



Montroyal Elementary School

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A Message From The Principal

"Leadership is not the private reserve of a few charismatic men and women. It is a process ordinary people use when they are bringing forth the best from themselves and others."

Author unknown

Leaders and Leadership is the theme for our second term of Global Learner Workshops. Student Council led an assembly on leadership last week and interviewed students to get their thoughts on what makes a good leader.

Leadership comes from integrity - that you do whatever you ask others to do. There are many non-obvious ways to lead. Just providing a good example as a parent, a friend, or a neighbor makes it possible for other people to see better ways to do things. Leadership does not need to be a dramatic, fist in the air and trumpets blaring, activity. It is important for our children to understand that each and every one of them can be a leader.

In his book, "On Becoming a Leader", Warren Bennis says, "Leaders are people who are able to express themselves fully...they know who they are, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and how to fully deploy their strengths and compensate for their weaknesses. They also know what they want, why they want it, and how to communicate what they want from others, in order to gain compensation and support. Finally, they know how to achieve their goals. The key to full self-expression is understanding one's self and the world, and the key to understanding is learning - from one's own life and experience."

Mrs. K. Harrop



MONTROYAL CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Montroyal School Community, students, staff and parents, are expected to demonstrate:

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
SAFETY

Mark Your Calendars

- Fri. Jan. 20** - Project Love Money due
- Tues. Jan. 24** - Art Mania 12:00 p.m.
 - Student Council Meeting
- Thurs. Jan. 26** - Hot Dog Day
- Fri. Jan. 27** - School Spirit Day
 - (PJ & Stuffy & Literacy Day)
 - Nearly Neil Parent Social
- Mon. Jan. 30** - FSAs begin Gr. 4 & 7
 - Primary Gym Sense begins
- Thurs. Feb. 2** - Sushi & Wraps Lunch
- Thurs. Feb. 9** - Pizza Lunch
 - MPAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. Feb. 14** - Project Love Kits Assembled
- Thurs. Feb. 16** - Newsletter
 - Pasta Lunch
- Thurs. Feb. 23** - Hot Dog Day
- Fri. Feb. 24** - Pro Day (No students in attendance.)
- Tues. Feb. 28** - Student Council Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 29** - **Pink Shirt Day (more to follow)**

Photos

Please take a few minutes to check out our photos on the school website. Mrs. Smith adds photos regularly after our events so check it out from time to time.

FSAs

FSA Schedules for Gr. 4 and 7 students are posted on the school web-site.



Think globally, act locally, make a difference. That's the idea behind Project Love.

Again this year, our school has chosen to support students in Africa through Project Love. Project Love is a Global Education Project supported by the Canadian Organization for Development through Education (CODE). Students at Montroyal will prepare "Learning Kits" to be sent to school children in rural Ethiopia. Each kit contains basic school supplies for a child in Ethiopia. We want the students at Montroyal to raise the \$3 required to purchase the materials to make each of their kits so that they feel the pride and sense of knowing that each person can make a difference. Money is due on Fri. Jan. 20th. On Feb. 14th those students who have contributed will be making their kit to send to Ethiopia.

Thanks for your ongoing support in teach our students to be global citizens.

Student Council News

Hi,

My name is Nicholas and I'm one of the co-presidents of the Montroyal Student Council. It is great to be on the student council because I have the opportunity to work with students throughout the school community and develop skills such as leadership, communication, public speaking and planning. I believe that leadership is an important skill needed to set an example for others to help make the school a better place. I've enjoyed being a leader in this school.

Hi,

My name is Karina and I'm the other co-president of the Student Council. It's great to express my opinions and views and share them with other members of the student council to benefit Montroyal. This term our school focus is on leadership. Examples of leadership to me are when someone is confident, loyal and enthusiastic about many different aspects of life.

Badminton/Gym Sense

During our first week back the Gr. 4 - 7 students had a Tennis Program delivered to them through Yalowicas Tennis Academy. Students had multiple opportunities to learn and play. At the end of January, Primary students will be learning and practicing gymnastics through Gymsense. These are both great opportunities for our students and we would like to thank the Montroyal Parent Advisory Committee for their generous support of these programs.

Walking Wednesdays!

Get That Coveted Golden Sneaker Award for Your Class!!!!

Help your class get the Golden Sneaker by walking to school every Wednesday. If you live further away and need to drive, stop a block or two away and walk the rest of the way. It's the idea that you are walking that matters, not how far you walk. Don't forget...the longest journey begins with a single step.



Dress for the Weather



Just a reminder to make sure that your child is prepared for outside play at recess and lunch. Most days students will be going outside at recess and lunch. Remember, it's the layering that keeps us warm. A warm, waterproof jacket (preferably with a hood), a sweater or fleece, boots, gloves or mittens and even an umbrella go a long way to your child being comfortable both on the playground and in the classroom. (Maybe even a change of clothes at school.)



Volleyball

We are just getting organized for our Volleyball season. Teams are being formed based on the availability of coaches and the interests of the Gr. 6 and 7 students. The season starts soon so... Check our school web-site for more information on Volleyball as teams are formed and schedules are created.

Global Learner Workshops

We will be starting our second series of Global Learner Workshops in February. These workshops are part of Montroyal's Global Learning Program. The staff at Montroyal believes that the arts add quality to life and help us to understand our own culture and the cultures of other people and countries. The arts offer students the opportunity to learn about the thoughts, feelings and ideas of themselves and others. Students work in multi-age groups both at the Primary and Intermediate level. Through these workshops, students develop communication and collaboration skills while exploring a variety of arts media such as dance, painting, photography, etching, drawing, ceramics and more... The Global Learner Workshops have a common theme each term and are an opportunity for students to work with students from a variety of age groups and classes on a particular project or projects. In first term, the Global Learner Workshops were tied to the theme "Children of the World". This term's Global Learner Workshops will relate to the theme "Leaders and Leadership".



Literacy Day



Family Literacy Day® is an annual initiative that takes place on January 27 to encourage families to learn together all year round. The theme this year is, "Take the Learning Journey!" Learning happens everywhere, and it's easy to embrace it and make learning part of your daily life. The benefits of dedicating a set time together on a daily basis are far-reaching and beneficial for everyone. Whether you are reading and writing, playing and exercising, or simply talking about your day, everyone in the family benefits from the time spent together. Increased literacy levels among parents mean more reading and literacy-building activities in the home, preparing their children for success in school and encouraging a lifelong love of reading and learning.

There are so many activities you can do to practice your literacy skills, such as following a recipe, reading a road map or playing a board game. Playing games creates a strong family bond, promotes language comprehension and improves reading skills. You can pull out a favourite game or go to <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/fld/find-time-play-family-literacy-day> for some ideas. We are celebrating Literacy Day at Montroyal with s Student Council sponsored Spirit Day - PJ & Stuffy and Literacy Day.

StrongStart

StrongStart BC early learning programs provide school-based early learning services for adults and their young children, aged birth to five, at no cost to families. Both children and adults can benefit from StrongStart BC early learning programs - children have access to high-quality learning environments and benefit from social interactions while the adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning, both at the program and at home.

Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities, including stories, music and art to help children get ready for success in kindergarten.

Parents and caregivers attending StrongStart BC programs can expect to participate in organized sessions like story time, in play activities, and in serving a healthy snack.

Parents and caregivers discover new ways to support their children's learning at home, and may make valuable connections with others attending the program.

Strong Start is a busy spot at Montroyal. We are full to capacity almost every day. Our facilitator, Lynn Fitzgerald is doing a terrific job of hosting and interacting with our Strong Start participants.

Winter Weather Still Around

Winter is not over yet. Just a reminder about the procedure for North Vancouver School District.

All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced via radio and television:

- CKNW AM 980 Radio
- News AM 1130
- CHMJ AM 730
- CBC AM 690
- Fairchild AM 1470
- CHQM FM 103.5
- CBC Television
- BCTV
- City TV
- CTV BC

Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be announced as early as possible in the same manner. No announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only closures will be announced.

Please take some time now to review your own preparations for winter weather!

[Environment Canada's Weather Forecast for Vancouver](#)

City of North Vancouver - [Snow preparedness and Clearing](#)

District of North Vancouver - [Snow and Ice Removal](#)

District of North Vancouver GEOweb Maps - [Snow Removal Priorities Map](#)

We are continuing to build the capacity to contact parents and staff more directly through our automated "School Connects" communication system. This allows for the efficient distribution of phone and e-mail messages in a timely manner. We plan on continuing to employ this system as needed to provide parents and staff with important information in a timely manner.

