

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Volume # 6 October 7th 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Oct. 7 th	Walk to School Week – Free Transit to Youth with their Go Card Yearbook sales available online on the Monty homepage Student Parliament Applications available from Office or Advisory Teacher Athletics: 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice 3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice and Girls Field Hockey @ Maillard 3:50 – 4:50 – Swimming @ Eagle Ridge Pool - CANCELLED 4:15 – 5:15 - Gr. 7 Boys Vball Practice
Tuesday,	Oct. 8 th	Go Girls Session # 1 at 3:15 Athletics: 3:30 – 4:30 – Gr. 7 Boys and Girls Game Day Home and Away
Wednesday,	Oct. 9 th	Athletics: 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice 3:30 – 4:30 – Gr. 8 Girls and Boys Game Day Home and Away 3:15 – 4:15 – Girls Field Hockey Practice @ Maillard 3:50 – 4:50 – Swimming @ Eagle Ridge Pool
Thursday,	Oct. 10 th	Last Day of registration for After-School Programs Athletics: 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice 3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 6 Boys and Girls Vball Practice 4:15 – 5:15 – Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice 3:30 – 4:30 – X- Country Running Meet Days
Friday,	Oct. 11 th	Admin Assembly: Gr. 7's meet with Admin Team @ 1:15 Athletics: 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice Lunch – Gr. 6 Girls and Boys Vball Practice 3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 7 Boys Vball Practice 3:30 – 4:30 – Girls Field Hockey Game Day @ Maillard Away
Monday,	Oct. 14 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Next Week: Tues. Oct.15th Individual Photo Retakes/ and @ 3:15 Gr. 6 Go Girls Program Session # 2 with Big Sisters Org.; Thurs. Oct 17 th Gr. 7's Monty Dog Show @ 3:30; Fri. Oct. 18 th Me to We Day @ Rogers Arena for lucky members Two Weeks: Mon. Oct. 21 st @ 2:00 Student Parliament Meeting; Tues. Oct. 22 nd EF Tour Mtg. @ 6:00 and Parent Community Connections Session – Social-Emotional Learning and our School Goal @ 7:00 in the Band Rm.; Thurs. Oct. 24 th Interim Report Card Student/ Teacher Assessment Report sent home; Fri. Oct. 25 th Province Wide Professional Development Day – school closed		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: International Walk to School Week

This is a world focus in order to help bring about awareness as to the other options that families have in regards to transporting their children to school. The following website has many creative and safe options as to how communities can work together to make travel to school safer for all community members. <http://www.hastebc.org/resources/iwalk-international-walk-school-week>

In this link they discuss planning safer routes, walking school bus, bike trains and other concerns to recognize in regards to safe school travel. We are nestled away in a very small cul-de-sac that removes most of our students from the travel along major arterial roads; however, the flow of before and after school traffic is a serious concern when we drive and clog up our small space. Some suggestions for our local area:

- Please do not drive into the school parking lot from either direction to drop your child off at school
- Please do drop them off near the corners of Montgomery St. and Edgewood Ave. or Kugler St. as these are easy access points for drivers and a short walk for students
- Please do not park in the school parking lot waiting for your child as this makes access for our students using taxis and walking out of the school more difficult and challenging
- Please do park on the side streets of Glenholme St., Midvale St., Edgewood Ave. and Kugler St. one block away from the school in order to reduce traffic congestion. This is a short distance to walk from our front door
- When using the round-about please do not stop and block the turning area as this is meant for a drop –off and a pick up not a sit and wait until the bell rings
- Encourage your child to connect with fellow neighbourhood kids to walk together to and from school safety in numbers
- If you child is scootering, blading or riding a bike please review with them simple rules of the road and traffic signs that they need to obey. Have them wear a helmet and encourage them to lock and place their equipment in the safe areas that the school provides
- When crossing Austin Ave. please remind them to cross only at pedestrian controlled intersections and not at the T-Section of where Montgomery St. runs into Austin Ave.
- Our local streets are void of sidewalks so remind students to walk on the grass easement near the curb or walk facing the traffic for when they have to travel on portions of the roadway

On a bright note our students have all received their Go Cards which will allow them the following opportunity. *It's time again for our younger generation to explore their local transit options while making some healthy commuting choices. TransLink is once again joining **International Walk to School Week and Month (iWalk)**.*

Starting on Monday, October 7 until Friday, October 11, kids from kindergarten to Grade 12 with a valid GoCard can ride transit for free!

*Part of TransLink's **TravelSmart schools program**, TransLink has been signed on with iWalk since 2006. Being that the week has been so popular with young students and teachers planning field trips, you're bound to see slightly heavier loads on some transit routes. Please check out the following link for more info: <http://buzzer.translink.ca/2013/10/kids-with-a-valid-gocard-ride-free-for-international-walk-to-school-week-oct-7-11-2013/> Please take the time to review these thoughts and make it SAFE for ALL!*

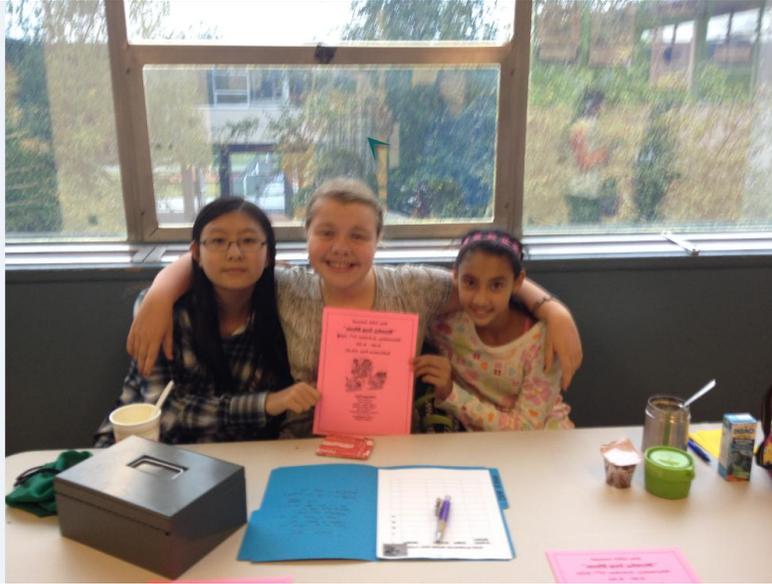
Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

Student Parliament Applications – At our last Community Circle Group session on Friday students were introduced to the idea that each group will have a student government representative to work on our student parliament. This position is open to any child to represent their Community Circle Group (C.C.G.) in our monthly student government sessions. This is our connection to enhancing the student voice within our community and for providing students with a vehicle to start conversations, plan events and seek solutions to situations that they see as being areas to improve our school. As part of our Rights Respecting School focus we believe that a school with a functioning and supportive student voice allows our students to have more say and direction into school initiatives and organization. Applications are made available at the office or from any Advisory teacher, as some of our students have closer connections to their Advisory teacher at this point in time and may feel more comfortable discussing with them their interest in applying for a leadership position. If your child comes home with one of the application forms please encourage them to fill it out and have them review with you why they would like to take on this role/ opportunity and have them present a short 1 minute oral presentation to share with the rest of their peers in the Community Circle Group. Your support and encouragement can go far in helping students take that first step in leadership roles. We will have our members of Parliament selected/ elected by this Friday Oct. 11th after our next C.C.G. session.

Middle Years Development Instrument – The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grade 4 or Grade 7. The questionnaire includes 71 questions related to the five areas of development that are strongly linked to well-being, health and academic achievement. This school year (2013-14) the MDI is being implemented for Grade 7 students in Coquitlam.

The purpose of our study is to understand how children during the middle childhood years think and feel about their lives both inside and outside of school by having children complete the Middle Years Development Instrument survey (MDI). This study is one of the first of its kind taking place in Canada. The information collected from this study will help inform educational and community efforts to improve the lives of children.

The School District will arrange for your child's Grade 7 teacher to administer the MDI survey to the class. The survey takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete. Your child's participation is voluntary and will not affect any services that your family receives from the School District. You have the right to withdraw your child from the research at any time. This week you will receive more information through an email sent to you and IF YOU DONOT HAVE EMAIL PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE AND WE WILL GET A hard copy of the information and a withdraw form if you choose not to have your child participate. The information is anonymous and pertains primarily to neighbourhood trends in which the school district can help respond to these neighbourhood challenges through program planning and resource sharing. Please see the attached link for more and if your child is in Grade 7 be on the lookout this week for an email from the school on this specific subject. <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>



Monty Dog Show – Registration has been ongoing this past week and it will continue throughout this week as we prepare to sign up your dog for the 10th Annual Monty Dog Show. Showtime is Thursday Oct. 17th @ 3:30 – 4:45 with an entrance fee of \$4.00 to have your opportunity to win some trophies in the categories of Cutest Puppy, Best Recall, Best Small Jumper, Best Fetch Most Loyal along with others and the most coveted recognition of Best in Show. You will need to have your dog on a leash as with many dogs present some dogs get very excited. If you feel that your pet is not able to cope with the stress of large crowds, numerous dogs and a fairly high level of noise then we ask that you respectfully consider not registering for the safety of your pet and all involved. The category of Most Obedient helps all to enjoy the afternoon so please consider what is best for your pooch.

Pi of the Tiger – π Of The Tiger is a series of math camps full of fun activities, games, and seminars designed to enrich the math education of students in Grade 8. Dr. Charles Best Secondary students are hosting two π Of The Tiger on selected Saturdays throughout the school year, inviting all grade 8 students of local middle schools free of charge. The first π of The Tiger camp will take place at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School on Saturday, October 26th, 2013 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. As it is the weekend before Halloween, we encourage all students to come in costume and be prepared to have a fantastic time! If your son/daughter is interested in attending π of the tiger, please complete the permission form available at the Monty Office and have your child return it to his or her Advisory teacher ideally by Friday, October 18th, 2013. Or if you prefer, you may reply via email at trsmith@sd43.bc.ca

Coquitlam South Community Hub After School Programs – You can access the registration information through our school website. Hard copies were sent home last week and are available in the office. The courses and registration process will be outlined and you will have the opportunity to register for these programs on line. All of these after school programs are housed at Monty Middle; however, they do not involve District #43 teaching staff as they are community members who are presenting and offering various workshops, clubs and activities for your child

to participate in that are meaningful fun and educational. Program Registration continues until Oct. 10th.

Programs begin the week of Oct. 15th and go until Dec. 9th which will be the last day of programs.

For more information please contact.

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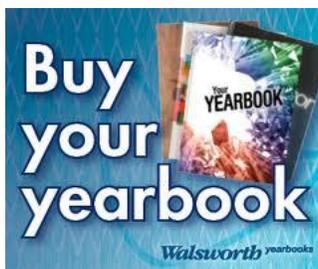
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Follow the South Coquitlam Hub on Twitter https://twitter.com/S_Coq_Comm_Hub

Reminder of Forms Collection – The school start up is always full of a variety of forms and online eForms that must be completed in order for all to have a safe and smooth passage through the school year. We ask that you check to see that you have completed your online eForms for registration:

- School Policies
- Emergency Release Information
- Medical Alert
- Driver Application
- Volunteer Application –with Criminal Records Check

A critical form is the hard copy of information titled Student Verification Form which is a currently updated package of all emergency and contact information that we need to help ensure safe communication with you about your child. Please take the time to check over this document and return it to school if you have not already done so or if you child has not brought you a copy then please contact the office staff and they will reprint you a copy to check, verify and return Please check the backpacks and ask your child for the weekly items like Field Trip Notices or Athletic Permission Forms, as these are usually stuffed into lockers or folded up into notebooks. Any help that you can provide to help with the completion of forms and teacher notes is greatly appreciated.



The Yearbook Early Bird gets the Best Price & FREE Name Customized on the Cover!

Buy your Monty Yearbook *now* and get it for the early bird special **REDUCED PRICE** of \$42.00! That's a *hardcover* yearbook stuffed full of 80+, *full colour* pages of fun Monty memories of you and all your friends. And if you buy *now*

until **OCTOBER 16**, your name will be custom printed on the front cover for **FREE!**

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* to get the *reduced price and customized cover*- but only *until October 16, 2013*. You can also bring a **cheque or cash for \$42.00*** to the office to take advantage of this early bird special price and customized cover.



You can also add other features to your yearbook this year, either online or at the office. The additional cost for each add-on feature is listed below:

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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 October 16, until December 21 the price will go up to \$45.00 (no free customized name on the cover). After December 21, yearbooks can be purchased for the **full price** of **\$50.00**.

*Buy your yearbook online or cash/cheque and get the **lowest price of \$42.00** and your **name custom printed** on the cover! But only **until October 16, 2013!***

**Please make cheques payable to Monty Middle. Please account for additional features in the total.*



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

– We would like to thank our PAC President Mrs. Dalene Schulz for continuing on in her volunteer role to help transition our new PAC Executive Members into their new roles for this year. Please check the Monty website under Parents and PAC Info for further ways to get involved and offer your support to our school community.

Community News:

Please see the following list of community events.

HARVEST MOON

An evening hosted by the Aboriginal Education Department – Coquitlam #43. Please bring non perishable food items to benefit

Share Family and Community Services.

Friday, October 18, 2013 Location:

Kwayhquiltum Middle School

Doors open 4:30

Buffet Dinner Cost: Free - 5:00 – 6:30pm

Lisa Shepherd

*Metis Jigger – 6:30 –
7:30pm Audience
participation*

- *Free child care during evening*
- *Activities/Crafts for children*

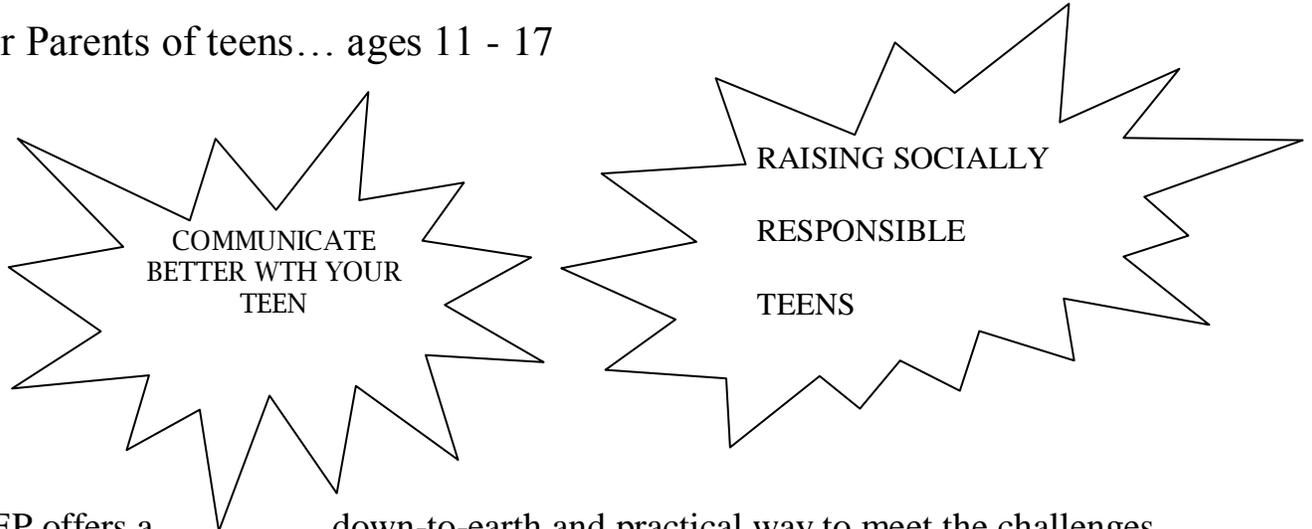
Please RSVP by October 14, 2013 Tel: 604-945-7386 or email jprince-wright@sd43.bc.ca at the Ab Ed Department



Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills With

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

For Parents of teens... ages 11 - 17



STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Pinetree Secondary School

Time: 7p.m. – 9p.m.

Dates: Thurs. Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 2013

[this is an eight week program]

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: E-mail: mabram@sd43.bc.ca [preferred]

Phone: 604-230-1563

Register by October 7th, 2013

The only cost is \$20.00 for the parent workbook!



Educational Tours

Dear Parent,

I'm pleased to announce an exciting student educational trip coming up for **July 2014**. We will explore **Québec, Montreal & Ottawa** with EF Educational Tours!

During our tour, we will visit and learn about the culture and famous landmarks in **Quebec, Montreal & Ottawa** such as the **Biodome, Sugar Shack, Montmorency Falls, Parliament Buildings** and more!

This is a great opportunity for students to experience firsthand what they've learned in class, make new friends, and become more independent and globally aware.

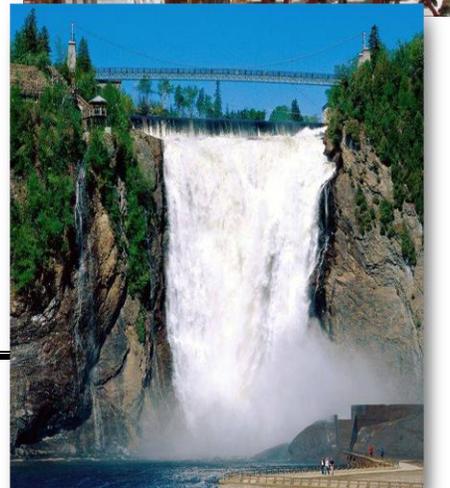
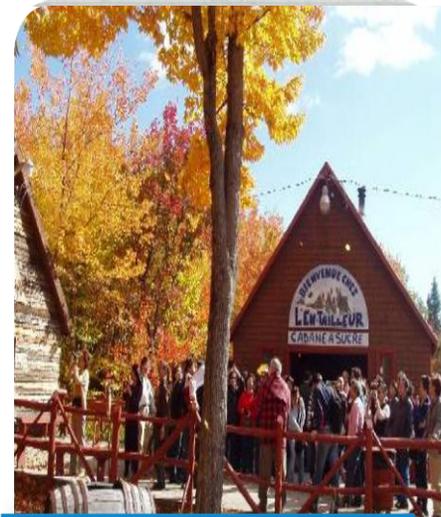
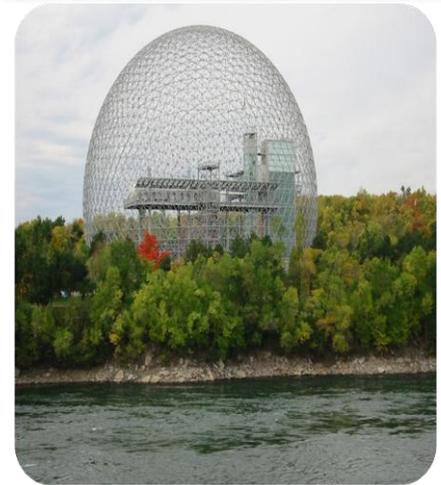
I've chosen to travel with EF because they have been in business for over 45 years and have offices around the world - which gives me confidence in them. EF also guarantees the lowest price for high quality tours that are fun, educational and safe. The cost of the tour includes round-trip airfare, a full-time bilingual EF Tour Director, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides, and admission to special attractions.

Discuss this fantastic opportunity with your son or daughter and then join us at a parent information session on **October 22, 2013** at **6:00pm in Montgomery's library**. For those students interested in participating, a non-refundable deposit of \$99.00 will be required to secure their place on tour.

Space is limited so act now! I've included an application full of information about EF Educational Tours. Please complete the last page and bring it to our parent meeting where we'll discuss the benefits of taking an educational tour and all the tour's details. To find out more, you can also visit www.eftours.ca -Have Tour #? (1502187TN) Click on Enroll Now.

Sincerely,

Ms. Chan, Ms. Redlich, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Nordby



You're Invited...

Please register by **October 8** online at <http://dpac43parentorientation.eventbrite.ca> or by phone (604-939-3690), leaving your name, number & the number of people attending. You can always find us at www.dpac43.org

DPAC43 invites interested parents, educators, staff, and community members to engage in a thought-provoking evening, as we present the first in

The Conversation Series

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Place: Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam

Time: 6:30-9 p.m. (doors open at 6)

We all learn in our own ways, but we often only make meaning out of what we learn through conversation with others. Join us for an interactive evening to talk about some big ideas in education and schools with the very people at the heart of the discussion.

- ***Igniting the Hidden Curricula in Schools*** –Tobey Steeves
- ***Rethinking “Bad” Behaviour*** –Tammy Dewar
- ***Shifting Learning: What Did You Learn at School Today?*** –David Truss
- ***Should We Control Kids or Empower Them?*** –Heidi Hass Gable

(Speaker and topic information is attached)

Please bring your wireless devices (Wi-Fi will be available) so you can contribute to online resources and notes during our discussions.

DPAC PARENT ORIENTATION – THE CONVERSATION SERIES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2013

6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM

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Gallery Room – Winslow Centre

1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

DPAC cordially invites all District 43 parents to attend our Conversation Series Wednesday, October 9, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

We all learn in our own ways, but we often only make meaning out of what we learn through conversation with others. Join us for an interactive evening to talk about some big ideas in education and schools with the very people at the heart of the discussion.

A flyer outlining topics being discussed, registration information, and details as to the location and time of the event has been included for you. We have also included an information sheet on the “Conversation Series Speakers” that provides a brief description of their topic & a bit about them.

Registration for this event is required as seating is limited. Please RSVP by October 8 online at <http://dpac43parentorientation.eventbrite.ca> (preferred method) or by phone (604-939-3690) providing your name, phone number & the number of people attending.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Sincerely,

Heidi Hass Gable

DPAC President

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