

Montroyal Elementary School

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A Message From The Principal

" I have always thought of Christmas as a good time, a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time: a time when men and women seem to open their hearts freely, and so I say God bless Christmas."

Charles Dickens

This is what we would want for everyone in this holiday season. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Ramadan or some other holiday at this time of year or at some other time of year, the important thing is that we remember to be generous, forgiving and kind. Remember that even though your holiday celebration may be different than your friend or neighbour and it may even be different than those of the past in your own family it can be just as wonderful. Sometimes we have little control over the changes that take place in our lives but what we do control is how we deal with the changes. Attitudes are contagious so make sure yours is worth catching. The holiday season is really about being with family and friends and remembering those who are unable to be with us for a variety of reasons. Remember that you are creating memories for yourself and your children.

As always, at this time I reflect on my time at Montroyal and know how fortunate I am to work with such a fabulous group of students, teachers and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your patience throughout this unusual first term of school. Thank you for all of the things, big and small, that each of you do to make Montroyal a school of which we can all be proud. My wish for all of you is that you find the warmth and joy of the season and have some time to just appreciate the little things in life that we sometimes miss in the hustle bustle of our busy lives.

Oren Arnold suggests the following list of Christmas gifts:

"To your enemy forgiveness,
To an opponent, tolerance,
To a friend, your heart,
To a customer, service,
To all charity and good will,
To every child, a good example,
To yourself, respect."

Mrs. K. Harrop

**Have a safe, restful and
happy holiday and we will
see you in 2012!**



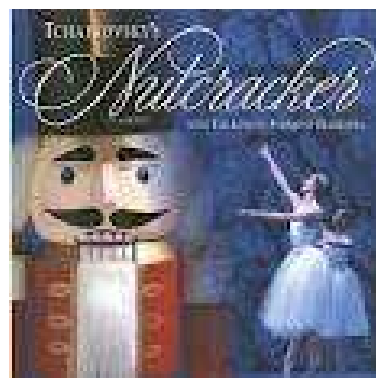
MONTROYAL CODE OF CONDUCT

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

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
SAFETY

Mark Your Calendars

- Tues. Jan. 3** - 1st day of school for Term 2
-Intermediate Tennis begins (MPAC Sponsored)
- Thurs. Jan. 5** - Sushi & Wraps Lunch
- Mon. Jan. 9** - Gr. 6s to Outdoor School
- Thurs. Jan. 12** - Pizza Lunch
- Student-Led Assembly
- Mon. Jan. 16** - Curriculum Implementation Day
-No School for Students
- Thurs. Jan. 19** - Newsletter
- Pasta Lunch
- Mon. Jan. 23** - Project Love Collection begins
- Tues. Jan. 24** - Student Council Meeting
- Thurs. Jan. 26** - Hot Dog Day



Photos

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



Walking Wednesdays!

Be Green and Keep It Clean!

Help your class win the coveted Golden Sneaker for a week 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. Every step counts. Don't forget...the longest journey begins with a single step.



Another Roaring Success The Nutcracker

Another fabulous Montroyal Production.
Great Show! Great Audience!
Cudos to Mrs. Hill!
for her creativity, her passion and her stamina.

Thanks to the students for a wonderful performance.

Thanks to all of those parents who put in countless hours in painting and staging and set-up and so much more. Truly, the show could not have gone on without your support.

Thank you one and all!

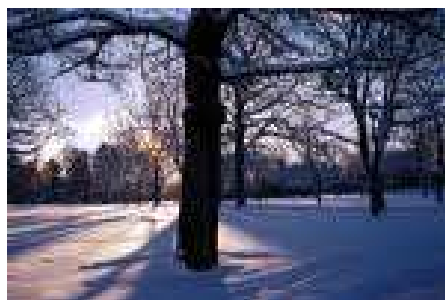
******Don't forget to check the photos on Montroyal's website. If you have photos to share, please send them along.**

Winter Weather Ahead?!

With snow now making its way into the weather forecast in the coming days, it is timely to provide a reminder to parents and staff of communication procedures related to potential school closures.

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.

Stories by Division 9

In the Snow by Alexandra

In the snow, I play all day. In the snow, we have fun times. In the snow, we build snowmen. In the snow, we have lots of fun. In the snow, the bugs have fun.

Soon the snow is going to melt. What will they do? The bugs have an idea. They took the snow into their houses, but that didn't work.

So, they decided to move to the North Pole so they could play in the snow.

This is dedicated to my Dziadzia and my Babcia because they love me and I love them.

Snowy the Snowman - Written and Illustrated by Jaeden

One day on Christmas Eve, there was a snowman named Snowy. One day Snowy came alive. When the children, John and Jack, came out of the house Snowy said, "Hi!" Jack was surprised, so was John. After a while Jack and John got used to Snowy being alive. Then one sunny day Snowy started to melt. The children were worried. They asked their mom if they could go to the North Pole. Their mom said that she would buy them train tickets. Then Snowy lost his ticket. The family looked and looked but they could not find it. They found Santa and he said he would help and they found the ticket. They ran to the train. They gave the conductor the tickets and they were off to the North Pole. When they were there Santa found a good spot for Snowy and Snowy and Santa were best friends. Then every once in a while Jack and John would visit.

Then Santa had a problem. One of the reindeer got hurt. Snowy decided to help. He tried and tried, then finally he was good enough to fly. He was hooked up to the sleigh. He went up into the sky. It was nice up there. They delivered presents from house to house. Then when he came to his house, he stopped and looked. He decided to leave a note for his friends.

The note said,

"Dear John and Jack,

I was pulling Santa's sleigh last night. It was fun. Here's John's present and Jack's present.

From Snowy"



Poems by Div. 8

Snow

Snowflakes float in the air
And they land with care

Snow lies still on the ground
It doesn't snow all year round

Snow is very fun
It melts in the sun

Snow turns to ice
During cold winter nights

White, delicate, joyful
Tiny and cold, snow

By Ben

SNOW

Frozen, fluffy,
Still, swirling,
swooping
White, whirling,
wonderful
Our tiny friend
SNOW

By Nicole

Christmas

Cookies and milk for Santa Claus
Happiness is everywhere
Reindeer hooves on the roof
Inside the house, everyone is
sleeping
Stockings are hung over the
fireplace
Time For presents!
More and more snow
Asleep while Santa comes
Santa Lives in the North Pole

By Johann

