

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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
Tuesday,	May 27 th	Workshop: Go Girls Session # 5 @ 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 28 th	Planned BCTF Rotating Strike Day – All Coquitlam Schools will be impacted
Thursday,	May 29 th	Student Government – Much Video Dance Party Tickets go on sale from today at lunch until Fri. June 13 th Field trip – EAL Students visit Rocky Point All Day 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 30 th	Team Sicily H.A.C.E. Presentations – Sexual Health Educator Summer Camps @ SFU – Lunchtime Presentations by SFU Staff Athletics: Badminton Practice – Competitive Team @ 8:00 Badminton Practice – Recreational Team @ 12:30
Monday,	May June 2 nd	Monty Middle School Based Professional Development Day – Montgomery Middle School is Closed
Next Week: 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		
Two Weeks: Mon. June 9 th SPC Mtg. @ 9:15/ Student Government Mtg. @ 2:00; Fri. June 13 th Me to We Fun Day/ Last Day for Much Video Dance Party Ticket Sales @ Lunch		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Wise Woman and Solid Guy

Our Gr. 8 students participated last week in a gender focused 3 hour presentation on Assertiveness, Violence Prevention and Health Education. The presentations allowed the students to openly share their ideas and thoughts about what it is like to be a guy and girl growing up in a society that has many mixed messages about what is cool, about stereotypes, about body images and about speaking one's personal truth in a world of commercialized media messages. The presenters worked fervently to get our students to an understanding that each and every one of them moves between being a little girl/ boy showing fear and being a fighter showing a fake bravado. The middle ground of being a Wise Woman and a Solid Guy, who is comfortable speaking their own truth by standing firmly on the ground with feet balanced, arms relaxed at the side, looking directly at the other person and speaking with "I" statements clearly using words and body language that supports the meaning of each word be it "Yes" or "No". Our students role played these skills and applied them to real life scenarios allowing them to see the importance of assertiveness training and empowering themselves to communicate their rights for safety.

Many of our students expressed a high level of satisfaction with the presentations and spoke openly about the experiences being authentic. Our students shared their appreciation for the conversation being directly related to developing strategies on how to understand their peers of opposite gender and how to ensure that messages of communication are real and direct. Responses like the following were shared:

When u guys came to my school i thought it would be another boring presentation, but i thought wrong. It actually got me thinking about all the people who have suffered from verbal and physical violence, sexual harrassment, and bullying and how i felt sorry for those people. The safeteen workshop taught me how to stand up for myself if a horrible thing ever happened to me. This was the most outstanding thing I learned at school. THANK – YOU. Because of u guys i feel a lot more safer and confident in myself...!!!

13 YEAR OLD GIRL

We ask you as a parent /guardian to inquire to your Gr. 8 child about their highs and lows of the sessions and to open dialogue with you about their transition to high school on the importance of them staying true to their Wise Woman and Solid Guy strategies to help them build confidence in trusting their own words. For more information on Safeteen please check out their website: <http://safeteen.ca/>

Culture Beat: **Events and Activities.**

BCTF Job Action Rotating Strike Day – Wednesday May 28th for All Coquitlam Schools.

Please see on our website under publications the information notice that was sent home via email last week on Wednesday. The letter from the District Superintendent states that: **"As a result of the strike action, teachers will not be reporting for duty on May 28th. While school facilities will remain open under school district administration, we will be unable to provide students with instruction. There will be limited ability to provide appropriate supervision during this period of job action. We are therefore requesting that parents keep their children at home from school on Wednesday May 28th."** We encourage you to stay close to the media outlets in case of any new and recent changes to the negotiations and thus possible changes on the rotating strike agenda.

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.

Library Books – Students with overdue library books will be receiving notices reminding them to return their overdue books without having to face a fee penalty for the loss of that library book. Our Library Assistant Mrs. Eaton will be doing home phone calls to help students remember to bring in their books used from this past year.

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 a call for all interested individuals to join our PAC Executive on Wed. June 18th @ 7:00 .

Thank You: Montgomery Middle Families, Elaine Querengesser and Deb Mueller

Last Thursday our staffroom was converted into a big slice of Italy as many of you through the help of Elaine and Deb celebrated the Montgomery Middle School Staff with your contributions for a delectable Appreciation Luncheon. Our staff truly felt recognized and honoured for the work they do in supporting your children and your families through the challenging world of middle school. We had wonderful homemade creations that tasted and looked like they were directly out of **Gourmet Magazine**. We were able to create our own authentic Italian sandwiches with spicy Mortadella meats and tangy Italian cheeses. The staffroom was so welcoming for all of our staff to enjoy a special treat throughout the whole afternoon and even onto the next day with your generous offerings of Italian cuisine. The timing was also important as the political rhetoric and budgetary musings get ramped up in this stage of provincial labour negotiations, it was wonderful to know that through all of this you as parents know that our staff spend much energy and great amounts of extra time in trying to make your child's school experience purposeful, worthy and the best. Your contributions and gift of time in celebrating our Staff Appreciation Luncheon went a long way in sending those same positive messages to our staff community. On behalf of the full Monty Staff, we thank you immensely!

Community News: Please see the following list of community events.

Community Help on Strike Day May 28th Kids on the Move (7-12yrs)

Join us for a filled day of fun, games, swimming and various other activities.

Time: 9:00am- 3:00pm

Date- Wednesday, May 28th

Cost: \$32.00

Barcode: 485826

Location- Drop off at Centennial Pavilion- Youth Centre at 9am, Pick up at Poirier Community Centre- MacDonald Room at 3pm.

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

Summer Arts Camps at the Evergreen Cultural Centre

Explore your creativity this summer! The Evergreen Cultural Centre's Arts Camps are taught are educational, hands-on, and above all, they're fun! This year we're proud to present a host of diverse arts camps, including two weeks of our popular Kids on Stage theatre camp! Learn Filmmaking, Sculpture, Drama or Design.

Camps run from July 7 to Aug 1, and Aug 25-29. 9am – 3pm for kids ages 7-11, and 12-14.

For more information please see our Website at

<http://evergreenculturalcentre.ca/public-programs/>

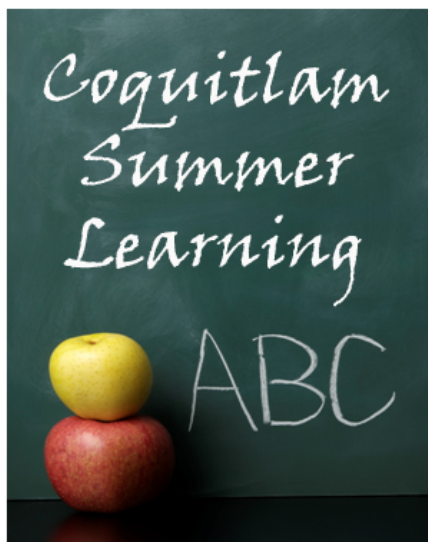
Summer Camps = Summer Fun - Open to all students 6 - 12 years.

School District 43 and our Community Schools are very pleased to again offer 6 weeks of Summer Day Camp programs at Central, Leigh and Montgomery Schools. In addition 3 weeks of half day camps will be offered at Miller Park. These popular Camps continue to be a lower cost option for parents and they are available for all children from ages 6 to 12 years.

The Camps are as follows: Central Elementary, Montgomery Middle, Leigh Elementary - 6 weekly Camps from July 2 – August 9 and the Miller Park Camps – 3 weekly Camps from July 8 - 25 (Noon – 3:00pm). Camp Leaders will vary activities each week, including short field trips, and they will be offered in age appropriate groupings. This year parents will again be able to register on-line and use the payment method of their choice. To register online please visit the **appropriate school website as listed below** then click on **Community Programs**. This will lead to the Karelo online registration page.

1) **Central Camp:** www.sd43.bc.ca/central 2) **Leigh Camp:** www.sd43.bc.ca/minnekhada 3) **Montgomery:** www.sd43.bc.ca/maillard 4) **Miller Park Camps:** www.sd43.bc.ca/millerpark

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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).

Science (Outdoor Focus) at Hillcrest Middle - This class will give students both in-class and outdoor experiences related to science concepts covered at grade level. Students can expect to take part in hands-on activities and experiments in addition to regular classroom activities.

COURSE OFFERINGS:

SCHOOL	Beg. and Adv. Band** 6,7,8	Computers	Visual & Performing Arts 6/7 & 8	English Language Arts 6,7,8	English LA ELL (ESL) Focus 6/7	Math 6,7,8	Science 6,7,8	Math 8 Skill Building	English 8 Skill Building	PE/Leadership	***Tech ED (Wood, Electronics, Culinary)
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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

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

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

SFU Summer Camps

For a full list of Summer Camps under the following headings of camp experiences please see the website below:

Sport Camps
Recreation Camps
Outdoor Adventure Camps
Aquatic Camps
Educational Camps
Partnership Camps

<http://www.sfu.ca/camps.html>
