

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Nov. 4 th	Student Parliament Mtg. @ 2:00 in Library Community HUB Programs: Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10 Athletics: 3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice
Tuesday,	Nov. 5 th	Explorations Assembly @ 1:15 – 2:00 in Gym Go Girls Session # 5 with Big Sisters at 3:15 Athletics: 7:30 – 8:30 Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice 3:15 – 4:30 Gr. 8 Boys and Girls Vball Games Community HUB Programs: Fitness Yoga for Young Ladies @ 3:10 -4:10
Wednesday,	Nov. 6 th	Project Based Learning: Team Quadra presents World Religion Fair from 9:00 – 10:30 Clubs: Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 rm. 229 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,	Nov. 7 th	Events: Remembrance Day Assembly @ 1:45 – 2:45 in the Gym Athletics: 3:15 – 4:30 – Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice
Friday,	Nov. 8 th	Coquitlam Board of Education School Closure Day – all Coquitlam Schools are closed
Monday,	Nov. 11 th	Remembrance Day Holiday – schools closed
Next Week: Mon. Nov. 11 th Remembrance Day Holiday – Schools Closed; Tues. Nov. 12 th Explorations Term Two Begins; Fri. Nov. 15 th Team Sicily Admin Assembly@ 1:15 in Gym;		
Two Weeks: Tues. Nov. 19 th @ 12:30 District Student Leadership Council Meeting @ Winslow; Wed. Nov. 20 th November PAC Mtg. @ 7:00 in the Library; Fri. Nov. 22 nd Team Quadra Admin Assembly@ 1:15 in Gym;		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Wonder, Our School Read Aloud.

Classes have been listening to their teacher share the book titled, **Wonder**, by R.J. Palacio over the past two months as a class read aloud. The book has received numerous awards and recognition from literary circles as a book that supports our goal of enhancing the Social Emotional Learning of our students. The character named Auggie, enters school for the first time in Gr. 5 after dealing with a lifetime of surgeries and medical setbacks due to an unusual facial disfiguration that has overtime resulted in a lessening of his overall self-confidence and sense of self-esteem. The book travels through the journey of Auggie going to school, making new acquaintances and being challenged by inquiring stares and abrupt questions that he has avoided for most of his life due to his sheltered protection by his family and close friends. As a reader and listener we get to see what his life is like from his perspective and most importantly we get to see the replay of actions and events from the eyes of the characters who become part of Auggie's supportive world. Through these challenges we are able to share with our students the various thoughts and perspectives that shape and cloud our line of thinking and moral reasoning. The discussions stem from the ideas of precepts, which are statements of truth about really important things. These precepts are shared by one of the books teachers, Mr. Browne, and place for the reader a thought provoking statement to challenge the reader to look beyond their world. For all involved to see that events are and can be understood from multiple perspectives and they are real and true depending upon the view one is happening to see at that moment.

We all know that pre-adolescence are times of developing ones sense of self and for shaping the influential power of one's peers; however, through the dialogue of the book we as a staff at Monty are able to blend the typical dilemmas of middle school; like friendships, bullying, peer power and social acceptance into our daily discussions and into our Community Circle Groups. I encourage you to take some time at a dinner conversation to ask your child about the book **Wonder**, and ask them for their short synopsis about the storyline and their thoughts about some of the key precepts in the book, those being;

**When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind. ---
Dr. Wayne Dyer**

Your deeds are your monuments. --- Egyptian Inscription on a Tomb

Ask them how do these statements apply to their world and can they identify times and events in their life whereby they can share examples of when they chose kindness over being right or actions that define who they are as growing young citizens.

Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

Remembrance Day Assembly – This Thursday Nov. 7th we will be hosting our Remembrance Day Assembly @ approx. 1:45 in our gym. The Exploration teachers and participating students will be presenting their appreciations and acknowledgements for those from generations past and present who have sacrificed their lives and personal gain for the peace of our nation. We invite all parents and family to attend and to join us in paying tribute to our past and present members of the Armed Services in recognition of Remembrance Day.

Explorations Assembly - LIVE ROCK SHOW

On Tuesday Nov 5th at 1:15 pm Montgomery Music Department is presenting a Performance Assembly. The general music classes will all perform the rock/pop songs they have been learning this term. There will be four student bands performing. Your child is in music this term and will be performing. Parents and friends are invited to watch and listen to this exciting concert.

Please come and join us and support your child's music performance. See you then!
Please Note: Performances are a part of student's marks. Attendance is required and only excused if parents contact the school ahead of time.

School Policy Forms - At the beginning of each school year there were a number of necessary forms that we need you to complete. We are pleased to now have these forms online. It is crucial that you complete the required forms for each student. Please go online to www.sd43.bc.ca/montgomery and click on the Parent eForms button and complete the following forms as promptly as possible. We also have printed copies in the office, which can be filled out and returned to us.

School Policies and Permissions Form	Read the various policies and permissions and discuss them with your child. Please complete this form for District Wide Network and Internet Use. If this form is not completed your child cannot do research or have computer use at school.
Emergency Release Form	Complete all areas of this form, print and return to school. The information on the Emergency Release Form is copied and placed in our Administrative Emergency Bag. This information is vital to your child's safety. Please complete.

Athletic Updates – The Volleyball season has come to an end for our Gr. 6 students as well as our Gr. 7 students. Our Gr. 6 team participated in the Annual Coquitlam Volleyball Jamboree at Pinetree Secondary; whereby, our two coaches Mr. Prestia and Ms. Patching helped our players to a very solid record of 4 wins out of 5 games. Beyond the points was the fact that are kids had a great time, showed quality sports attitudes and improved in their overall skill abilities.

Our Gr 7 Girls teams played in their final last Tuesday and Wednesday with the teams doing very well in competition with the other 12 district middle schools. Ms. Redlich had enough girls to field two teams and they represented their school with a ...

Our Gr. 7 Boys team of 14 players won all of their games moving into the championship round where they faced a strong team from Scott Creek Middle and with our boys showing great tenacity and a never give up attitude they placed second in the districts. A proud accomplishment for these dedicated players.

Our Gr. 8 teams continue with their league play with playoff schedules looming at the end of this month.

Me to We – We Scare Hunger – The goal is to reach 1000 items and as of Friday Nov. 1st we have close to 600 non-perishable food stuffs so we still have a long way to go in the next few days. We know that we have groups of kids out campaigning this weekend and so we anticipate a higher number of overall food items. We encourage you to think about donating to the We Scare Hunger campaign by sending a canned or boxed food stuff item with your child to school on Monday or Tuesday. All items will be collected and passed along to our community food banks by the end of day on Tuesday Nov. 5th. Thanks to the Me to We Team for their steadfast commitment and creative energy in trying to foster the importance of the need in helping out in our local communities.

Middle Years Development Instrument – The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that our Gr. 7 students will undertake this November. 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. You have the right to withdraw your child from the research at any time. Two weeks ago 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/>

Coquitlam South Community Hub After School Programs (ASP) –

After School Programs continue with Science Alive on Mondays/ Yoga on Tuesdays and Guitar Lessons on Wednesdays. If you are interested in these opportunities then please contact the following numbers/ email for times and programs that will be starting for our winter session in the coming New Year.

For more information please contact.

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KID'S CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY MARKET 2013

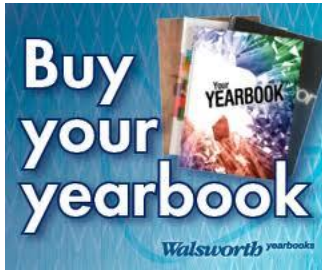
Montgomery Middle will be hosting its 4th annual Christmas Market throughout the day on Friday, November 29th. Students will have an opportunity to shop for unbelievably priced gifts for family and friends and gifts will be wrapped and ready to go under the tree when your child comes home. We all have the opportunity to clear out those things we don't really use any more, re-gift those lovely, but not really you, items you've received over the years and donate those ornaments you no longer have room for on the tree or that wrap, tissue paper and gift bags you're tired of seeing year after year.

The Christmas Market is made possible with 100% donated items and 100% of the money earned goes to support Christmas charities in the community. A great opportunity to make our children aware, that not everyone enjoys a wonderful dinner and gifts under the tree on their Christmas Day.

Full details of the Market will come home in early November but now is a great time to set a box aside and start filling it with items you think someone else could use and love. Cups, mugs, toiletries, books, golf balls, toys, puzzles, games, aprons, ornaments, picture frames, movies, CD's, candles, the possibilities are endless and don't forget the gift bags, wrap and tissue paper.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success from sorting donated items prior to the event, to manning a table or working at the gift wrapping centre. It is an amazing day to watch the faces of your children as they find that perfect gift for you and so heartwarming to know how many people this one day will benefit. Mark your calendar so you can be part of the experience.

Any questions, ideas or suggestions can be sent to Evelyn Chursinoff at mikeeve@shaw.ca or 604-931-9158.



The Yearbook

Monty Yearbook is on sale at a new price that increases as the time gets closer to final sales. The new current **PRICE** is up to **\$45.00 until Dec. 21st!** After this date of Dec. the final price goes to \$50.00. So **ACT NOW** so you can get a **hardcover** yearbook stuffed full of 80+, **full colour** pages of fun Monty memories of you and all your friends.

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**. You can also bring a **cheque or cash for \$45.00*** to the **office**.

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 December 21, yearbooks can be purchased for the **full price** of **\$50.00**.

**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 Nov. 20th @ 7:00

QSP Magazine Fundraiser Information – The package explaining how you can save money on subscriptions and at the same time raise money for our school PAC funds went home last week. There are many incredible deals being presented in the package and they are worthy ideas for upcoming Christmas type gifts that does a double sense of giving a gift of literacy along with supporting our PAC fundraisers. Please review the QS package for timelines and deals. Orders can be done on line with the following code: QSP.ca Group # 3037.

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.



We invite you to make sure that your school remains free from vandalism.

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds, especially after-hours. Signs of trouble include late night trespassers and the gathering of unorganized groups of people.

Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

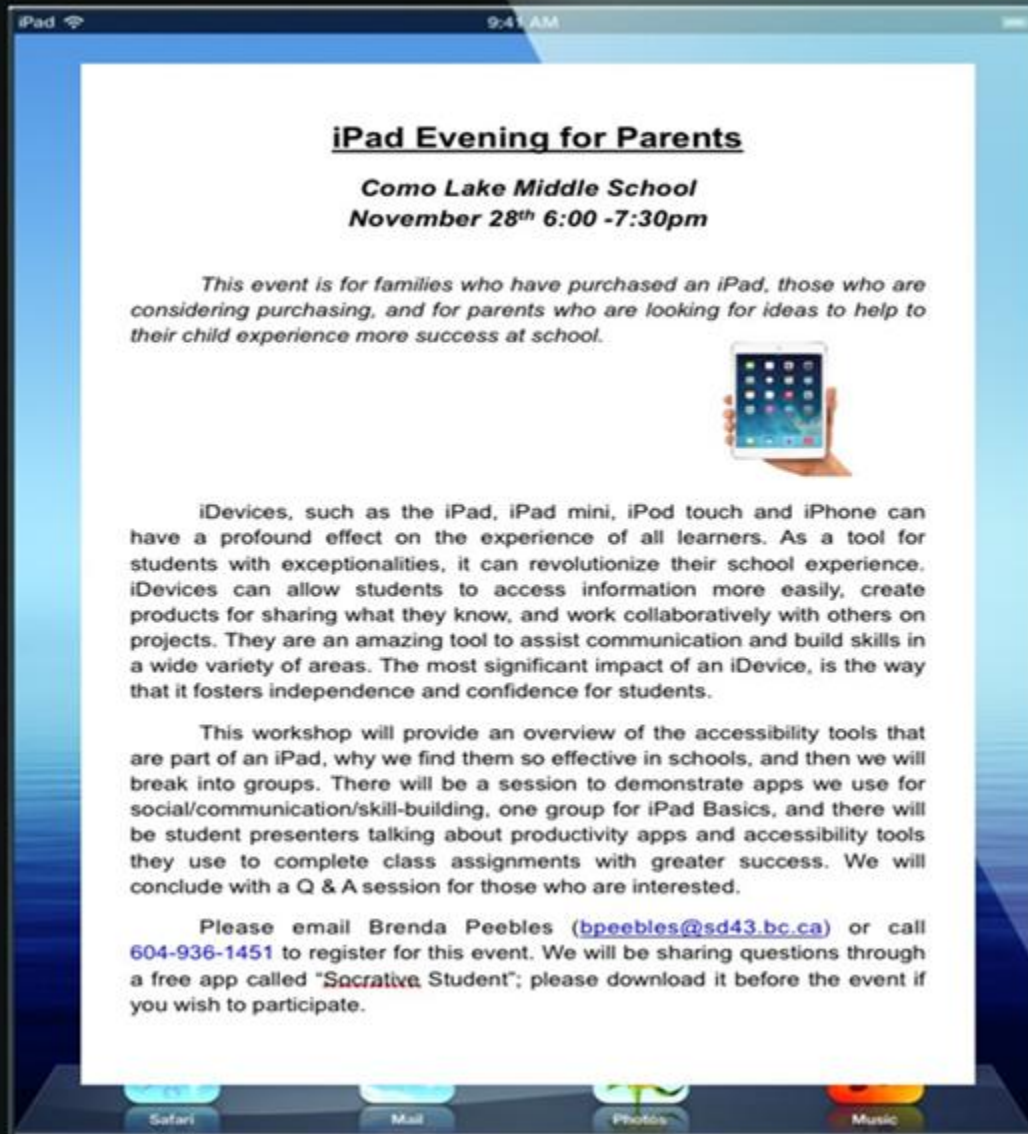
604-927-7600

***Call immediately when something raises your suspicions,
Do not wait for the damage to be done.***

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential.

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.

***KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER
IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.***




The image shows a screenshot of an iPad screen. At the top, the status bar displays "iPad", signal strength, Wi-Fi, and the time "9:41 AM". The main content is a flyer with a white background and a blue border. The flyer title is "iPad Evening for Parents" in bold black text. Below it, the location and date are "Como Lake Middle School" and "November 28th 6:00 -7:30pm". A paragraph of text describes the event's purpose. To the right of the text is a small image of a hand holding an iPad. Another paragraph describes the workshop's content. A final paragraph provides contact information for registration. At the bottom of the iPad screen, four app icons are visible: Safari, Mail, Photos, and Music.

iPad Evening for Parents

Como Lake Middle School
November 28th 6:00 -7:30pm

This event is for families who have purchased an iPad, those who are considering purchasing, and for parents who are looking for ideas to help to their child experience more success at school.



iDevices, such as the iPad, iPad mini, iPod touch and iPhone can have a profound effect on the experience of all learners. As a tool for students with exceptionalities, it can revolutionize their school experience. iDevices can allow students to access information more easily, create products for sharing what they know, and work collaboratively with others on projects. They are an amazing tool to assist communication and build skills in a wide variety of areas. The most significant impact of an iDevice, is the way that it fosters independence and confidence for students.

This workshop will provide an overview of the accessibility tools that are part of an iPad, why we find them so effective in schools, and then we will break into groups. There will be a session to demonstrate apps we use for social/communication/skill-building, one group for iPad Basics, and there will be student presenters talking about productivity apps and accessibility tools they use to complete class assignments with greater success. We will conclude with a Q & A session for those who are interested.

Please email Brenda Peebles (bpeebles@sd43.bc.ca) or call 604-936-1451 to register for this event. We will be sharing questions through a free app called "Socratic Student"; please download it before the event if you wish to participate.

Safari Mail Photos Music



Village of Anmore Coquitlam RCMP
Port Moody Police

To Parents and Guardians of Children and Youth in the Tri Cities,
This letter follows up on a combined commitment from community agencies, municipalities and the School District to keep our children and youth safe in our communities. Kevin Cameron from the Canadian Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response recently spoke to a group of 250 parents in Coquitlam. Kevin reminded us that good parenting, open communication, building loving, trusting relationships with our kids and listening more than talking **will** trump the social media challenges parents often face with their children, every time. Kevin will be returning to the Tri-Cities on the evenings of February 4th and May 15, 2014. Please mark those dates in your calendar and further details will follow at a later date.

Cyberspace Bullying (tips developed from www.prevnet.ca) :

- *The majority of youth who are victimized through electronic bullying do not report this bullying to an adult. Students are more likely to report electronic bullying to parents than teachers, but fear that their online privileges may be revoked as a result.*

We need to make it clear that online and cell phone privileges will not be revoked if electronic bullying is reported, and we need to be sure to ask our kids about their online lives, friend them on their networks and know and use the same technology that they know and use.

- *57% of the youth who are bullied electronically confide in an online friend, but fewer than 9% inform an adult.*

We need to work harder at building trust with our children/youth/students so that they will tell us when they read something online that worries them, and we need to tell them and show them

that we are here to help.

• So, what do you do?


TALK to your kids and tell them you will help , promise not to make matters worse and promise

not to do anything without informing the person disclosing. Adults need to build trusting relationships with their children/youth/students/ and provide them ideas for taking care of themselves online.




Online Resources: www.connectsafely.org/facebook-for-parents/
www.commonsemmedia.org/advice-for-parents

Ministry of Children & Family Development
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Cindi Seddon, Co-Chair and Julie Pearce, Co-Chair
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Thursdays ONLY until December 19 **4:00 - 7:00 PM**
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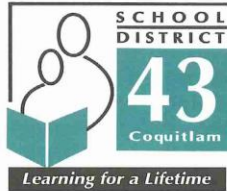
PLEASE BRING:
1 Proof of Canadian Status **2** Photo ID **3** Two proofs of BC residency

MONTGOMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
380 Montgomery Street, Coquitlam
British Columbia, V3K 5G2

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October 24, 2013

Dear Staff,

From October 29, 2013 to November 28, 2013, the Board of Education and the Coquitlam School District is embarking on a community engagement process for the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative.

Over the next decade, we can expect the number of children in our kindergarten to grade 12 education system to increase by approximately 5,000 students, with much of the growth concentrated in areas such as Burke Mountain and Port Moody.

We are planning for that growth now by building new schools and refurbishing and adding to other ones, so we can continue to provide fair, accessible and quality education for all students and a better working environment for our employees. We are also reviewing how we manage our land assets to better support the growing need.

Through the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative, four properties are under consideration to determine if we are making the best use of them or if there are other ways in which we can maximize their value for students today and in the future:

Coronation Park Elementary School – Closed in 2005, this school sits empty, is in very poor condition and is not expected to be needed for educational purposes.

Moody Elementary School – Built in the 1950's for approximately 250 students, this school is in very poor condition and is on a small site. With expected enrolment of close to 450 by 2026, the existing school will not meet the needs of the community.

A portion of Parkland Elementary site – This process is a continuation from last year. The Board has approved the sale of this property; however, the zoning application requires further consultation with the public.

A portion of Victoria Park – The District owns nine lots which adds up to .83 acres. This used to be a school site until 1968. It is currently used as a park and we do not expect to use this site for any future educational purposes.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I invite you to get involved in this dialogue. As employees of the school district, your unique perspectives and ideas will help deepen our collective understanding of the challenges and opportunities. Your advice will help guide the Board's decisions and actions.

I have enclosed the community engagement schedule; you can also go online to www.sd43.bc.ca/landmngmt for more information.

You talk. We'll listen.

Yours truly,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

Melissa Hyndes, Chair
Board of Education

cc: Board of Education

**Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods
Community Engagement Schedule**

Public Open House

Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Moody Middle School Gymnasium
3115 St. Johns Street
Port Moody, BC

Join the Board of Education, school district employees and members of the community at this Open House to learn more about the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative, the community engagement process and an overview of the four properties under consideration.

The input we receive at the Open House will be addressed at each community workshop, where we will discuss each property in detail.

Community Workshop #1: Moody Elementary School

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Moody Elementary School Gymnasium
2717 St. Johns Street
Port Moody, BC

Community Workshop #2: A Portion of Victoria Park Property

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Leigh Elementary School Gymnasium
1230 Soball Road
Coquitlam, BC

Community Workshop #3: Coronation Park Elementary School Property

Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Moody Middle School Gymnasium
3115 St. Johns Street
Port Moody, BC

Community Workshop #4: A Portion of Parkland Elementary School Property

Thursday, November 28, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Parkland Elementary School Gymnasium
1563 Regan Avenue
Coquitlam, BC

Online Questionnaire

October 29, 2013 to December 6, 2013
You can also learn more and provide your input via the online questionnaire.
www.sd43.bc.ca/landmngmt

MUNDY ROAD PUB NIGHT

WHEN
November 18th, 2013
6pm - 1am

WHERE
Mickey's Pub
170 Golden Drive,
Coquitlam, British Columbia V3K 8H1

ADMISSION
ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

PERFORMERS
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Name

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Have indicated \$ _____
Please purchase your tickets by October 20th.
Attendee's Name _____
Attendee's Address _____

Tickets will be sent to my CC card holder's name or the first one we get forward to receive my order!