cross Catchment Applications.

[Cross Catchment Application Process](#)

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

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**All I want for Christmas is a... YEARBOOK!**  
**& an Announcement Card to open!**

A Yearbook makes a great gift for parents, grandparents, or aunts/uncles to get for hard to buy for pre-teens! And when you order a yearbook for Christmas, we will include a cute **announcement postcard with envelope** that tells your son/daughter that you've purchased a yearbook for them- that way they have something to open on Christmas Day! You can go to Monty's homepage and click on the "Buy Yearbook" icon and order a yearbook for \$45.00 (name and icons are extra) or you can send \$45.00 to the office and our lovely secretaries will put your order in for you. If you want the gift postcard, just come by the office and pick one up or email [Trains@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Trains@sd43.bc.ca) with your name and address and we will mail one to you!

Final yearbook count is in January so don't delay and miss out on your yearbook memories!

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

Thanks to Mrs. Evelyn Chursinoff for her work and dedication to ensuring that our Annual Kids Christmas Market was a success for all involved from our donating families to our volunteer parents along with our alumni supporters and our shopping students. Most importantly are the recipients of our generosity, the boys and girls and families in our own community. Your money was well spent on both the gift item you purchased and the donation that Monty Middle provided to SHARE Society.

**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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Learn in the Tri-Cities

Face-to-face

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



# GRADE 3-8 CO-ED SPRING BREAK CAMP



## ABOUT US

O4E was created for players who want compete against their peers in a high-level of competition in an environment that will help push them to get better every single day. It will give younger players an opportunity to go against older more experienced players in a safe encouraging environment. This will help prepare players coming from middle school get used to the high-level of intensity required to play at the next level and will give the high school players a place where they can play and train during the off-



Our stand out Senior from Centennial Justin Buren, dual sport athlete heading to Simon Fraser University for football

## OUR VISION

"We envision our players to one day become key contributors on college campuses across the country. Someday there will be alumni who are collegiate athletes, teachers, doctors, businessmen, coaches, politicians, scientists, or maybe even NBA stars; our hope is that all these alumni share one

THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



## CAMP DETAILS

This is a grade 3-5 and 6-8 Camp, **ONLY 20 SPOTS PER GRADE!!**. We wish to have everyone registered online on our website by February 2<sup>nd</sup> (for our clothing order) We will be running the camp out of Centennial Secondary School's Red gym, from **March 17th-21<sup>st</sup>**. **Grade3-5 from 10AM-12PM and grade 6-8 from 12-2PM** A fee of \$85.00 by cash or cheque (to Mike Higham) at the door.

More information on our website  
[www.o4eliteathletics.webs.com](http://www.o4eliteathletics.webs.com)

## PROVIDE

- Individual skill development
- Team concept development
- Team/ individual rebounding
- Team transition principles
- How to move without the ball
- How to set screens
- Shooting
- Finishing at the rim
- How to play man-to-man defense
- Plans for success on and off the



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\*\*\*\*\***

STUDENT'S NAME:

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

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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](http://www.montymiddle.ca)  
Principal: Mr. Rob McFaul Vice-Principal: Ms. Dawn Holden

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ADDRESS:

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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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