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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

One thing about being in a busy and active school community is that the time flies by! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Winter Break! We seem to have come back running. Most of our grade 4 and 7 students are participating in the Foundational Skill Assessments. As well, our grade 7 students are writing and presenting their speeches as part of the School District Public Speaking Contest. The topic this year is 'What if?' Following the school finals on February 4th, two students will emerge to represent Montecito at the Zone Finals on February 24. I am looking forward to hearing their creative thoughts.

Parents, your input about our school helps us to work with you to create the best Montecito learning community for your children. Please remember to fill in your Parent Satisfaction Survey that the Ministry of Education offers each year. You have already received a letter indicating how you can participate. You have until late April to complete this on-line survey.

Thanks to the, over 400 parents, family, and friends, who attended our wonderful Winter Concert, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, and made donations to help Syrian Refugee students coming to Burnaby. We collected and have sent \$299.45 to the District for this fund.

Our annual School-wide Skate was another success! Thank you to the PAC for funding the bus for this very enjoyable activity. We appreciated all of the parents who joined the students on the ice.

The Seismic Upgrade project is on track. Proposed plans need to be approved by the City Of Burnaby which is hoped to occur by Spring Break. After the plans are approved, meetings will be organized for staff and parents to inform them about the length and possible impacts on the students and adults learning/working in the building during the construction.

Grade 6 and 7 girls' and boys' basketball season has begun. Thanks to Mr. Singer, Mr. Hayes and Ms Cole who are coaching the teams. There have been two league games to date, and our teams have showed developing ball skills, developing teamwork and good sportsmanship.

We look forward to February where we will focus on friendship and families!



Sincerely,
Deb Taylor
Principal

PERMISSION BEFORE POSTING

I want to remind parents that we have some children in our school for which this might not be safe. I recognize that parents who are posting pictures have only the best of intentions, wanting to share students engaged in the many wonderful activities at Montecito. However, I would ask parents to exercise caution when posting pictures by ensuring that if you do post a picture, that you have received permission from every parent of every child in the picture. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue, Mrs. Taylor.



If you have a child born in 2011 STARTING KINDERGARTEN OR going into GRADE 8 in September 2016, please see the next page for important information.

FEBRUARY IS REGISTRATION MONTH

- February is registration month for children born in 2011 for Kindergarten starting in September 2016.
- All forms, procedures and a list of required documents can be downloaded from the Burnaby School District website www.burnabyschools.ca. A list of required documents is included below to assist you.
- For ALL registrations please bring original documents for photocopying. You do not need to make an appointment, but we will only be accepting registrations from 9:30 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. each day.

CROSS DISTRICT, OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND DISTRICT LANGUAGE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS:

- If you do not live in our catchment area and applying to attend Montecito School, you **MUST FIRST REGISTER** at your attendance area (catchment) school. A CROSS-DISTRICT application form must accompany the registration form and MUST be signed by the school principal at your catchment school. The catchment area school will then forward the applicable form(s) to the other appropriate school(s).
- Students living outside of Burnaby can apply to attend a Burnaby school by submitting an OUT-OF-DISTRICT form.
- All CROSS-DISTRICT and OUT-OF-DISTRICT applications submitted on time will be reviewed by the school district and you will be notified of their decision by March 31. Applications submitted within the established timelines (Feb. 2 – 29) are considered first.
- District Language Program Applications -please visit www.burnabyschools.ca for information regarding District Language Program Options - all forms and procedures are available there.

STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE 8

- Current Grade 7 district students will automatically be registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides within Burnaby. Current Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-district or Out-of-district Transfer Application in order to be considered for admission to that secondary school. All forms and procedures can be downloaded from the Burnaby School District website www.burnabyschools.ca.

BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Contact the school that serves the attendance area in which you reside. Students must reside with their parents or legal guardian. Parents or guardians must accompany their child for registration and bring the following original documentation:

1. **Proof of birth date for the student** (birth certificate or passport)
2. **Proof of guardianship** (parents' or guardians' as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order). Note that a notarized custodial guardian appointment is not the same as a guardianship order granted by the courts.
3. **Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student** (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).
4. **Proof of residency of the parent or guardian and student.** This must include TWO items, AT LEAST ONE being from Category A below:
 - i. *Category A:* proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident
 - ii. *Category B:* BC Hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's licence, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards.
5. **Immunization Records**
6. **Care Card/Personal Health Number**
7. A completed ***Burnaby School District Student Information Form:*** (form can be downloaded & completed from the Burnaby School District website www.burnabyschools.ca)
8. A completed ***Burnaby School District Medical Information Form:*** (form can be downloaded & completed from the Burnaby School District website www.burnabyschools.ca) Note: Severe health concerns require additional forms. These can be obtained from the school that you are applying to attend.
9. **Copy of the student's most recent school marks** (including summer school), such as:
 - i. An official copy of marks from the student's Permanent Record Card; or
 - ii. The student's most recent report card; or
 - iii. A transcript of academic record; or
 - iv. A transfer form with marks
10. An **emergency telephone contact number** of a local person who is available during school hours.
11. The **name and telephone number of the family doctor or medical clinic.**

REMINDERS FOR OUR MONTECITO FAMILIES

BELL SCHEDULE

08:55	Warning Bell – Students Enter
09:00	Classes Begin
10:40	Recess
10:55	Classes Resume
12:15	Lunch is eaten in Classrooms
12:35	Bell – Students can go outside
01:03	Classes Resume Students Enter
03:00	Bell to go Home.

ARRIVAL & PICK-UP

There is no supervision on the school grounds before or after school.

- We advise parents and students to time their arrival at school to coincide with the 8:55 a.m. bell as much as possible.
- Parents are asked to pick-up their children as soon after 3:00 p.m. as possible.
- If students are coming by car, they **MUST** be dropped off and picked up on Montecito by the playground and **NOT** the staff parking lot.



PLEASE REMEMBER to call the school (604) 664-8766 when your child is **ABSENT** due to illness, appointments. etc., or if your child will be **LATE** for any reason. Also, please remember to have your child report to the office for a **LATE SLIP** if they arrive after the bell. We do have a 24 hour Voice-mail system where you can leave a message or you can email the office; rae.shuster@sd41.bc.ca.

Please respect the instruction times of students as much as possible and DELIVER LUNCHES, ETC. TO THE OFFICE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND CUTLERY WITH YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHES, we have seen an increase in the number of children asking teachers and staff for spoons & forks!

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:

- Clothing should be appropriate for an elementary school learning environment.
- Runners which mark the floor are **NOT ALLOWED** in the gym.
- As we live in a rainforest, students need to wear rain protective outerwear and foot wear. Unless the weather is severe or dangerous, all children will be expected to spend some time outside for fresh air and exercise. We do send children outside on rainy days when it is not a downpour. If students go out and a downpour begins, 2 bells will ring indicating that students should enter the school and go straight to their classroom. Supervisors will monitor students, both in the main building and the portables.
- We encourage students to have a label in their belongings. Our Lost and Found has many unclaimed items.

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COLDS AND FLU

The best way to prevent the spread of germs is to **WASH YOUR HANDS** and keep germs away!!

The UBC Department of Pharmacy suggests:

The BEST TIME to wash your hands is:

- Before eating or touching food
- After using the bathroom
- After blowing your nose or coughing
- After touching pets or other animals
- After playing outside
- After visiting a sick relative or friend



Teaching Children Problem Solving and Social Skills

A presentation and discussion hosted by **Suzanne Vardy** (District Coordinator of Student Safety and Child Abuse Prevention), **Deb Taylor** (Montecito's Administrator) and **Cathy Pitman** (Montecito's School Counsellor).

Thursday, February 4th, 2016
7-8:30 pm, Montecito School Library

As parents and people who work with children, it can be difficult to navigate your child's relationships with peers. This presentation will aim to cover topics such as:

- What Social and Emotional Learning is all about
- How to help your children with problems involving peers
- How Burnaby schools address peer conflict, mean behaviour and bullying in our schools
- Current research and ways to access further information on these topics

Come to learn more, to add to the presentation, and/or with your questions and concerns!

HEALTHY SCHOOL SUGGESTION

A few parents have suggested: instead of sending candies for children to share during celebrations such as Valentine's Day, that parents might consider non-sweet treats such as erasers, pencils, bookmarks, small balls, bubbles, etc.

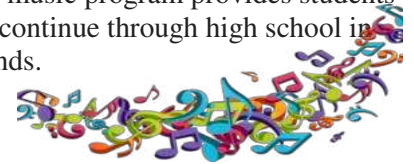
Also you could check out websites such as *Pinterest* for non candy treats.



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON . . .

On the evenings of December 16 at Seaforth Elementary and December 17 at Nelson Elementary, students from all nine of Mr. Denroche's elementary school bands performed for family and friends. At the conclusion of the concerts, many from the audience were heard to say how pleasantly surprised they were at the quality of the playing. Mr. D was also very impressed with both performances where the 80 and 70 students played together so well while producing a beautiful sound with excellent intonation. He is convinced the impressive results achieved in the three months since students started playing their instruments is a testament to the high quality of music education they have received from music specialists throughout their elementary school years. He hopes this will be the beginning of their instrumental experience in Burnaby and that many of his students will be registering for high school band. In addition to all the proven social and intellectual benefits derived from a music education, participating in a high school music program provides students with a unique opportunity to continue through high school in the same class with their friends.

Mr. Denroche –
 Gr. 7 Band Teacher



ME TO WE HOT CHOCOLATE SALE - A HUGE SUCCESS!

Me to We just recently held a hot chocolate sale at lunchtime on January 6th. It was very successful! We raised about \$260.00 for the B.C. Children's Hospital. Thank you for your support, your money has gone to a great cause!! Stay tuned for more information about a Valentine's Day Fundraiser. COMING SOON! Hope to see you all there!

By: Katrina Wong – Div. 2 Student (Mrs. Cook's class)

MONTECITO SCHOOL COMMENTS

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NEWSLETTERS ARE BEING READ AT HOME BY PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

Please fill in the information below and return it to the school and your child(ren) will have a chance to win a prize at our monthly draw. Draw date for this newsletter will be February 10. The prize winner from last month was Ella Balahiho from Div. 10. As always, your comments are welcome.

I have read the newsletter Parent Signature _____

Family Name: _____

1. Child's First Name: _____ Grade: ____ Div. ____

2. Child's First Name: _____ Grade: ____ Div. ____

3. Child's First Name: _____ Grade: ____ Div. ____

Comments on any topic are most welcome:

Spring Break Camps



The City of Burnaby offers a variety of Spring Break Camps that focus on the arts, sports, leadership, and most importantly, being active! Our program leaders are trained and have the experience to create a safe, friendly, and memorable environment.

For more information on the City of Burnaby's Spring Break Camps, visit burnaby.ca/camps



Would you like your child to have more reading practice?

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY Reading Buddies

For children in grades 2, 3 or 4.

Date: Tuesdays, February 2 to March 1

Time: 4:15 – 5:00 pm

Location: McGill Branch, 4595 Albert Street

Registration starts: Monday, January 18

Your child will be paired up for one-on-one reading with an enthusiastic Burnaby teen!

Please register at the Children's Information Desk



Parent Volunteers Needed for Local Action Teams: Child & Youth Mental Health and/or Substance Use

The Force Society is seeking parent volunteers to join a Collaborative Local Action Team in Burnaby. The team will consist of local mental health and substance use professionals (Doctors, Clinicians, Counsellors, Teachers, RCMP, community groups), youth (18 to 25 years) and families who have experience in accessing child and youth mental health and/or substance use services and supports. As a co-member of the team volunteers can contribute their experience and ideas about the people, services and practices that have helped them when accessing services and supports and offer suggestions about the challenges families sometimes face when they need help. This is an opportunity to collaborate WITH Service Providers and work together towards making a difference within the child and youth mental health and substance use community. For more information, please visit: www.forcesociety.com/cymhsu-collaborative or email: christie@forcesociety.com

CAROUSEL
THEATRE
FOR
YOUNG
PEOPLE

Come play with us! Carousel Theatre for Young People on Granville Island provides theatrical adventures for kids, families, and the young-at-heart.

Go, Dog, Go!

ages
3-8



February 27 - March 20



ages
6+

April 16 - May 1

For tickets, performance schedules and more:

604.685.6217 | www.carouseltheatre.ca | info@carouseltheatre.ca

LITTLE THINGS MATTER

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY FOR HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

This presentation is
FREE
but registration is required.

Free child minding will be available next door in the Community Room



Come join Andrea James in this discussion about the importance of play in the lives of our children. Learn how the simple act of playing will help a child academically, socially, physically and emotionally. Take away ideas on how the little things you do with your children can make such a difference in their lives.

- REGISTER:** Register by calling 604-664-8222 or by emailing sue.combes@sd41.bc.ca
- WHERE:** Lochdale Community School Library, 6990 Aubrey Street, Burnaby
- WHEN:** Saturday January 30, 2016 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Andrea James brings with her over 28 year of experience teaching children, youth and adults. She currently works for Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society a non-profit organization that works to enhance reciprocal social interaction, communication, imaginative play, and friendships between individuals on the autism spectrum and their typically developing peers. Andrea has recently completed her Masters of Arts in Early Childhood Education at the University of British Columbia with her research focused on how child care providers can support the success of all children in child care programs through the use of the Teaching Pyramid.





UPCOMING PAC DATES:

- Friday, January 29: \$1 POPCORN/CHIPS DAY! Bring your loonie to the outside gym door.
- Friday, February 5th: White Spot Hot Lunch Day.
- Wednesday, February 10th: \$2 CUPCAKES! Bring your toonie to the outside gym door.
- Friday, February 18th: Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Day.
- Friday, March 4th: Fresh Slice Pizza Day.
- Order your Hot Lunch here: <https://secure.munchalunch.com/apps/munch/login.asp>

PAC MEETINGS: Held at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month: next meeting is Thursday, February 11th. Babysitting is provided. Do you prefer meeting after-school? Can you attend if we start at 6:30? Email pacmontecito@gmail.com – we want to hear from you!

GRADE 7 FIELD TRIP: This year the grade 7 students are going to Timberline Ranch for a 3-day experience. The PAC is covering 1/3 of the cost of this field trip. If you feel that PAC should be giving some support for all fieldtrips, please email pacmontecito@gmail.com

SANTA BREAKFAST – BRAVO!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the pancake breakfast on Dec. 18 and to the grade 7 students who helped with set up. With your help we were able to make this a fun, smooth and delicious event with strawberries and whipped cream.

A big thank you to our sponsors for their generous donations: Real Canadian Superstore - Metrotown; Save-On Foods - Madison Centre; Super Valu - Greystone; Starbucks-Holdom; Safeway - Kensington Plaza; Costco - Willingdon; Al Fitterer; Fitterer Electric, & the Ceralvo family. Please visit and thank these community businesses and people.

Kudos to the breakfast planning team - Carine Choo, Connie Hosie, Lemai Ohtsji, Rosanne Horychun, Susan Scott and Teresa Lee - for their time and efforts. In addition, a big hand to Traci Rego and Kristi Turner for organizing the Santa photos. Way to go team!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We have a number of events and activities lined up for the remainder of the year. Check out our Volunteer Spot at <http://vols.pt/5tKbsg> to find out all the volunteer opportunities available through Montecito PAC. Volunteer positions include:

- Traffic/crossing safety
- Sports Day Concession
- Teacher Appreciation lunch
- Montecito PAC Constitution
- PAC fundraising policies

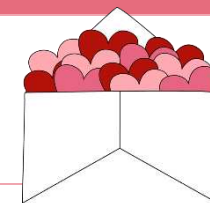
Check out Volunteer Spot to find out how you can help or email pacvolunteer.montecito@gmail.com



A Great Big Thank you to all the Santa Breakfast Volunteers!

Please check the school website
<http://montecito.sd41.bc.ca/> (Scroll down to UPCOMING
 EVENTS) for the most up to date information.

February 2016



Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 Ski Program #1 	2 Boys' Basketball Game @ Montecito - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls' Basketball Game @ Montecito - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Parenting Night - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (see insert) 	5 <i>Munch-a-Lunch</i> today
8 Family Day (B.C.) - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	9 Boys' Basketball Game @ home - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	10 <i>PAC Cupcake Day @ lunchtime</i> 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Div. 3 & 4 to Britannia Mines - 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball Game @ home - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. PAC Meeting - 7:00 - 8:30 pm 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Valentine's Day Activities t.b.a. Gr. 6/7 Dance p.m. 
15 Ski Program #2 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit & Veggies served today (Apples) Celebration of Learning Assembly - 9:45 a.m. Boys' Basketball Game @ Lochdale - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. 	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Day - <i>Wear your Rainbow colours today!</i> Munch-A-Lunch today Girls' Basketball Game @ Lochdale - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. 	19 Non-Instructional Day - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
22 Ski Program #3 	23 Boys' Basketball Recreational Playday - location & time tba	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 7 Speaking Contest Zone Finals 	25 Girls' Basketball Recreational Playday - location & time TBA	26 Young People's Concert # 3 - Bus pick-up 9:00 a.m.
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Program begins today Ski Program # 4  				