

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| Monday, | May 19 th | Victoria Day Holiday |
| Tuesday, | May 20 th | Workshop: Go Girls Session # 4 @ 3:15 – 5:15 in Rm. 225 Athletics: Badminton Practice – Competitive Team @ 3:15 – 4:15 Rugby Team Practice or Game @ 3:15 - TBA |
| Wednesday, | May 21 st | Clubs: Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 Athletics: Rugby Team Practice @ 3:15 Parents: May PAC Mtg. - @ 7:00 in the Library |
| Thursday, | May 22 nd | PAC Staff Appreciation Luncheon @ 12:00 – 1:00 in Staffroom – please see request for help in this newsletter Homework Club: ABEd Program @ 3:05 in Drama Rm. Open to any Student looking for a quiet place to work with Assistance Athletics: Rugby Game – Gr. 8 Boys TBA |
| Friday, | May 23 rd | Safeteen H.A.C.E. Presentations for Gr. 8 Students - two girl groups and two boy group sessions from 9:00 – 12:00 Athletics: Badminton Practice – Competitive Team @ 8:00 Badminton Practice – Recreational Team @ 12:30 |
| Monday, | May 26 th | Student Government: Mtg. @ 2:00 in Band Rm. Athletics: Badminton Practice – Recreational Team @ 3:15 Rugby Gr. 6/7 Boys Practice @ 3:15 |
| Next Week: Mon. May 26 th @ 2:00 Student Government Mtg.; Tues. May 27 th Go Girls Workshop # 4 @ 3:15; Thurs. May 29 th All Day Field Trip to Rocky Point | | |
| Two Weeks: Mon. June 2 nd School Based Professional Development Day – school closed; Wed. June 4 th Student Services Group to Playland with CKNW; Thurs. June 5 th – Gr. 5 Half Day Visits @ 9:15 – 11:45/ Waterwise Safety Presentation – Team Skye/ Hokkaido @ 1:00 / Year End Band Concert for Beginner and Advanced Bands @ 7:00 in Gym; Fri. June 6 th Advisory Community Circles in Blk. 4 | | |

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Driving and Parking at School

It has been a very hectic few weeks around Monty Middle for folks trying to drive, park and drop off your child during major neighbourhood road construction. Many of our access points are being detoured due to the road paving and water main replacement process all good things for the neighbourhood, which cause all of us to reach a little deeper for patience and understanding. Last week I stood out with the local road construction team to ensure that our students were following the directions being provided by the Flagging Safety Crew. Our kids were very good, conscious of safety hazards, respectfully making adjustments to their travel routes and patiently waiting for instructions to safely get into the school.

The same cannot be said for some of our parent drivers. I witnessed rude communications and vehicular disregard for safety when travelling around Glenholme/ Edgewood and Kugler entry and exit points. One construction crew member was shocked that the two of us received a rude gesture because of our request to go EXTRA slow around the barricades and loose gravel. The concern is that we want to ensure that students are safe, that you as a driver are safe and that your vehicle is safe as it maneuvers through some tight and precarious situations.

Speaking of unsafe situations, a review of surveys on student safety in North America had some interesting results that I think are worthy of sharing and then teasing out some insights and possible alternative perspectives that relate to traffic safety. According to a major American social media think-tank here are the top safety concerns of parents surveyed and the top incidents of death amongst children.

Top Five Parent Fears for their KIDS

1. Kidnapping
2. School Snipers
3. Terrorists
4. Dangerous Strangers
5. Drugs

Top Five Reasons for Childhood Death

1. Car Accidents
2. Drowning
3. Abuse – physical, sexual
4. Suicide
5. Homicide

As one can see the fears are very different that the reality of childhood life in North America. Children are actually safer when they are out of their family car and are walking with friends to and from school as they will learn more about directionality in their community and establish a sense of relating to people and places in their local surroundings if they have to navigate the route on their journey to /from school. This travelling to school will also be safer once the City of Coquitlam dedicates resources for all neighbours to safely walk through their community by installing sidewalks on the local streets. Removing student pedestrians from traipsing the edge of the main roadways, dodging parked cars and instead; in the near future, having the safety and luxury of cruising the sidewalks down our side streets. This would be the goal of what and why we are currently putting up with this traffic challenge with the hope of safer access for all to our neighbourhood school. Please try to stay away from these areas of congestion and drop your child off a block or two away so that they can walk a short distance in this beautiful spring weather.

Culture Beat: **Events and Activities.**

Class Placement for September - Each year, teachers, school based team members and administration meet to create classes that will ensure the best possible learning environment for every child in the school. There are some foundational beliefs and under-standings with which this process begins.

Firstly, please be assured that at Monty Middle, teachers work collaboratively to provide an appropriate learning situation for every child. Secondly, as with all reflective professionals, the teachers at Monty Middle make changes in their approaches and strategies of teaching to accommodate the students they serve. Thirdly, a team approach is applied to working with children. Your child works with a number of teachers who support each other and work together to meet the needs of your child.

The following are some of the factors considered during the class building process:

- Classroom teacher and school based team recommendations
- The overall make up of the class being created
- Learning styles
- Intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development
- Behavioural issues
- Need for student services such as learning assistance
- Male / female balance
- Pre-existing conflicts between children
- Pre-existing supportive relationships between children

Although each factor is important, each is weighted differently depending upon the individual circumstances under discussion. Decisions will be made with the child in mind, and the more global view of the class composition and school organization. Teachers will review all available information regarding a child and his or her class placement.

The following are NOT factors considered during the class building process:

- Parent preference for a specific teacher

If you would like to share some information about your child from the home perspective, please note the following procedure:

Please do not state which teacher you do or do not wish your child to be placed with next year. Teacher assignments change from year to year, and the teacher you request may not end up teaching your child's grade level. We do our best to place your child in an appropriate setting given the information outlined above.

Any communication regarding class placement for the next school year should be in put in writing and submitted to the principal, Rob McFaul before the end of the school day on Friday, May 30th. All information shared will be considered during the placement process.

Safeteen Presentations – This Friday our Gr. 8 students will participate in a full morning session presented by our guests from Safeteen. The Gr. 8 students will be divided up by gender and each of the two gender based groups of approximately 30 students each will work with a same gender facilitator dealing with violence prevention strategies and putting into real contextual examples the Safeteen Violence Prevention Program – Teen's Bill of Rights. The sessions are designed to be based on real type community events with empowering strategies that build confidence and understanding of each teen's personal and unique situation as we accept that we are all different. The phrase: "These are my rights and just as I respect the rights of others I claim my right to defend these rights." Please take the opportunity to discuss the day's activities with your child and review the handouts presented to them during their sessions.

District Track & Field Meet – Our athletes represented our school very well last Wednesday as our coaches spoke about their sense of respect for all, their cooperative spirit and their desire to try their best in their specific events. The weather cooperated with a fine day of sunshine allowing our athletes a great opportunity to explore their event free from weather conditions that can challenge them with wind and rain impeding their efforts. Congratulations to all of the athletes and to their coaches for the day: Ms. Carruthers, Ms. Smallwood, Mrs. Clarke and our coordinator Mrs. Davis. We also would like to thank our parent drivers who helped with the transportation challenges and to our parent volunteers who worked in the actual day's events.

Gr. 8 Leaving Ceremony Volunteers – The end of year is quickly approaching and the tradition at Monty is to celebrate our Gr. 8 students with an assembly in the afternoon joined by the whole school and then refreshment sharing after the event of appetizers and punch. We are calling for parent support to help volunteer for this event with plans for organizing, donating and hosting the after ceremony social. If you would like to help please contact Ms. Patching @ apatching@sd43.bc.ca

Academic Support – We have available on Thursdays through our Aboriginal Education Department in District # 43 a after school homework session, whereby students can drop in and have a quiet place, have computer access with adult support to do their individual work. Students need to report to our Youth Worker Mrs. Davis and bring their materials to get down to the task.

PAC News and Events: **Our Next PAC Mtg. is on Wed. May 21st @ 7:00 .**

To: Montgomery Middle Families

The Montgomery Middle School Staff Appreciation Luncheon is Thursday May 22nd. The luncheon is an Italian theme and we need your help in showing the wonderful staff at Monty how much they are appreciated. We are looking for donations of food, money and helpers for set up and take down. Some food suggestions would be an Antipasto tray, Pasta dishes, Pizza, Caesar Salad, Pasta Salad, Green Salad, Fruit tray, Veggie tray, Bruschetta, Biscotti, Pellegrino water, Italian Sodas, Tiramisu cake, etc...

If you prefer you can make a cash donation towards the luncheon and the money will be used to purchase items. Cheques can be made out to Montgomery Middle PAC – cash or cheque donations should be in an envelope marked with your name, staff luncheon and handed into the office by May 16th.

If you are able to provide a dish, make a donation or help with set up or take down, please send an email and let us know so we have an idea of what food will be coming.

Please email Elaine equereng@hotmail.com or Deb debmueller@shaw.ca to let us know what you can donate, if you can help or if you have any questions.

With our appreciation,

Elaine Querengesser and Deb Mueller

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.

A Letter from the Coquitlam Board of Education:

Dear Parents,

Re: Before and After School Bussing of Students

As you may have heard, The Board of Education of School District #43 (Coquitlam) will be ending the busing of students to and from school effective at the end of the current school year. Transportation for special needs students will continue.

Board Trustees and District Management staff thank all parents, staff and community members for their involvement in the budget process for the 2014-2015 school year. The Board considered many options made available through public input in its efforts to reduce costs and minimize disruption within the classroom. The Board values all feedback and considered it carefully in reviewing budget recommendations and final decisions. The School District is committed to maintaining a sustainable organization which is built on our past successes.

Our ability to continue to support the before and after school transportation of students has been impacted by static provincial funding levels that have not maintained pace with inflation. This was not an easy decision but one that was necessary given our fiscal restraints and legal requirement under the School Act to develop and submit a balanced budget to the Ministry of Education.

The Board's decision to reduce these services to students was a very difficult decision to make. The Board made the decision to remove regular bus route services in order to minimize the disruption to services in the classroom. Parents whose children currently use School District bus transportation will be required to seek out alternate ways for their children to arrive to and arrive home from school. This may include; walking, biking, being driven, or taking public transportation. The communities that make up our School District enjoy public transportation services. Information on Translink routes, schedules and rates can be found at: <http://www.translink.ca>. We are in communication with and have alerted municipal and Translink staff to this change for next year.

The School District continues to have an exceptional education community. The Board would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make our District outstanding and sustainable for years to come.

Sincerely

Rob McFaul
Principal
Montgomery Middle School

Mark Ferrari
Secretary-Treasurer
Coquitlam School Board



Coquitlam
Summer
Learning



SUMMER LEARNING 2014 ONLINE Registration Dates (6:00 a.m. Opening)

Middle Skill Building (Hillcrest, Scott Creek, Centennial, Charles Best): May 29th
Grade 9 & 10 Skill Building (Charles Best): May 27th

Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**.

We are offering courses in Art, Band, Computers, Creative Writing, Drama, English (LA and for beginners), Math, PE/Leadership, Science and Tech Ed (*held at Charles Best and Centennial for students moving into Gr 7 or 8) and more to come!*

Program Dates: July 8 to July 25

Visit www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

MIDDLE: Classes are designed to give students more time in a subject area or to provide a chance to preview a subject area. For example, a Math Grade 6 class might include students who have completed Grade 6 and would benefit from extra time. The class might also include students who have completed Grade 5 and would like to get ready for Grade 6. These courses are available to all middle school students, including ELL(ESL) students.

Note: Classes do NOT replace an entire grade.

PLEASE SEE the Secondary Skill Building Programs for courses in Tech Ed and others geared towards students entering Grade 8 and 9.

******Band & Visual Arts 6, 7, 8: We will be offering a Beginning Band and an Advanced Band class at Scott Creek Middle. Students will benefit from instruction in both a band class (either beginning or advanced) AND a visual arts class.***

NOTES:

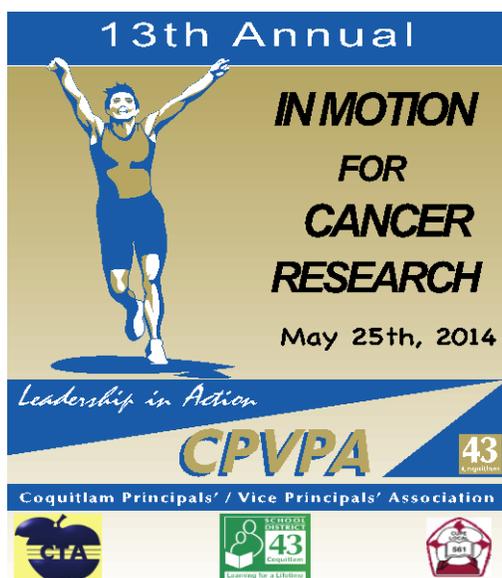
1) Instrumental rentals will be available for a fee. A rental session will be held in the Scott Creek Band Room on Monday, July 8th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2) Instrument selections made during the Summer Learning Program may not be the same as those recommended by your child's teacher in the regular band program. Teachers make decisions re: instrument selection based on suitability, program needs and availability.

Instrument options: Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, French Horn, Tuba, Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Oboe, Alto/Tenor Saxophones, Bassoon, and a limited number of percussion and bass guitar.

Violin, Cello and string bass may be available to some Advanced Band students - prior experience is required.

Advanced band students interested in learning a new instrument may be able to take part in the Beginning Band as well (doing so would not allow participation in the Visual Arts portion of the course).



Coquitlam Principal's and Vice-Principal's Association 13th Annual *In Motion* Event for Cancer Research Dedicated to Tom Davies

The Coquitlam Principals and Vice Principals Association 13th Annual *In Motion* for Cancer Research event will be held Sunday, May 25th at 9:00 am at Terry Fox Secondary School. There are three routes for participants: 2km, 5km, and 10 km

Come run, walk, ride or roll with us!

This 13th anniversary year's event will be the best yet, with individuals and teams participating on behalf of members of the School District 43 family who have been affected by cancer. We have always enjoyed good staff and student participation and are hoping for another large turnout this year. In 12 years we have contributed over \$100,000 to the **Canadian Cancer Society**. Individual registration forms will be available soon at any school site/website or at the board office. Donations received at the door or online (site address announced soon) will be matched by Scotiabank up to \$5000

Feel free to join a school team or for more information about forming your own team contact Darlene Proulx by e-mail at dproulx@sd43.bc.ca or by phone at 604-941-3408



For 75 years, the Canadian Cancer Society has been with Canadians in the fight for life. We have been relentless in our commitment to prevent cancer, fund research and support Canadians touched by cancer. From this foundation, we will work with Canadians to change cancer forever so fewer Canadians are diagnosed with the disease and more survive.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #43 COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S SUMMER DAY CAMP 2014

Community Schools are pleased to offer Summer Day Camp Programs. Camps will be held at the following School locations:

WHERE: CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL: 2260 Central Avenue, Port Coquitlam
LEIGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 1230 Soball Street, Coquitlam
MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL: 1900 Edgewood Avenue, Coquitlam
MILLER PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL: 800 Egmont Avenue, Coquitlam

TIME: 9:00 AM – 2:45 PM (DOORS OPEN 8:45 AM & PICK UP BY 2:45 PM)
MILLER PARK CAMP: 12:00 PM – 2:45 PM

AGE OF CAMPERS: 6 YEARS TO 12 YEARS

ONLINE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED: VISA OR MASTERCARD OR INTERAC/DEBIT
PAPER REGISTRATIONS: CASH AND CHEQUES (MILLER PARK- CASH ONLY)

CONTACTS: Central Camp: Dasha Belskaya- dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca

Montgomery/Miller Park Camp: Paul Dondo- pdondo@sd43.bc.ca 778-229-9273

Leigh Camp: Steve Brown-John- sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca 604-230-1233

Montgomery Camp- will run 6 weeks: July 2nd to August 8th 2014

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| M-1 Week / Camp 1 | Wed. July 02 – Fri. July 04 | \$60 | 3 Days | Wed - Fri |
| M-2 Week / Camp 2 | Mon. July 07 – Fri. July 11 | \$95 | 5 Days | Mon - Fri |
| M-3 Week / Camp 3 | Mon. July 14 – Fri. July 18 | \$95 | 5 Days | Mon - Fri |
| M-4 Week / Camp 4 | Mon. July 21 – Fri. July 25 | \$95 | 5 Days | Mon - Fri |
| M-5 Week / Camp 5 | Mon. July 28 – Fri. Aug 01 | \$95 | 5 Days | Mon - Fri |
| M-6 Week / Camp 6 | Tues. Aug 05 – Fri. Aug 08 | \$80 | 4 Days | Tues - Fri |

Miller Park Camp- will run 3 weeks: July 8th to July 25th 2014

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| MP-1 Week / Camp 1 | Tues. July 08 – Fri. July 11 | \$40 | 4 Days | Tues - Fri |
| MP-2 Week / Camp 2 | Mon. July 14 – Fri. July 18 | \$50 | 5 Days | Mon - Fri |
| MP-3 Week / Camp 3 | Mon. July 21 – Fri. July 25 | \$50 | 5 Days | Mon - Fri |

About the Camp

Weekly activity schedules will be available the first day of camp and will vary between the different sites. The examples of daily/ weekly activities will reflect the following areas:

- Recreation and Games, Arts and Crafts, Science Activities
- Field Games and outdoor sports - weather permitting/Park Outings
- BBQ / fun day
- Field trips to local community events and centers (fees apply) form will be sent home each session/week
- Weekly big screen movie with popcorn and juice
- Possibility of guest leaders with special activities or presentations

Camp participants **MUST** bring the following items each day:

- Lunch and snacks
- Change of clothes
- Sun Screen
- Water Bottle labeled with your Child's Name
- Hat
- A Smile

Please ensure that your children do not bring money (unless requested) or personal items to camp. (Please no cell phones, iPods, etc.) Community School's will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Camp hours are: 9:00 AM – 2:45 PM. **Drop off at 8:45 AM and pick up by 2:45 PM**

Miller Park Camp hours are: 12:00 PM–2:45 PM. **Drop off at 11:45 AM and pick up by 2:45 PM**

Parent, caregivers or legal guardians will be required to sign their child(ren) in and out each day. If your child(ren) is/are allowed to wait or walk home on their own we must have a written and dated consent. A child (ren) will not be released until the adult, who has signed in their child(ren) that day, arrives to pick them up or contact has been made for an alternate arrangement. Ministry of Children and Families guidelines will be strictly followed for children who are not picked up on time.

How to Register

Our **Community School Summer Day Camp Registration** is now online and will accept payment using **Visa; MasterCard or Interac/Debit** from most major banks.

You can get instant confirmation of your spots in the summer day camp at the location you choose. You will require an email address in order to get your confirmation # and print out a receipt for your payment.

To register online please visit the **appropriate school website as listed below** then click on Community Programs, which will lead to the Summer Camp Registration button. Karelo provides the online registration service.

Central Camp: www.sd43.bc.ca/central
Leigh Camp: www.sd43.bc.ca/minnekhada

Montgomery: www.sd43.bc.ca/maillard
Miller Park Camps: sd43.bc.ca/millerpark

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