

# The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Volume # 2 Monday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2014

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Term One Explorations Begins – 8 week cycle School Wide Assembly - @ 1:45
Tuesday,	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday,	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Community Circles Intro Session @ 2:00 Band Registration Evening @ 7:00 in Band Rm
Thursday,	Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Individual Photo Day with Lifetouch Studios @ 9:00 – 12:30
Friday,	Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gr.6 Immunization Day – Mat Rm. Community Circles Session # 1 @ 9:50
Monday,	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Student Government Election Week - Advisory Reps Monty Dog Show Registration Forms - available
<b>Next Week:</b> Thurs. Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> – Band Rental Night @ 6:00 7:30; Fri. Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> Gr. 6 & Admin Assembly		
<b>Two Weeks:</b> Mon. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday; Thurs. Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Monty Dog Show @ 3:30		

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### McFaul's Chat and Chew: Embracing Failure

We have heard the American educational lament from their presidents and educational leaders over the past few years that, "failure is not an option." Our kids have heard this statement also and it has trickled into their psyche; whereby, they believe that failure is not good and that they should not desire to experience failure nor participate in an activity that may result in some level of failure. This kind of thinking is prevalent in some of the simplest daily type of interactions and it can have great impact upon experiential learning. I have shared with students the idea that failure is a normal part of any type of learning and that it is actually the best teacher, as failure will provide feedback as to what is not working. We as educators see students who attempt to apply the same strategy to solving a problem with no change in the details or the variables, time and time again. The challenge may be small in nature; like opening their lock or complex as transitioning through different friendships. Inevitably the student applies the same strategy over and over again with the final product resulting in a closed lock and an under-appreciated relationship. Changing one of the variables in any problem solving allows one to learn through trial and error. Oops... there is that idea again, failure – error or mistake and when some kids hear that refrain they move into protective mode possibly using social shut down or deflecting energy or blame on to other extraneous factors.

Failure is one of the most basic instructional components of life and we need to honour the process of failure, accept it for the inherent value of teaching what to do and eliminating what not to do. We need to encourage kids to try once again to complete their challenge ask them to rethink the parts of their

solutions and to celebrate that every time they refine their ideas they are narrowing the problem to its core components. They are working through failure to discover learning.

This year I hope that you hear the words from our staff and our students that sounds like this, 'My first idea was too vague' or "my initial answer needed to be more specific" and possibly, "I have to come up with another idea." Some simple phrases that help change the mindset that failure is normal and that it is part of everyday learning, for if it were not then our children would still be crawling to school afraid to risk the idea of every walking on two feet in case they might fail by falling or banging into the furniture. We want to help kids deal with their failure, their falling and they must have the right attitude to accept the fall and then to get back up and try again when the problems are more complex like, dividing fractions or writing a topic sentence.

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

**On-Line E Forms** – In order to complete the full registration package for our students we need you to go to our Monty Middle website: [montymiddle@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:montymiddle@sd43.bc.ca) and click on the E-Form Button to access the various forms that are required for all students and families. Your support in this area makes our school run more efficiently and helps with communication. If you do not have access to a computer or internet capabilities you can come to the school and we can set you up or make an appointment at your local library for computer time.

## Music Registration Night!

Do you play an instrument? Do you want to learn to play an instrument?  
Do you like to sing?

Come to the Music registration night!

You may sign up for Beginner Band, Advanced Band or Choir

Do you play Piano? Guitar? Bass? Drums? There may be opportunities for you to play these instruments with the Choir.

Wednesday Oct. 1st at 7 PM in the Music Room

**Gr. 6 Public Health Immunizations** – Forms have been sent home for all of our Gr. 6 students who will be looking to complete their public health immunizations. The forms need to be returned this week in order for our full day of immunizations to occur on Friday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information about the immunization process please contact the Fraser Health District @ 604-777-8730 or [feedback@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:feedback@fraserhealth.ca)

**Athletics** – With the challenging start to the school year our district wide athletic programs have had to make some alterations to their overall schedules. We look forward to offering a full complement of teams in the upcoming seasons. Information about volleyball teams for this fall season will be coming out this week for students to sign up and join in on the practice schedule for their grade level team. Encourage your child to listen

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to the daily announcements and ask amongst their friends as to when meetings and practices will be held in the forthcoming days.

**Monty Dog Show** – Registration forms will be out the week of Oct 6<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 \$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.

**Student Accident Insurance Forms** – These forms are available at the office if you wish to pick one up to provide additional protection and safety for your child while at school. This service is set up with a private insurance company and does not have any direct connection to the school or Coquitlam Board of Education.

**Explorations Begin** – Term One begins today Monday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and all students will have the opportunity for 8 week sessions to work through Home Arts (Clothing/ Foods), Tech Ed (Woodwork and Drafting Design), Art and General Music. These classes are truly hands on and will involve many projects that are related to their particular fields. Please note that Mrs. Tige Rains our Foods teacher wants to inform you that in cooking students may have exposure to different types of foods. She asks that you inform her of any allergies or unique food concerns that your child may have. As an additional safety check for Mrs. Rains she will send out an email to all to ensure that you are aware of the cooking activities and food sources that will be used in this course work.

**PAC News and Events: PAC Grows** - Our First PAC Mtg. was held last Wednesday with a very big WOW factor as we had a very solid turnout of parents new and experienced providing their gift of time and inquiry of mind. We have a new executive with Co-Presidents and other key positions filled, but not all! We need your support and as a parent/guardian this is your chance to have a voice in the guidance of our school. Your support is vital and critical to the well-being of our school and this opportunity will also allow you a closer view of the issues that were recently in discussion with the labour dispute and the future of educational plans for our students and education in our province. Your attendance and commitment is an integral part in the effective running of our schools so talk to a friend and bring them along. A huge thank-you to those folks who came out to support our school and we look forward to working with you throughout this year.

**Emergency Preparation Issue** – Some of you may have heard that our Emergency Preparation Container was once again broken into just before the end of the school year. The dedicated work that was put forth by Ms. Sky Ashmore and her team of support was assaulted with the crime of breaking and entering the bin and theft of \$4000.00 - \$5000.00 worth of safety and survivor goods. Ms. Ashmore worked throughout the year to re-stock and supply the container for our school needs. The PAC worked extra hard to ensure the safety of this valuable bin by moving its position to be more visible and by installing a stand along alarm. The individuals who did this crime are professional and knowledgeable about the use of these bins and only removed the hardware items that have resale value versus the soft items like water, toilet paper and plastic bags. 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.

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Community News:



# Coquitlam West Basketball Club 2014-15

## **“Where Future Centaurs Play”**

Our fall program focuses on the skill development of Gr. 6 through 8 players.  
This year we are very happy to include sessions for Boys and Girls.

Practices will take place at Centennial Secondary School  
On Thursdays 7-8:30 from September to March

**First Practice September 25, 2014 @ 7pm in Blue Gym**

**Cost is only \$100 per player\* for Fall Program**

**Includes CWC gear package (reversible shorts and jersey)**

*\*Returning Players who do not require a uniform are offered a \$25 discount*

*To register for your spot please email [coqwestbball@gmail.com](mailto:coqwestbball@gmail.com)*

Please forward questions to:

Alan Kaselj  
AD & Boys Basketball Coach  
Centennial Secondary School  
[coqwestbball@gmail.com](mailto:coqwestbball@gmail.com)

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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;
  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.**

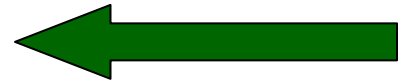
Sometimes cashiers will assume you no longer need the card if it is empty. Only cards issued through our school (electronically attached to Montgomery Middle) will benefit our school.

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!*

