

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	March 3 rd	Student Parliament Mtg.: @ 2:00 in Band Rm. PAC Fundraiser Raffle Ticket Sales – Two Week Blitz Athletics: Gr. 8 Girls Bball Practice @ 3:15 – 4:15
Tuesday,	March 4 th	Athletics: Gr. 8 Boys Bball Practice @ 7:30 Gr. 8 Girls District Basketball Playoffs @ Monty Gr. 8 Boys District Basketball Playoffs @ Moody
Wednesday,	March 5 th	District Public Speaking Festival Location: Held @ Citadel Middle @ 9:00 – 12:00; Clubs: Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 Athletics: Gr. 8 Boys and Girls District Basketball Playoffs - TBA
Thursday,	March 6 th	Homework Club: AB Ed Program @ 3:05 in Drama Rm. Community Education Programs: Red Cross Babysitters Course Session # 3 @ 3:15 – 5:15 in Double Rm # 225/227 Athletics: None
Friday,	March 7 th	Community Circle Groups meet in Blk. 4 Team Sicily Admin Assembly: @ 1:15 – 2:00 in gym Athletics: Gr. 6 Boys & Girls Wrap Up Party @ 3:00 – 4:30
Monday,	March 10 th	PAC Fundraiser – Last week for Raffle Ticket Sales Athletics: None
Next Week: Tues. March 11 th TCO2 Social Emotional Learning Presentation various times in classes; Wed March 12 th Adv. 6/7 Team Skye Hero Project Celebration @ 1:30 – 2:45 in Double Classroom Hallway; Thurs. March 13 th Gr. 7 FSA Results Package sent Home; Fri. March 14 th PAC Assembly Raffle Tickets/ Term 3 Report Cards sent Home/ Last Day of School before Spring Break		
Two Weeks: Spring Break March 17 th – March 28 th – Schools are closed; Term 3 Schools Open on Mon. March 31 st .		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: The One Big Fundraiser is HERE!

How does a school function on a limited and ever shrinking budget provided by the Ministry of Education? The answer is a challenging and complex one as the need for enhanced technology is always in demand from our staff, students and parents, along with meeting the needs of our specialty programs like Tech Ed, Home Economics and our quality Athletics and Fine Arts programs. The demand for money is always present and the prudent and fiscally responsible decision making that guides our conversations about budget and programming often involves our dedicated PAC members. It is through our Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) that we as a school are able to purchase and extend our financial support to the various programs that we offer in our community.

The PAC has established as their major fundraiser, the Spring Raffle Tickets. This is a community event which involves all partner groups. We need you to support your child and help them to complete sales of their assigned Raffle Tickets. How you do this level of support can be as creative as our minds are capable of being – you may help by selling tickets at your work, you may encourage your child to phone relatives, friends and others to entice them into a fundraiser that directly supports our school needs, you may spend a body of time with them supporting their sales at your local high volume shopping area. These are just a few examples of how you and your child can support this fundraiser.

Staff members support this event by daily dedication of collecting sold tickets and money and promoting the sales effort because the school staff see how the sales of tickets directly benefit our students through the purchase of new sports uniforms, new sound/light equipment for performance activities, art and technology supplies and equipment and support for our healthy lunch program.

PAC members devise a schedule and commit to a plan that involves the application of a gaming license and then the anecdotal referencing of how money was spent as requested by the government. The parents seek out desirable prizes and organize early bird draws and do all of the accounting to ensure that all monies are managed and all expenditures are tracked.

Your effort in helping sell a few booklets is a key step in this whole process and one that must happen if we are to help our school stay abreast of the growing demands and choices of how best we spend our money at Monty!

Students Views and Updates Team Skye:

Hi. I'm Melissa, Grade 7, from the wonderful and magical team of Skye. I'm in Ms. Patching's class (Advisory 4), and I have been presented with the task of telling you, readers of the Montgomery newsletter, what kind of stuff we've been doing in team Skye this February. I am accompanied with my friend Felicia!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Flashing lights and Disco balls drop from ceiling as Felicia comes in

Uh, hi...

As you may be able to tell, Felicia is slightly shy, even when you can't see her, so, I guess that I'll say stuff and she'll correct me or whatever.

SO - As I was saying above, we are both from Team Skye, And were going to tell you what kind of stuff we've been up to.

Let's start with January. Ah, January. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times...

No silly, we're here to talk about February. You know, the one with Valentine's Day and stuff?

Uh... That's what I said....?

Facepalm

Whatever. Now, I to kick things off, I think that we should start with the project that took up most of the month. That's right, I'm talking about the horrible, awful, terrifying, SPEECHES.

Ah yes, speeches. I still doubt whether we will ever recover from the trauma sustained during the horrifying event known as public speaking.

Oh Felicia, always the drama queen. As you probably already know, in term two each student is required to write and present a three point speech about a topic that the student chooses.

Of course, Melissa, being the fangirl that she is, decided to do her speech on Harry Potter.

Excuse you, but for your information, Harry Potter is an amazing book series and I had a fantabulous speech. And I'm sorry; But Who went to the team finals? Oh, that's right, Me.

You know that I was nominated. I was just sick on the day that we presented and therefore could not compete. But aren't we getting a little off topic here?

Now, we know that speeches is a school wide thing, and is not only in team Skye, but we feel that I took up most of the project work (for us) in second term and so we decided to talk about it. Speaking of school wide events, another thing that happened this February was an event that Monty likes to call the multicultural luncheon. Since I wasn't there, Felicia will tell you about it.

The Multicultural Luncheon was a school wide event where we, students were given the chance to experience the foods of other cultures, and also share a food from our own culture. There were many savory items there, like quiches and other delicious edibles. It also saved us the trouble of having to pack lunch.

Cause that was totally the whole purpose of the luncheon. So you could be lazy and not pack a lunch.

Anyways, though we did a lot of things with the rest of the school, we also had an interesting event that was unique to team Skye. We had something called the Team Skye Highland Games. As the Isle of Skye is part of Ireland, it is only appropriate that each classroom is its own 'clan'. In the highland games, all of

the clans went against each other in many diverse events so they could achieve the highest honour, and win the Mighty Minion. Felicia and I are both part of clan Striker, and our clan competed against the other clans, which were Clans Fergus, Phoenix and 7 Snakes.

The games involved feats of strength, endurance and other such qualities. The events were Caber Toss, in which 2 representatives from each Clan worked together to throw a bundle of pool noodles as far as they could, Medicine ball shot-put, the Dance-off, the Shortbread Bubble blowing contest, the tug-of-war and the hockey stick pulling. In each event, clans earned points and competed for first place. At the end of the day, Clan 7 Snakes were the winners of the Highland Games, receiving the Mighty Minion as a symbol of their success. All in all, The Highland Games was an extremely fun event.

Felicia and I would like to thank you for reading our collaborated summary of February in team Skye. I hope that we have amused you in the best way possible, and thanks!

Bye!

Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

The 12th Annual PAC Raffle – A reminder that sales continue over the next two weeks right up until the last day of the draw, that being Friday March 14th. We ask that all families give a concerted effort to sell their one booklet per family and that if you are a super sales person then please push the cause as the money goes to PAC and their support of our school community. This year's goal is to buy new stage lighting and technology for the gymnasium. Tickets are \$2.00 each, books of ten. Additional tickets will be available at the office. The draw date is March 14th in the afternoon in the gym.

The prizes are:

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| 1st prize: | iPad mini with retina display. | Value \$448.00 |
| 2nd prize: | Go Pro Hero 3 Silver Edition HD Video Camera. | Value \$392.00 |
| 3rd prize: | \$100.00 | |

Thank-you for your support;

For additional information, please contact.

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Public Speaking Finals – We held our school level public speaking finals on Friday; whereby, we had the following students present their creative words: from Gr. 6 we had Jaymian P., Bukola B., and Mourne C., from Gr. 7 we had Lauren R., Ashlynn M., Finn C., and Ryan G., from Gr. 8 we heard from Morgan L., Lauren P., and Rachel T. Their speeches covered a wide range of topics from the use of personal electronic devices, to how we view plants, to child slavery issues and many more personal and well written topics and presentations.

Our winners will represent our school on Wed. March 5th at Citadel Middle for the District #43 festival and they are:

- Gr. 6 Mourne C. talking about Cats and Dogs as Pets
 - Gr. 7 Finn C. sharing his views on Letter Grades on Report Cards
 - Gr. 8 Lauren P. presenting the thought of strong female characters in literature
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We thank all of our students for mustering the strength to write research and most importantly present a speech in front of their peers. This part of our curriculum is helping all to develop their voice and all to show respect and value in others and their different points of view.

Enrollment Documentation Request:

Following a recent enrolment audit, every school in our district has been requested to comply with recent changes in the documentation required to enrol a student in the B.C. Public Education System. A recent file review has determined that a large percentage of our student files do not currently contain the proper documentation. This process is especially important to our Grade 8 students moving on to secondary schools in the district.

Specifically we are required to place a copy of each of the following in each student's file:

1. *Proof of Parents Status in Canada (Citizenship, Permanent Resident, Refugee Status or Visa).*
 - a. *This is required as a student's eligibility for provincial education funding is actually based on the citizenship status of their parents.*
2. *Proof of Child's Citizenship (Citizenship, Permanent Resident, Refugee Status or Visa).*
3. *Proof of Residency in British Columbia.*

If you have completed this process in past years, we thank you. If you are unsure, please call the office and we can let you know if documentation is missing. We will be calling our grade 7 and 8 parents over the next few weeks to let you know if we need further information.

If you have any general questions about this process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at (604) 939-7367.

Thank you for taking the time to update our records.

Please see below accepted documentation

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION OF ALL SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS **FUNDING ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST (January 15,2014)**

In accordance with the School Act Section 82 and Ministry of Education policy, a student is eligible for a provincially funded education if parent(s) or legal guardian(s) meet residency requirements. Students who are ordinarily resident in BC and whose parent or legal guardian is ordinarily resident in BC and who are enrolled in a program in School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) are eligible for Ministry funding.

PARENT STATUS IN CANADA - Required of the parent or legal guardian

One of:

- Canadian birth certificate
 - Canadian passport
 - Canadian Citizenship card
 - Confirmation of Landing/Permanent Residence (8-1/2 x 14" sheet) **and** passport
 - Permanent Resident Card (front and back)
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- Status Indian documentation
- Nexus Card

CHILD STATUS IN CANADA – Required of the child

One of:

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Canadian Citizenship card
- Confirmation of Landing/Permanent Residence (8-1/2 x 14" sheet) **and** passport
- Permanent Resident Card(front and back)
- Status Indian documentation
- Refugee Claimant Documentation
- If a child is accompanying a parent on Work or Study Permit, provide copy of child or parent permit that indicates child accompanying.

RESIDENCY

Parent or legal guardian must be ordinarily resident in British Columbia with a sufficient degree of Continuity to ensure that there is a settled purpose other than to obtain free public education

Required of parent or legal guardian- one of the following to demonstrate residency

- Long-term Tenancy agreement showing name and address
- Property purchase agreement - showing name and address
- Income Tax statement – showing name and province of residency
- Property tax statement - showing name and address
- Proof of employment for a minimum of 20 hours per week(e.g.pay stub)

And provide two of the following

- Utility bill
- BC Driver's Licence or Enhanced BC Driver's Licence
- BC ID
- BC vehicle registration
- Canadian bank account statement showing name and address
- Canadian credit card statement – showing name and address
- Proof of current school year membership in a local organization

Pi of the Tiger - This is a series of math camps full of fun activities and games designed to enrich students' skills and knowledge in the wonderful world of mathematics! This year, the students of Dr. Charles Best Secondary are hosting a Pi of the Tiger camp on Saturday, March 8th, 2014 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This camp will be Game Show themed! Snacks and lunch will be provided and admission is free. Students are only required to bring a pencil and an eraser. If your son/daughter is interested in attending of the tiger, please pick up a permission form at your school's main office and have your child return it to his or her Math teacher by Friday, February 28th, 2014. You may also reply via email at trsmith@sd43.bc.ca.

PAC News and Events: Our Next PAC Mtg. is on Wed. April 16th @ 7:00

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.

Spring Break LegoMation Classic camp.

The date for the camp is March 17-21. You can find all the information concerning the camp on our site:
http://mediafinearts.com/legomation_classic.html



FREE EVENT - COME TRY RINGETTE!!

Register at: www.cometryringette.ca

Date: Sunday March 9th, 2014

Sign-in and Equipment Fitting: 4:00-4:30pm

Ice Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Place: Port Moody Arena #2, 300 Ioco Rd, Port Moody

For boys and girls ages 5-12

Equipment is available with pre-registration

Register for the upcoming season, visit: coqmoodyringette.com

Questions: cometryringette@coqmoodyringette.com

Hosted by the Coquitlam-Moody Ringette Association

Coquitlam Parks and Recreation Programs: Poirier Rec Centre:

Spring Break Camps available at Poirier Community Centre and Centennial Activity Centre.

Youth on the Go- Get ready for an action packed week of activities! Sports, fun challenges, swimming, cooking, arts, and crafts. **Out-Trips on Fridays**

Dates: Week 1- Mar 17- Mar 21

Week 2- Mar 24-Mar 28

Times: 9:00-3:00 pm

Barcode: Week 1-446650

Week 2-446651

Cost: \$135.25

Youth Sports Camp-Keep your youth active this Spring Break! Each day will feature a quick lesson on the basic skills of different sports. Other gym games and team activities will be included. Camp will go swimming (no lessons). **Out-Trips on Fridays**

Dates: Week 1- Mar 17- Mar 21

Week 2- Mar 24-Mar 28

Times: 9:00-3:00 pm

Barcode: Week 1-446646

Week 2-446647

Cost: \$135.25

To Register call 604-927-4FUN (4386) or Online at www.coquitlam.

Musical Theatre 8-12 yrs

This course will teach improv, scene study, choreography and singing skills to your budding performer. From auditioning to opening night, your child will learn what it takes to put on a show! Led by Professional Instructor: Jessica Kelly Nikolic.

Dates: Tuesdays, Apr 08- May 06

Times: 5:00-6:30

Barcode: 459522

Cost: \$49.75

Guitar Lessons 11 - 14 yrs.

Learn the basics of the guitar from hand placement, to basic chords and may build to the instruction of simple songs. No prior experience needed. Please bring own guitar.

Dates: Tuesdays, Apr 08- Jun 17

Times: 5:40-6:40

Barcode: 458083

Cost: \$57.75

Art Journaling 101

Youth will learn the basics of Art Journaling. They will learn the different techniques such as; Ink play, colour combinations, collage, layering and others used in this art form to express themselves. Each session youth will create an entry that represents them.

Dates: Wednesday, Apr 09-May 07

Times: 4:45-6:00

Barcode: 460916

Cost: \$31.25

Cooking: Around the World

Learn to cook a variety of tasty meals from all corners of the globe! Recipes include mouth-watering Asian, Italian, and Mexican cuisines among many more.

Dates: Friday, Apr 11-May 09

Times: 4:30-5:30

Barcode: 459224

Cost: \$35.00

To Register call 604-927-4FUN (4386) or Online at www.coquitlam.

District 43 Spring Break Camps 2014

School of "Wonderstanding" Day Camp: March 25 - 28

We are very excited to again offer **School of "Wonderstanding"** Day Camps for students **Kindergarten - Grade 5** at the schools listed below. School District 43 is offering these camps in partnership with Simon Fraser University's Professional Development Program (PDP). These unique and very popular 4 day camps are staffed by student teachers. They run from 9 am - 2:45pm, Tuesday to Friday. The cost per child for the 4 days is \$60. Fun is guaranteed! Spaces are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment. Please note that this year we are offering, for the first time, a **French Language only Camp** at **Kwayhqitlum Middle School**.

Aboriginal Education's Red Wolf Spring Break Camp at Seaview: March 18-21

Seaview is also hosting a Camp during the first week of Spring Break. The Red Wolf Camp is sponsored by the School District 43's Aboriginal Education Department from March 18th to the 21st. This Camp is open to **ALL** students in our District from Grades 3 to 6. There will be lots of fun, games, crafts and recreation activities as well as Traditional Teachings. Lunch is provided daily. The cost is \$60.00. Camp Times: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Registration for all camps is available online at:

Red Wolf Camp: [Click Here to Register for the Aboriginal Red Wolf Camp](#)

Central Community School: [Click Here to Register for Central Camp](#)

Minnekhada Camp: [Click Here to Register for Minnekhada Camp](#)

Kwayhqitlum *French Language Camp*: [Click Here to Register for the French Kwayhqitlum Camp](#)

Seaview Camp: [Click Here to Register for Seaview Camp](#)

Happy Camping!!

For more information please contact:

Red Wolf Camp: March 18 - 21

Seaview Community School

- contact Malcolm at 604 600-9350 or mkey@sd43.bc.ca

School of Wonderstanding Camps: March 25 - 28

1) Central Community School

- contact Heather or Dasha at 604 464-0207 or dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca

2) Minnekhada Middle School

- contact Steve at 604 230-1233 or sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca

3) Kwayhqitlum Middle School - **French Language only**

- contact Steve at 604 230-1233 or sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca

4) Seaview Community School

- contact Paul at 778 229-9273 or pdondo@sd43.bc.ca

KidSport Tri-Cities Spring Used Equipment Sale

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Annual **Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale, Presented by Westminster Savings:**

Saturday, March 8th, from 10am until 1pm

Riverside Secondary School,
2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam

Admission is by donation or item for the Food Bank



If you or your family is in to sports, **we will save you money!** A huge variety of **High Quality** used sporting goods at **incredible prices**. Everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment and wetsuits and everything in between. You can outfit a child for hockey (including skates and a helmet) for \$100. Lacrosse (including a stick and helmet) for \$90. Plus, there's no tax. Please note that we only accept cash. All proceeds go to subsidize registration fees for kids from lower income families. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS SALE!**

To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! **Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from February 26 - March 7 at the following locations:**

**Port Coquitlam Rec Centre
Port Moody Rec Centre
Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex
Riverside Secondary
Thriftpolis - D-2579 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam**

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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