

Montroyal Elementary School

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A Message From The Principal

"Education takes place in the combination of the home, the community, the school, and the receptive mind."
Harry Edwards

We all have a part to play in your child's education. Research continues to reinforce that a positive relationship between the home and the school improves student performance. As parents, you play a crucial role in laying the foundation of your child's learning long before they come to school. If your child sees that going to school, being on time, treating others with respect and completing homework is important to you, it will become important to him or her.

Talk to your child about what he or she is learning. This tells your child that you value what they do at school. This also gives you an opportunity to ask questions and understand what he/she is learning. Read to your child, read with them and read near them. Help your child to see real-life connections to math. Reinforce the positive qualities that we are teaching your child, through the Virtues Program, in life outside of school.

Many of you had an opportunity last month to see some of the work that your child is doing this year. This open house provided you with a chance to praise your child for his or her successes and talk with him or her about areas where he or she might need support. You may have used the Open House as a chance to allow your child to take responsibility and plan (with your support) what he or she would do in the remainder of the term to continue to be successful and/or to improve their academic or social progress. The communication between home and school may have taken a different turn this year but it continues to be important. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Thank you once again for your support, cooperation and trust.

Mrs. K. Harrop



"Perhaps I possess the kind of wisdom that only comes with age."

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. Nov. 22

-Student Council Meeting

Thurs. Nov. 24 -Hot Dog Day

Fri. Nov. 25 -Reports Home

(Teacher & Attendance only)

-School Spirit Day = Tie & Crazy

Hair Day

Tues. Nov. 29

-Band & Strings Concert

Wed. Nov. 30

-Bagel Sale (Student Council)

Thurs. Dec. 1 - Sushi & Wraps Lunch

-MPAC Meeting

Tues. Dec. 6 -Winter Concert

(1:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.)

Thurs. Dec. 8 -Pizza Lunch

-Christmas Concert (1:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.)

Fri. Dec. 9 - Christmas Market

Thurs. Dec. 15 - Pasta Lunch

-Next Montroyal Newsletter

Fri. Dec. 17 - Dickens' Day

Global Learner Display

What: Exhibition of our Fine Arts of Children of the World Theme.

When: At your Convenience

Where: Montroyal Elementary (Halls and Displays)

Who: Montroyal Families and Friends

Christmas Market

You are invited to the annual Christmas Market at Montroyal on Friday December 9th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. We'll have: Crafts - Ornaments - Toys - Used Books - Poinsettias & Wreaths - Delicious Treats... and much more! **Admission is free.**

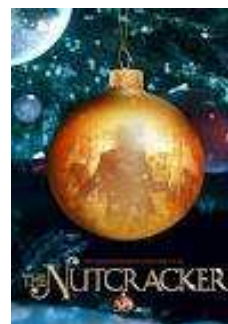
Rent a Table: \$20

email: info@MontroyalPac.com

The Nutcracker

You are invited to attend
Montroyal's Winter Concert

Performance of



Tuesday, December 6th

1:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Performers: Cast A from Divisions 5
(Harris/MacNeil)

Divisions 7, 9 and 12

(McCleary, Johal/Kurtenacker, Balen)

Thursday, December 8th

1:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Performers: Cast B from Divisions 6
(Perry)

Divisions 8, 10 and 11

(Mulder/Saltzberg, Wood, Scott)

**Donations will be gratefully
accepted at the door.**

**In the Spirit of Giving:
School Supplies Donation
June 2011**



As we approach the season of giving, we would like to take this opportunity to again thank all the families that participated in the used school supplies donation program in 2011. Last June, Montroyal students donated many large boxes of used school supplies to the North Shore Neighbourhood House for reuse in their summer and preschool programs. North Shore Neighbourhood house was thrilled to receive our donation for a third year, as it greatly helps them run their programs for local children. Many thanks to the parents and students who helped collect and sort the supplies.

**Walking Wednesdays !
Be Green and Keep It Clean!**



HEY KIDS!

Don't forget to get register (and get your hand stamped) if you walk to school Wednesday. Your class could be the keeper of the coveted gold sneaker. If you live further away and need to be driven, 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.

Numeracy Websites from Achieve BC

There are many websites for mathematics games. The following websites can help children develop mathematical understanding.

www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/LearnPtnrs/math.html

This website is called "Learning Partners - Let's Do Math" and is full of games and activities to do at home within everyday activities.

www.kidsdomain.com/games/math2.html

Contains about 20 games for young children focusing mainly on counting and numeral recognition. Also has a section for older children.

www.eduplace.com/math/brain

This website introduces a new problem-solving brainteaser every Wednesday. Begins at a Grade 3 level and is suitable for any primary children who are ready for challenging problems.

www.Mathstories.com

An excellent source with a wealth of story problems for grades 1-5. NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Math) and CGI (Cognitively Guided Instruction) approved website. There is a registration fee to use this website.

www.mathbrain.com

Includes games such as Math Baseball. This site allows you to select a game by age level.

Note: Math games on the computer are most successful when played with a parent present to talk about concepts and verbalize thinking.

Remembrance Day Poems Division 7

Peace Is...

- Sitting at my couch at my cabin reading.
- Lying in front of the fire with my dogs Copper and Pip.
- Reading with my mom and dad in bed.
- Looking into the stars in a sleeping bag.
- Eating dinner quietly with my family sharing what we did during the day.
- Looking at my fish in the gurgling fish tank.
- Giving a donation of money to people in Africa and other countries.



By Hamish

Peace Is...

- On my Dad's brother's motor boat catching a fish, watching a whale out in the ocean.
- Watching the sunset going down into the ocean.
- In my bedroom doing lots and lots of projects by myself.
- Helping my Mom and Dad cook breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Watching tennis on my T.V.
- Hugging my Mom and Dad in my bedroom going to sleep.



By: Jack C.

Peace Is...

- Being with your family and friends at the beach in the summer.
- Making new friends.
- Sitting next to the fireplace on a snowy day.
- A beautiful garden with butterflies and bees.
- Playing with friends.
- Riding my snowboard.
- Dreaming.
- Riding my skateboard.
- Birds singing.
- Listening to the rain drop to the floor.
- Listening to soft peaceful music.
- Making snowmen.
- Watching the snowflakes fall to the ground.
- Reading a book with my Mom.



By: Hamed

Dickens Day

Dickens Day, a long-standing Grade Seven tradition at Montroyal, will be held on Friday, December 16th. This is the culmination of a Victorian literature study Mr. Hayes does with the Grade Sevens each year. During this unit, the students do research on English society in the mid 1800s. They learn about food, manners, education, industry, buildings, societal hierarchy and the Victorian notion of childhood. Having done this, they then develop the character of a Victorian child by writing a diary in the first person narrative. The students can be a crossing sweeper, a match seller, a pickpocket, a chimney sweep, a "mudlark", a torch runner or an aristocratic child. For the festivities, the students are encouraged to come dressed as the character they write about in their 1840s diary. Dickens Day includes Victorian parlour games and a Yuletide feast, for which students must sing if they're to get their supper! This event is always a happy note on which to end the term. Many thanks to the Grade Seven parents, without whose help this celebration would not be possible.



Student Council News

Thanks to this year's Student Council for their leadership in raising school spirit with fun events every month and in charity initiatives through fund raising activities. The first charity event will be a Student/Staff basketball games on Nov. 22nd and 23rd. Game starts at 12:30. Bring a non-perishable food item for priority seating.

Please check the school website for the list of school spirit days for this year. Nov. 25th Tie and Crazy Hair Day.

Art Workshops

Thanks to the staff for giving Montroyal students such a wide array of Fine Arts opportunities. The amount of preparation that teachers put into these workshops is greatly appreciated. Students were able to work with other children from different classes and from different age groups. Much like the rest of the things that happen at schools, it is often the process that is more important than the final product. That having been said there is certainly some fantastic finished projects to be seen. Please set time aside to come to the school and to let your child share what they have done.



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.