

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Volume #4 Tuesday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 2014

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday,	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced & Beginner Band @ 7:50 in Band Rm. Monty Dog Show Registration Forms – available @ Lunch Athletics: Gr. 7/8 Boys Vball Practice @ 3:15 – 4:30
Wednesday,	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Practice @ 7:50 in Band Rm. Lockdown Drill - Code Yellow Practice Monty Dog Show Registration Forms – available @ Lunch Me to We Club Mtg. @ Lunch in Library Athletics: Gr. 6 Boys and Girls Vball Practice @ 12:30 -1:00 Gr.8 Girls Vball Practice @ 3:05 – 4:15
Thursday,	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Dog Show @ 3:30 – 5:00 in the Gym Great BC Shakedown Earthquake Drill -10:00 Athletics: Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice @ 3:15 – 4:15
Friday,	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Circles Session @ 9:50 Gr. 6 & Admin Assembly @ 2:05 Athletics: Gr. 7 Girls Vball Practice @ 12:30 – 1:00 Gr. 6 Boys and Girls Vball Practice @ 3:00 – 4:15
Monday,	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	A regular day!
<b>Next Week:</b> Wed. Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – We Day for 20 lucky selected students to attend; Fri. Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> – Provincial Professional Development Day –schools closed		
<b>Two Weeks:</b> Fri Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> – Pizza Lunch by Order and Halloween Events from 2:00 – 2:50		

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## McFaul's Chat and Chew: Experiential Learning

Middle school focuses much energy on building experiential learning opportunities for all students. A key pillar of all middle schools is the Exploration program that allows students over their three "middle" years to do hands on learning in various areas of the curriculum. We at Monty have held true to the four Exploration classes of Art, General Music, Home Arts and Technical Arts over the past few years. Some middle schools have variations of these four key areas maybe with a Drama class or a Leadership class mixed in to add or to complete one of the class cycles.

Monty has some valuable resources in terms of the people and in regards to the facility. Let us look at the people who teach in the Exploration cycle, for as a team they bring a wealth of experience and a

host of project type ideas to their classroom instruction. Mrs. Rains will have them cooking and sewing up an apron, Mr. Magistrale will have them building gumball machines or maybe launching rockets, Mr. De Vita has already started with the African drumming and will have some of our students creating digital music, and along with Mrs. Hutchinson who weaves her magic through various creative dimensions and material mediums. Our school has the label of being old; however, along with that comes the luxury of having an extensive host of technical equipment in the woodwork, metal work, design centers combined with our fabric and culinary learning centers.

Add to the mix the CORE curriculum subjects that allow our students to explore with science equipment, access three computer labs for research and a group of teachers that work creatively and diligently to prepare lessons and activities that teach cooperative learning, project based learning and social emotional learning while doing math and writing. This is the wonder of Experiential Learning and the magic of how the art of teaching blends with the science of teaching to create opportunities that are challenging, engaging and variable to reach the needs of many and to push their individual learning boundaries. Many times we are precise with our educational concoctions of learning and other times we need to have students share their talents for showing learning in ways that stretch us to incorporate into our assessments and in a shared evaluation of their academic and social skills progress.

Welcome to middle school! This happens daily in multiple rooms when some kids are tired, while others are fragile and still others are chomping at the bit to move further and faster. While the staff, work on managing how far and how fast for each student, it is truly a choreographic dance of body, soul and mind or as I like to say, head, heart and guts.

#### Special Note:

[Opportunities to help support the Kong family through their sad and sudden loss of their child can still be accessed through the following:](#)

[You can support the Trust Account through the following information:](#)

Vancity Credit Union  
Branch 30  
Account 196246

[The Kong family is humbled and grateful by this outpouring of support- emotionally and financially](#)

#### Culture Beat: **Events and Activities.**

**Band/ Choir Practices** – The instruments have been rented. The ear plugs have been pre-purchased. The work now begins to move a large group of young adolescents from figuring how to hold the flute, why one has to “empty” the trumpet and what does “soft” drumming sound like and look like to our new inductees into the world of Beginner Band and for some of our “rusty” Advanced Band members. Our musicians will practice on Monday and Tuesday mornings showing great dedication and a passionate commitment to learning and performing with their instrument of choice. This also requires a great level of parental support adult supervision on behalf of the families that pursue this musical goal of being a part of a BAND. Those students who would rather express themselves through their voice will also have an opportunity to develop their vocal talents by joining Choir on Wednesday mornings. The pursuit of the performing arts is a very worthy goal and one that I personally wish my parents provided me with more support and encouragement to take the risk and practice that cheek puffing for my two years of trumpet playing. Great to have so many families come join last week for the Band/ Choir info and instrument rental sessions held by Mr. De Vita., Well done!

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**Athletics** – Through the generous gift of time shared by our staff we are proud to share with you that we have a full complement of staff coaches who will be offering volleyball skills and games to our interested athletes. Athletics has always been a volunteer piece of the school culture and we are pleased to provide to our students the gift of time and experience that are coaches bring to the gym court.

We have the following staff coaching and practicing on the following days:

**Gr. 8 Boys – Mr. Kwok – Tues. @ 3:15 – 4:15**

**Gr. 8 Girls – Mrs. Perry – Wed. @ 3:15 – 4:15**

**Gr. 7 Boys – Mrs. Tuan – Tues. @ 3:15 – 4:15**

**Gr. 7 Girls – Ms. Redlich – Thurs @ 3:15 – 4:15 and Fri @ Lunch 12:30 -1:00**

**Gr. 6 Boys and Girls – Mr. McFaul – Friday – 3:00 – 4:15 and Wed. Lunch 12:30 -1:00**

Athletics Permission Forms and Athletic Fee request information will be coming home with our athletes along with grade level end of season tournaments.

**Monty Dog Show** – Registration forms continue this week of Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> for students and families to sign up for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Monty Dog Show. **Showtime is Thursday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 – 4:45 with an entrance fee of \$5.00** to have your opportunity to win some trophies in the categories of 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.

PAC News and Events:

**November PAC Mtg. – Wednesday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 in the Library**

**Emergency Preparation Issue** –Our PAC will be reforming its approach to how best to re-stock these stolen supplies of shovels, hammers, propane tanks, sport canopies, emergency radios, portable fold away toilets and other significant hardware. Your support in this area of either donating goods of this nature and volunteering time to help in the re-supplying of the container would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about PAC please do not hesitate to email us at:

**084-pac@sd43.bc.ca**

Community News:

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**\*NEW LOW PRICE\* BASKETBALL Drop-In (11 – 18 YRS)**

Got game? Stop by Centennial Activity Centre (blue gym) on Friday and Saturday nights and jump into the game!  
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Friday	Sep 5 – Dec 19	8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	\$2.00
Saturday	Sep 6 – Dec 13	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.	\$2.00 *NEW LOW PRICE*

**Coquitlam Parks and Recreation: For Grades 6 to 8**

**Art Expressions**

Youth 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, the last class participants will bound their entries into a book to take home.

**Barcode:** 485548

4:45- 6:00 pm, Wednesdays, Nov. 05- Dec 10

**Cost:** \$39.50

**Art - Drawing**

Explore the various methods and techniques of drawing using different tools and materials each week. No prior experience needed.

**Barcode:** 481634

6:30pm – 7:30pm, Thursdays, Nov 6-Dec 4

**Cost:** \$33.25

**Cooking Around the World**

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

**Barcode:** 484174

4:30-6:00pm, Friday, Nov 7 - Dec 12

**Cost:** \$52.50

**Location:** Poirier Community Centre- 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

**To register contact:** 604-927-4386 or Online at [www.coquitlam.ca](http://www.coquitlam.ca)

**Lower Mainland Green Team:**

Would love to see our students participate in planting native plants and remove invasive plants on Oct 16th at Coquitlam River Park!

On Thursday **Oct 16 2014 from 9.15am-noon we'll be at Coquitlam River Park, planting native species and removing invasive plants** (they outcompete with our native species. Invasive plants are the second biggest threat to habitat after habitat loss) For more info and to sign up click HERE

**There is NO COST to participate. Spaces are limited. Our invasive removals are most suited to those aged 12 and up. Plantings are suitable for all ages.**

The **Lower Mainland Green Team** is an environmental program where volunteers get together and participate in local conservation and restoration activities such as removing invasive non-native plants, planting native species, and cleaning up shorelines in Municipal, Regional and Provincial parks. We also harvest and prepare vegetables at non-profit educational farms. It's a great way to: make a tangible impact on the environment; meet like-minded people; learn about the environmental

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issues facing parks; connect to nature; learn to become a leader and work as a team; gain volunteer hours; and have fun! No experience is necessary. Instruction, tools, gloves and refreshments are provided! Please join us at <http://www.meetup.com/the-lower-mainland-green-team>. Our calendar of volunteer work parties is [HERE](#). If you need more information please email [lyda@greenteamsCanada.ca](mailto:lyda@greenteamsCanada.ca)



September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear School Administrators and Educators,

**Re: Appropriate Halloween Costumes:**

Halloween is fast approaching and once again Children of the Street Society is raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes which sexualize children and youth, and glamorize sexual exploitation, pimping, and gang lifestyles. Costumes geared towards children and youth have become increasingly sexualized. Costumes such as “prisoner of love,” and “pimp and ho,” create false perceptions of the perpetrators and victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Sexual exploitation of children and youth is a devastating form of human trafficking. The average age of entry into the sex trade in Canada is 12-14 years old. Sexual exploitation involves the exchange of a sexual act for **any** consideration such as drugs and alcohol, a place to stay, popularity, or acceptance. This is illegal and child abuse and it is not the youth's fault.

Young people are recruited into exploitive situations for a variety of reasons, from false promises, gifts, addiction, coercion or control. Recruitment happens everywhere, including school grounds, shopping malls, transit, and particularly online through social networking sites and chat rooms. Sexual exploitation also includes the issue of child sexual abuse images.

Due to the prevalence of online activity, image sharing and online facilitated sexual exploitation has significantly increased. In fact, Cybertip.ca recently issued a warning about sextortion: a crime where the perpetrator threatens to distribute images that the victim provided them unless more photos are sent or money is paid.

Victims of sexual exploitation face significant barriers and long term effects including homelessness, violence, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS, drug affected babies, post-traumatic stress syndrome from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, social stigma, barriers to future employment and premature death. Dressing up in costumes that glamorize sexual exploitation or sexualizes young people only creates social acceptability and desensitization of this disturbing issue.

Dressing up as a “pimp” or a “gangster” also glamorizes the perpetrators of sexual exploitation, further normalizing this issue in the public eye. Many young men are lured into a gang or pimping lifestyle through false promises of money, power, respect, a sense of family, and protection – promises which lead to violence, criminal activity, and the risk of death. Earning a profit off of the buying and selling of children and youth, is sexual exploitation, and is illegal.

As a society, we have the unique opportunity to recognize that these costumes are not socially responsible, and instead encourage youth to emulate positive role models through what costumes they choose to wear. **This year, we are asking the community to be socially responsible by choosing Halloween costumes that do not glamorize either the perpetrators or the victims of child and youth sexual exploitation. We are also encouraging the community to avoid costumes that glamorize gang or pimping**

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**lifestyles.** Instead, please encourage children and youth to choose appropriate costumes that represent their own individuality and creativity.

Children of the Street Society is a provincial non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth since 1995. The Society's mission is to take a proactive approach through public awareness, education and early intervention strategies to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth while offering support to families.. For more information visit [childrenofthestreet.com](http://childrenofthestreet.com). Please also Like us on Facebook and Twitter @ChildrenoftheSt. We wish your students a safe and fun Halloween. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-777-7510 or at [info@childrenofthestreet.com](mailto:info@childrenofthestreet.com).

On Behalf of Children of the Street Society,



Diane Sowden, Executive Director

Thrifty Foods...



**Smile Cards are Back - NOW!**



Montgomery Middle School's application for the **Thrifty Foods Smile Card** fundraising program has been approved and **YOU** can help us raise funds every time you shop any Thrifty Foods store! All funds raised through this program, this school year, will go towards new and additional **FITNESS EQUIPMENT!**

If you don't know...Thrifty's Smile Card is like a pre-purchased gift card. You "load" or "pre-purchase" an amount of money onto this card and when you shop at Thrifty Foods, you use this "loaded card" to pay for your purchases. All money you load onto the card is available to be spent at **ANY** Thrifty Foods store. There is no cost to you for the card and Montgomery Middle will benefit by receiving a full **FIVE PERCENT** of **ALL** the money that is loaded onto these Smile Cards!

*You can re-load your card over & over, and are encouraged to do so, throughout the school year!*

Last year we raised \$1,692.44 with this "behind the scenes" program and we're hoping to reach our \$2,500 limit, this year!

If you still have a Smile Card from our school from last year or previous years, please load it and start using it again - it is still valid. If you have lost your card or are a new family to our school and would like to participate in this awesome fund raising program, please keep reading!

1. To order your Smile Cards just click the link at the bottom titled, "Order Smile Cards Here". You will be directed to an email message where you need to include the following information:
    1. your name;
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2. the number of cards you would like to receive and;
3. your child's name (teacher &/or division if you know it) so we can send the cards home with your child.

**Or;** if you prefer, you can contact the program coordinator by phone or email below, as well.

**\*\*Remember to ask your neighbours, friends and relatives, if they too would like to help generate funds for our school, by having their own Smile Cards. Or; maybe you want to load a card and give it as a gift...*Christmas is coming!***

2. Once you receive your Smile Card, it can be loaded at **ANY** Thrifty Foods store, at the Customer Service counter or through a cashier using your debit card, credit card or cash. If you choose to load your card through a cashier, please note that it will be a separate transaction and **MUST** be done prior to ringing through your groceries.
3. Use your card to pay for your purchases at **ANY** Thrifty Foods store! Keep it safe – it represents CASH and re-load it when it is empty! **ALWAYS ASK FOR YOUR CARD BACK.** Sometimes cashiers will assume you no longer need the card if it is empty. Only cards issued through our school (electronically attached to Montgomery Middle) will benefit our school.

If you should happen to lose your Smile Card once it is loaded, contact Thrifty Foods ASAP so that your lost card can be “frozen”.

Program Coordinator: Dalene Schulz - phone: 604-970-8174 or Email: [dalene-schulz@shaw.ca](mailto:dalene-schulz@shaw.ca)



[ORDER SMILE CARDS HERE!](#)



*Thank you for supporting your children and this great program!*



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