

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Volume # 7 October 15th 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Oct. 14 th	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Tuesday,	Oct. 15 th	Individual Photo Retake Day Go Girls Session # 2 with Big Sisters at 3:15 Athletics: 3:30 – 4:30 – Gr. 7 Boys and Girls Game Day Home and Away South Coquitlam Community HUB Programs: Fitness Yoga for Young Ladies @ 3:10 -4:10 District 43 Traffic Safety Session @ 7:00 Winslow Centre
Wednesday,	Oct. 16 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 Community HUB Programs: Learning Guitar @ 3:10 -4:10
Thursday,	Oct. 17 th	Earthquake Drill @ 11:00 Events: Monty Dog Show @ 3:30 – 4:45 in Gym Pre-Registration is needed to know the info of owner and dog 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. 18 th	Clubs: Me to We Day @ Rogers Arena for lucky team members 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. 21 st	Athletics: 7:30 – 8:30 – Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice 3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice and Girls Field Hockey @ Maillard 4:15 – 5:15 - Gr. 7 Boys Vball Practice Clubs: Student Parliament Mtg. – All Members of parliament and Alternate Reps are asked to attend @ 2:00 in the library Community HUB Programs: Science Alive @ 3:10 -4:10
Next Week: 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.; Wed. Oct 23 rd October PAC Mtg. @ 7:00 in library; Thurs. Oct. 24 th Interim Report Card Student/ Teacher Assessment Report sent home; Fri. Oct. 25 th Province Wide Professional Development Day – school closed; Sat. Oct 26 th Pi of the Tiger Math workshop at Dr. Charles Best Sec. for Gr. 8 students – pre-registration is required		
Two Weeks: Wed. Oct. 30 th @ 11:30 Team Sicily Walking Field Trip to Zone Bowling; Thurs. Oct. 31 st @ 1:15 Halloween Events Organized by Team Quadra in the gym		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: *This week we have asked a guest author to write about what is happening in their team world. Today we have Morgan Lowe from Team Skye.*

Team Skye is Advisory 4, 5, 6, and 7. Maybe to you, just a Grade 6, 7, and 8 team, but to us it's a team that represents strength, compassion, and friendship. We are a team that bonds together to create a meaningful hands on learning environment. This year has already been a blast, and we're only a month through the school year. We've done the Silly Olympics, Dodecahedrons, and completed "What in the World" booklets. We have also started the Science research on Ms. Redlich's family rock/cannonball, and upcoming is a fieldtrip to either a swimming pool, walking to the bowling alley, or walking to the movie theatre. Of course, we have to mention math, where all the grades get together in separate classes and practice new math techniques while bonding with their peers. In addition, who can forget about Team Time, which is an activity that the whole team participates in and we compete through the advisories to either win bragging rights or a prize. This has been an activity that has been passed on through the years in Monty, even though we have not done one this year, I am sure that there is one to come. Team Skye, overall, is a great team and even though occasionally it may be overlooked, it is a team that has fun, and gets things done while doing so.

Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

E. F. Tours Canada - For the first time in many years, Monty is excited to offer an amazing opportunity for your child in July 2014. In partnership with EF Tours, Monty students and teachers will be traveling on an educational tour to Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa! 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.

The trip is open to ALL Monty students but there is a process of screening and application that occurs. The Monty Travel Club is endorsed by the school itself and by the district board office and the focus is on the educational aspects of travel through Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa.

Since we have a limited number of spots available, this trip will no doubt sell out quickly. 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** where an EF Tours representative will give a presentation and answer all your questions regarding this travel experience.

We will not be sending multiple emails to everyone like this again so if you are interested and plan on attending the information session, please respond (RSVP) to Ms. Chan at alchan@sd43.bc.ca by **Friday October 18th** and she will put you on a separate mail list to keep you up to date with information.

Thanks very much and we hope to see you on October 22.

Sincerely,

Montgomery Middle Teachers

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. Last week you received 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 information. <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Gr. 6 Stay Active Community Program – Please drop by the office to pick up your signed letter for your Gr. 6 child to use this Grade 6 Punch Stay Active Card which allows use of 12 free visits for drop in swimming, skating, and gym programs in all tri-city community centres. The card is valid until Aug 31st 2014. This is a great way to access the recreational opportunities that exist within our community. The school office will have a copy available for you to pick up to allow you to register for this free service.

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.

Coquitlam South Community Hub After School Programs –

Programs begin Tuesday Oct. 15th and go until Dec. 9th which will be the last day of programs. Late registrations are still being accepted at the office for the remainder of this week.

For more information please contact.

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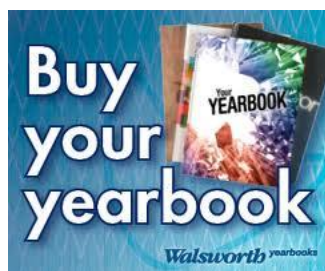
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Reminder of Forms Collection – The school start up is always full of a variety of forms and online eForms that must be completed in order for all to have a safe and smooth passage through the school year. We ask that you check to see that you have 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 your 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. 23rd @ 7:00

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.



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.

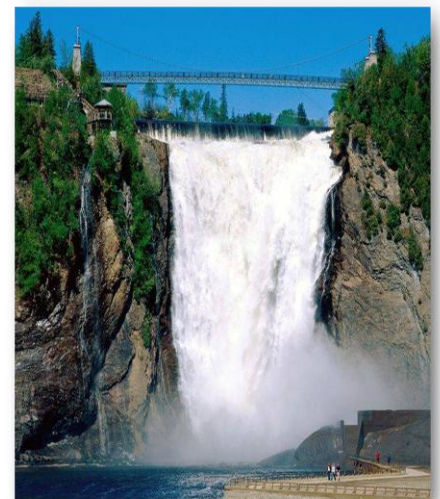
I've chosen to travel with EF because they have been in business for over 45 years and have offices around the world - which gives me confidence in them. EF also guarantees the lowest price for high quality tours that are fun, educational and safe. The cost of the tour includes round-trip airfare, a 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





Coquitlam Lions Water Polo is a co-ed recreational club for 6-18 year olds. They are really in need of a few players, especially girls so come and try it out for free!

Practices are at Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (Chimo Pool) every Saturday and games are on Sundays

Cubs and 12U - Saturdays 4:15pm to 5:30pm

15U - Saturdays 5:15pm to 6:30pm

Please email if you need more info info@lionswaterpolo.ca

Website: <http://www.lionswaterpolo.ca/>

