# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Monday,	Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Holiday – schools closed
Tuesday,	Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Explorations: Term 2 Begins
		Go Girls Session # 6 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
		<b>Community HUB Programs</b> : Fitness Yoga for Young Ladies @ 3:10 -4:10
Wednesday,	Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	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
		Community HUB Programs: Learning Guitar @ 3:10 -4:10
Thursday,	Nov.14 <sup>th</sup>	Visit: Asst. Superintendent Mr. Carey Chute visits our school
		Athletics:
		3:15 – 4:30 – Gr. 8 Boys Vball Practice
Friday,	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Student Parliament Mtg.: @ 9:50 in Band Rm.
		Admin Assembly: Team Sicily @ 1:15
		Athletics: Gr. 7 Girls and Boys Vball Wrap Up Party @ 3:15 –
		4:30
Monday,	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Community HUB Programs: Science Alive @ 3:10 - 4:10
		Athletics:
		3:15 – 4:15 – Gr. 8 Girls Vball Practice

**Next Week**: Tues. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 District Student Leadership Council Meeting @ Winslow; Wed. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> November PAC Mtg. @ 7:00 in the Library; Fri. Nov. 22nd Team Quadra Admin Assembly@ 1:15 in Gym;

**Two Weeks:** Mon. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Team Sicily – Movie Field Trip; Xmas Food and Toy Drive Begins; Collection of donated material for Kids Christmas Market Begins; Thurs. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Team Hokkaido Admin Assembly@ 1:15 in Gym; Fri. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Kids Christmas Market Sale Day in Fitness Rm.

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## McFaul's Chat and Chew: A Gr. 6 View of Monty.

This past week Ms. Holden and I met with all of our Gr. 6 students to discuss with them some of their thoughts on their first two months at Monty now that they are comfortable and experienced in our school. We asked them 3 questions and below is a compilation of their responses:

- 1. What is different at Monty that you like about our school?
  - Cool cafeteria, locks and lockers, change rooms, microwaves
  - More room for students, more freedom, eat lunch anywhere
  - ➤ A Rights Respecting School, the connection with teachers
  - > Lots of clubs, Explorations
  - More computer lab access
  - > Extra-Curricular activities/ Intramurals
  - More than One Teacher
- 2. What is different at Monty that is challenging?
  - Math is harder
  - Water fountains do not work
  - ➤ Bells sound like a fire bell/ Starting school @ 8:40
  - Shots/ immunizations
  - Community Circles
  - > Fitness Friday/ Insanity Fitness
  - Older kids can be intimidating/ disrespectful language from kids
- 3. What are some ways you could see us improving the culture of learning at Monty?
  - > Treat Gr. 6ers equally
  - ➤ Have more team / school wide meetings
  - > Teachers to coordinate their homework assignments
  - Update cafeteria food, not paying for utensils, Smoothies for sale
  - Longer Nut Break
  - More time to change for gym/ Private stalls for getting changed
  - ➤ More digital clocks/ More blinds on windows
  - Start a school Green/ Environmental Club
  - Start a gardening Exploration
  - Carpets in the classrooms, Thicker toilet paper
  - More Band instruments to select from

We listen and we make adjustments were we are able to have impact to enhance the greater good for all as you see they are many great ideas like an Environmental Club and there are ideas like thicker toilet paper that go far beyond our school based control. We thank our Gr. 6's for their insight and their honesty about how to make their new home a better place for all.

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

#### Week in Review -

**Explorations Assembly** – We had Mr. De Vita working at his best when he had 4 Rock Band performances to stage with his Exploration classes. We had every student in the Music Exploration class either playing an instrument or singing to their class voted upon popular song. The gym was rockin' to Katy Perry, Marianas Trench and others as our students put forth their own musical celebration starring themselves to be front and center. Great job Mr. De and we look forward to the next round of student performances in January.

Remembrance Day Assembly – The opportunity to change from a rock and roll revival show to a ceremony of respect and reflection was placed in front of our students and they showed their strength in presenting an assembly of great reverence. We had students sharing poems of Peace and Hope, students singing a song of life during war time and invited guests who spoke about the many heroes Canada has had doing their unheard of contributions around the globe. Naval Office Dunbar brought attention to his connection to the men and women who have gone before him and how they sacrificed much for our freedoms and how we need to hear their simple stories of living and their brave contributions to help others. This assembly was organized by our Exploration Teams and we thank those teachers for their vision and talents in putting this event together with such significance to help our students build connection to the past and to their lives now.

Athletic Updates – Our combined Field Hockey Team called Maillonty – (a combo of Maillard and Monty students) won the district finals for their sport. The Gr 8 Volleyball season continues with practices and their upcoming playoff schedules. Our Gr 7 Boys and Girls Vball teams will have their team celebrations on Friday of this week, so please be on the lookout for an info page asking them for pizza orders and payment as they will have a mini Vball competition to wrap up their year.

School Policy Forms - At the beginning of each school year there were a number of <u>necessary</u> 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 <a href="https://www.sd43.bc.ca/montgomery">www.sd43.bc.ca/montgomery</a> 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.

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

Me to We — We Scare Hunger — The goal of attaining 1000 items was accomplished as the group gathered over 1300 items for donation to the SHARE Food Bank. Thanks to the parents of Ryan Y., Mitchell S. and Gwen G. for helping out with the transportation of these food stuffs and our students to help unload their donated items. Our school community should feel proud of taking the Me to We Challenge and supporting our local food bank. Congrats to all of our student organizers who rallied the school spirit and went out door to door to help extend the goodwill of our school to the neighbouring community. Stay tuned for more local charity supports as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season and future community based events.

Lost and Found Items – We have had and will continue for this coming week to have all of our Lost and Found Items on display in the main office hallway. We have a collection of many jackets runners and other clothing articles that you may want to view. We know that students forget and often times could not identify their main clothing articles so we encourage you to drop on in and do a review of any possible items that may have been misplaced by your child. At the end of the week all clothing articles will be gathered and sent to our local clothing charity at SHARE services.

#### 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

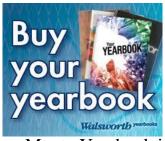
Montgomery Middle will be hosting its 4th annual Christmas Market throughout the day on Friday, November 29th. Students will have an opportunity to shop for unbelievably priced gifts for family and friends and gifts will be wrapped and ready to go under the tree when your child comes home. We all have 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:

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.

**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 <a href="mailto:equereng@hotmail.com">equereng@hotmail.com</a>. Ordered cards will be left at the office for pick-up.

<sup>\*</sup>Please make cheques payable to Monty Middle. Please account for additional features in the total.

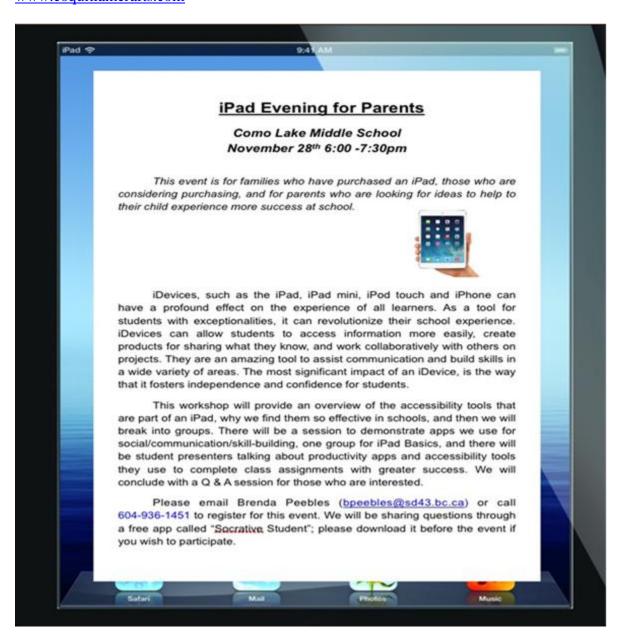
## **Community News**:

Please see the following list of community events.

# 33rd Annual Coquitlam Christmas Craft Fair

Featuring handmade items from 120 BC crafters

Friday, November 29th 5pm-9pm Saturday, November 30th 10am-4pm Sunday, December 1st 11am-4pm 624 Poirier Street, Coquitlam Adult Admission \$2.00 Seniors & Children \$1.00 www.coquitlamcrafts.com



"School District 43 is currently facilitating a community engagement process for the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative.

The number of students enrolling in the school district is growing -- in the next decade there will be 5,000 more students. New schools will need to be built and others refurbished or enhanced to meet growing demand. In addition, building on the work done last year, the board is reviewing district properties to ensure we are getting the best value for students today and in the future. The school district has launched a community engagement process to help identify solutions and inform the board's actions and decisions.

We invite you to visit our Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods section of the District website here."



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

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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.commonsensemedia.org/advice-for-parents

Ministry of Children & Family Development Aboriginal Child & Youth

Cindi Seddon, Co-Chair and Julie Pearce, Co-Chair Safe Schools Task Force School District 43 (Coquitlam)



# **Place Maillardville Programs**

## Adult

# French for Beginners

Location: Meeting room 2 at Place Maillardville

**Thursdays** 

January 9 to March 27 Level 1: 6:35pm to 7:50pm \$126.00 for 12 weeks

Level 2: 8:00pm to 9:15pm \$126.00 for 12 weeks

Learn basic French through practical conversational skills in a fun and relaxed environment. This class is ideal for adults who are new to French language and culture. Because class size is limited

to 8 people to ensure a more intimate and quality experience for all participants, we are offering two Beginner level classes. Apprenez les bases du français et améliorez votre aptitude à le parler en élargissant vos compétences et en travaillant votre accent par la conversation, dans un environnement agréable et détendu. Cette classe est idéale pour les adultes débutants dans la langue et la culture françaises. Les classes sont limitées à 8 personnes pour plus de convivialité et d'intimité et afin d'assurer une qualité d'apprentissage à tous les participants, nous offrons deux classes de ce niveau.

#### French Conversation - Intermediate

Location: Meeting Room 3 at Place Maillardville

Tuesdays

January 7 to March 25 Level 1: 6:35pm to 7:50pm \$126.00 for 12 weeks

Level 2: 8pm to 9:15pm \$126.00 for 12 weeks

Learn the fundamentals of French through everyday expressions and greetings, by practicing your French conversational skills in a fun and relaxed environment. Because class size is limited to 8 people to ensure a more intimate and quality experience for all participants, we are offering two Intermediate-level classes. Please choose the time that is most convenient to you. Apprenez les rudiments du français travers les expressions de tous les jours et les salutations. L'accent est mis sur la conversation (pratique orale du français). Les cours proposent un enseignement du français général écrit et oral dans une ambiance conviviale, agréable et détendue.

### Hatha Yoga

Location: la Salle du Patrimoine/The Heritage Room at Place Maillardville

Tuesdays

January 7 to March 11 10:00am to 11:00am \$60.00 for 10 weeks

Relax and stretch the body while calming the mind and spirit. All levels welcome. Bring a water bottle, a warm blanket and your own mat if you have one. Program ends early to make room for our Spring Break Camps (March 17-28).

## Pawsitive Dog Training

Location: la Salle du Patrimoine/The Heritage Room at Place Maillardville

**Saturdays** Mondays

8:00am to 9:00am 6:30pm to 7:30pm

\$84.80 for 6 sessions

Dog obedience class for all levels. Focus is on teaching the owner how to train their dog to become a well-behaved pet at home and in public. Course objective is to gain and maintain control of the dog. Dogs of any age are accepted. Puppies must have had their second set of shots.

# Yoga After Class @ Alderson

Location: Alderson Elementary School

Wednesdays

January 15 to March 12 3:30pm to 4:30pm

\$31.50 for 9 weeks

Adapted to the SD43 teacher's schedule, but open to all adults 19 years and older. Work on breathing techniques and posture, develop your focus, strength and flexibility. Bring a water bottle, a warm blanket and your own mat if you have one. This program takes place at Alderson Elementary School, 825 Gauthier Avenue, Coquitlam. Program ends early due to school closure (SD43 Spring Break Camps, March 17-28).

## Yoga After Class @ Baker Drive

Location: Baker Drive Elementary School

Wednesdays

January 15 to March 12 3:30pm to 4:30pm \$31.50 for 9 weeks

Adapted to the SD43 teacher's schedule, but open to all adults 19 years and older. Work on breathing techniques and posture, develop your focus, strength and flexibility. Bring a water bottle, a warm blanket and your own mat if you have one. This program takes place Baker Drive Elementary School, 885 Baker Drive, Coquitlam (604) 461.5322. Program ends early due to school closure (SD43 Spring Break Camps, March 17-28).

## Yoga After Class @ Harbour View

Location: Harbour View Elementary School

Fridays

January 17 to March 14 3:30pm to 4:30pm \$28.00 for 8 weeks

Adapted to the SD43 teachers' schedule, but open to all adults 19 years and older. Adapted to the SD43 teacher's schedule, but open to all adults 19 years and older. Work on breathing techniques and posture, develop your focus, strength and flexibility. Bring a water bottle, a warm blanket and your own mat if you have one. This program takes place at Harbour View Elementary, 960 Lillian Street, Coquitlam (604) 936.1494. NO PROGRAM: February 21. Program ends early due to school closure (SD43 Spring Break Camps, March 17-28).

# Children

# Aide aux Devoirs/Healthy Homework Club, 6-12 years

Location: la Salle du Patrimoine/The Heritage Room at Place Maillardville

Mondays & Wednesdays

Winter: January 13 to March 12 (9 weeks / 16 sessions) Spring: April 7 to June 18 (11 weeks / 20 sessions)

3:15pm to 5:15pm Fee: \$5.00 / season

\*\*PENDING FUNDING APPROVAL\*\* Affordable homework help for children 6 to 12 years studying in both English and French ... twice a week! Part of each session will include time for homework, when French and English students will be separated into different groups, physical activity and a healthy snack. Children in Elementary and Middle school will be assisted with their homework by High School aged students. Younger students get the homework help they need, while older students get the volunteer hours they need for graduation. This program is facilitated by a bi-lingual staff member. This staff member will ensure that a portion of each session is dedicated to a physical activity break and healthy snack. This is not a parent-

participation program. Parents are responsible for informing the instructors if special attention is required to specific homework. Program ends early to make room for our Spring Break Camps (March 17-28). NO PROGRAM: February 26, April 21, May 19. **Maximum of 20 participants. This program will only run upon confirmation of funding.** 

### Fun with French, 6-12 yrs

Location: Upper Hall - Back Room at Place Maillardville
Wednesday January 8 to March 14 1:45pm to 3:00pm
Thursdays January 9 to March 15 6:00pm to 7:15pm

\$81.25 for 10 weeks

Play-based learning of French through age-appropriate crafts, games, music and other cooperative activities. Emphasis is on fun, to encourage the participant's desire to learn more about French language and culture. The program is as suitable to someone new to the language as it is to someone fluent in French. Weather and daylight permitting, some activities may take place outdoors. WEDNESDAY CLASS suited to home-schooled student's schedule. L'apprentissage du français ce fait par des jeux adaptés à cette tranche d'âge. Les activités sont variées (bricolage, jeux de société, jeux éducatifs, activités sportives et récréatives ainsi que beaucoup d'autres activités). Tout cela dans un environnement dynamique et enrichissant. Les enfants apprennent le français en s'amusant. Notre priorité est de créer une ambiance plaisante et chaleureuse dans le but d'éveiller la curiosité des participants à l'égard de la langue et de la culture française. Nous vous prions d'apporter votre propre bouteille d'eau, une collation et des chaussures fermées car certaines activités peuvent avoir lieu à l'extérieur.

### Parents' Night Off - Valentine's Special

Location: la Salle du Patrimoine/The Heritage Room at Place Maillardville

Friday, February 14 6:00pm to 10:00pm \$20.00 per child

Ages: At least 3 but less than 10y 11m

\*\*\* **PENDING FUNDING APPROVAL**\*\* Children ages 3 to 10 years enjoy **four** hours of supervised activity and adventure, while parents enjoy their own personal time at the movies (fee includes movie tickets). Children must be toilet trained. Please bring a healthy snack and a water bottle, as well as appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor activity. This is a registered program only; no drop-ins accepted. We require a minimum of 8 registered children to run this program. REFUND POLICY: We require 7 days' notice prior to cancellation.