



Montroyal Elementary School

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A Message From The Principal

"Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can - there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did."

Sarah Caldwell

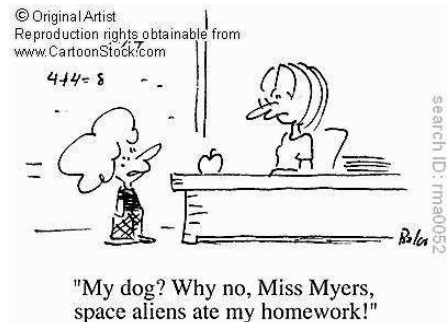
As we begin another school year, we all have an opportunity to learn something new. We have a wide array of things that we can learn and people from whom we can learn. We have had a great start here at Montroyal thanks to parents, staff and students. We have 39 kindergarten students enrolled and 255 students in Grades 1 to 7. We welcome all of our new students and their families to the Montroyal School community. Students and teachers alike are showing that natural "desire to learn." Classroom expectations and routines are being established and everyone is hard at work.

We continue to encourage open and positive communication between the home and the school. We know that children's needs are best met through cooperation and team work. We value your partnership in your child's education. Fred Rogers said, "Parents are like shuttles on a loom. They join the threads of the past with threads of the future and leave their own bright patterns as they go." You join the past threads of your child's education to their current class and teacher. We are partners in sharing that responsibility of educating your child. To fulfill our shared responsibility we must make sure that each of us is listening to and valuing what the other person has to say from their unique point of view.

By now most students will have some "homework". Homework is often discussed in the media at this time of year with some groups all for homework and of course an equal and opposite group denigrating the value of homework. Homework provides students with an opportunity to practice and extend their learning outside the classroom. The nature and scope of the homework will vary from grade to grade. You can help your child to make "homework" a part of his or her daily routine by trying to set aside a consistent setting, schedule and time limit for completion of work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Harrop



Professional Day - Friday, September 30th
No students in attendance.
Early Dismissal (1:45 p.m.) - Tuesday, October 4th



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs. Sept. 22, 23 & 24

Family Photos

Fri. Sept. 23 Terry Fox Run

Tues. Sept. 27

Art Mania 12:00 - 12:50 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Wed. Sept. 28 Global Learner

Workshop Introduction in the Gym

Thurs. Sept. 28 School Spirit Day

Head Accessory Day - Hats, Touques, Headbands, Tiaras....

Fri. Sept. 30 Montroyal Pro Day

No students in attendance.

Tues. Oct. 4 Art Mania

Lock Down Drill (1:00 p.m.)

Early Dismissal (1:45 p.m.) for Child Abuse Prevention Protocols Training for Staff

Wed. Oct. 5 Global Learner Workshop 1.1

Thurs. Oct. 6 Sushi and Wraps Lunch Day

MPAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 7 Harvest Lunch

(more info to follow)

Mon. Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day - Schools are Closed

Tues. Oct. 11 Art Mania

Wed. Oct. 12 Global Learner Workshop 1.2

Thurs. Oct. 13 Pizza Lunch

Thurs. Oct. 13 & Fri. Oct. 14

Gr. 4 - Bighouse

Tues. Oct. 18 Art Mania

Wed. Oct. 19 Individual Student and Class Photos in the morning

Early Dismissal (1:50 p.m.) for Midpoint Conferences

Thurs. Oct. 20 Pasta Lunch

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Early Dismissal (1:50 p.m.) for Midpoint Conferences

Fri. Oct. 21 Provincial Professional Development Day

Tues. Oct. 25 Art Mania

Gr. 6 Hep B Shots

Wed. Oct. 26 Global Learner Workshop 1.3

Thursday, Oct. 28 Hot Dog Day

Fri. Oct. 30 Hallowe'en Parade

STRONGSTART OPEN!

StrongStart BC is a *free* early learning program for preschool aged children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. We are open!

Our qualified early childhood educator, Lynn Fitzgerald will lead learning activities, including stories, music and art to help children get ready for success in kindergarten. Parents and caregivers attending Montroyal's StrongStart centre can expect to participate in organized sessions like story time, in play activities, and in serving a healthy snack. Parents and caregivers may discover new ways to support their children's learning at home, and may make valuable connections with others attending the centre.

Please drop in with your preschooler anytime between 9:00 and 12:00 Monday through Friday.

Check out the photos in the September folder on the website.

ARTISTS FOR KIDS

After School Art Fall Session begins the week of Oct. 11th.

Details at www.artists4kids.com

Registration begins Sept. 21st

To register, please call the Artist for Kids office at 604-903-3798.

MONTROYAL CODE OF CONDUCT

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

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

SAFETY STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 2010 - 2011

Meet our new Student Council Executive!
Students at all grades are being encouraged to become involved in Student Council as representatives for their classrooms. Each classroom will select two representatives for Student Council. **Check out the photos in the September folder on the website.**

MONTROYAL SAFETY PATROL Call for Parent Volunteers

We have been very fortunate at Montroyal to have run a BCAA Safety Patrol Program to help ease traffic congestion on Sonora and keep our kids safe.

Patrollers must meet an age criteria as specified by BCAA and at Montroyal this opportunity has been awarded to the grade 5 children. The children are canvassed and volunteer which we believe is an excellent introduction to leadership and road safety.

However, for this program to continue, we need parents. **This program does require a parent coordinator and parent volunteers to run!**

There are two ways you can volunteer:

1. Be the Safety Patrol Coordinator.
The coordinator works with the principal in setting up a fall training session with the RCMP, makes up a weekly schedule of

safety patrol volunteers (both children & parents) and ensures the students participate in the year-end recognition event.

2. Be a parent volunteer to stand at the pickup/drop of zone. This job is strictly supervision - to ensure the children are doing their job and are safe themselves. You can volunteer once a week - or once a month - whatever fits with your schedule.

As some of you are aware, there is much congestion on Sonora both before and after school right now. We would therefore like to get this program up and running as soon as possible. Please consider volunteering, as **without the parent volunteers the Safety Patrol Program will not be run.**



INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

Come sing with us!

Starts Oct. 4th

When: Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Music Room

Even if you haven't signed up yet you can still join.

BEST BEGINNINGS WORKSHOPS

Intermediate students have been encouraged to begin the year with a solid foundation of organizational and social skills through a series of workshops organized and hosted by classroom teachers. Workshop titles included Understanding Bullying & Cyber Bullying, Creating Strong Friendships, Study Skills, Laptop Setup, SmartBoard Etiquette and How to Become a Leader in Life. On the afternoons of September 14th & 16th, students attended these powerful workshops, and at the same time spent time in each of the intermediate classrooms getting to know all of the intermediate teachers.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Fall is upon us, and despite the glorious days of sunshine we have been enjoying, we need to be ready for rain. Please send your child to school everyday dressed for outside activity and play. Occasionally, when there is severe weather, "an "inside day" will be called during lunch, but our usual drizzle of the North Shore is not considered extreme weather so please make sure your child is prepared for the weather. Children should have rain jackets, boots, and an umbrella. I recommend that students keep an extra pair of socks in their gym bag (along with a pair of running shoes) so no one is uncomfortably wet during the day. Parents of primary students may want to send a change of clothes so that outside play doesn't become inside discomfort. Also, classes often do outdoor activities, including Daily Physical Activity. Appropriate footwear helps keep your child comfortable and safe.



SAFETY REMINDERS

- Skateboards, scooters and bicycles must be walked (not ridden) on school property. Students should **NOT** be riding through the parking lots, or in the school.
- Bikes should be locked in the bike racks and scooters folded and carried in during class time.
- Climbing on fences and trees is unsafe, and due to liability issues is not permitted on school property.
- Digging or building with sticks is acceptable, while hitting, light-sabre battles, shooting or running around with sticks is *not*.

FIRST ANNUAL HARVEST LUNCH

This year, the staff and students at Montroyal will be sharing a pot-luck style meal together in the gym to celebrate Thanksgiving. The school will be divided into Family Groups, with a staff member and students from K-7 in each family. Families will also be collecting non-perishable foods for the Harvest Project.

A notice will go home with each child on Tuesday, October 4 with all of the information on this event, including what foods each student will bring!



HALLOWE'EN - OCTOBER 31ST

Students are permitted to wear costumes during the afternoon. There are a few restrictions as to what is appropriate for school.

- 1) Students must be able to change into their costumes in the classroom (put it over their clothes)
- 2) No masks that covers their entire face
- 3) No weapons or decorative weapons or masks that bleed or will frighten children

Parents please use discretion as to what is school appropriate.

Halloween Costume Tips

- Children should wear bright and reflective costumes to be easily seen at night. (Reflective tape and or glow lights can be added to any costume).
- The costumes should fit the children and be short enough they will not trip. (No longer than the child's ankles).
- All costume accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft flexible material.
- When buying a costume, make sure it is labelled "flame resistant".
- Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.



HALLOWE'EN SAFETY TIPS

- An adult should accompany young children.
- Street safety is paramount when crossing streets! Remember to Stop, Look, Listen, and Walk.
- Children should stay in well-lit areas and should only visit homes that have some form of outside lights turned on.
- All candy should be inspected to make ensure that no one has tampered with it. Discard anything that looks suspicious.

Children should trick or treat in one well-known area and not wander into unknown neighbourhoods.

TERRY FOX RUN

Tomorrow, Montroyal students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run. Students are being asked to bring in a "Toonie for Terry" to support the Terry Fox Foundation's cancer research projects. Older students are encouraged to supply their own toonie. Younger students are encouraged to do chores at home to earn a toonie to donate. (Parents are more than welcome to donate paper money too!) On Friday, students will gather in the gym to learn about Terry's story and how even ordinary people can do heroic things. Then, it's outside for the run - rain or shine! (so dress appropriately!) Thanks to Mr. Thomson and Ms. Bergstrand for organizing this important event. We will continue to collect Toonies in the office for the Terry Fox Foundation until next Thursday, September 29th.

SUMMER READING CLUB

Congratulations to the following Montroyal students who completed this year's "Summer Reading Club" at the North Vancouver District Library. These are students who read (or who were read to) for at least 15 minutes a day for 50 days. Our summer readers are:

Emily	Kiera	Henry	Jacob	Jack	Max	Connor
Nikki	Aidan	Nate	Sebastian	Hanna	Cameron	Annika
Jaden	Avery	Payton	Charlie	Joe	Kieran	Atiya
Josh	Brina	Cody	Jack	Grace	Olivia	Ellie
Edward	Nathan	Brandon	Erica	Tessa	Daira	Nuala
Charlotte						

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place October 3rd to October 7th. Free transit is available in Greater Vancouver for elementary, middle and secondary students to support Walk to School Week. Look for more information about Montroyal's very own Walk to School Week to be sent to you soon by MPAC.



VALUABLES AT SCHOOL

Ipods, Itouches, MP3 players, cell phones, cell phones that take pictures or other electronic devices are not to be used at school. Students are not allowed to take photographs at school except under the direction of a teacher, as part of a class or school assignment. On occasion, students bring toys, trading cards and other items to school that are not essential to their studies. The school is not responsible for any of the above items, (including cell phones). Students are therefore asked not to bring non-essential items to school.

SPC ELECTIONS

At the Oct. 6th MPAC Meeting parents will elect three parent representatives (one of which must be a member of the MPAC Executive) to the Montroyal School Planning Council. The SPC examines the existing School Plan to monitor and review and if need be, modify its current goals and objectives which are:

1. To decrease the percentage of students who report being teased, bullied or picked on.
2. To improve the success rates in writing for students not yet meeting expectations.

Mrs. Harrop, as the Principal of Montroyal, Chairs this council and Mr. Johal, the Vice-Principal, serves as the Alternate Chair. The SPC meets a few times as needed between now and April to prepare the 2010/11 School Plan. Your input and involvement in reviewing and revising Montroyal's School Plan is much appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SPC, please forward your name to the school office by Wednesday, October 13th, 2010.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL

Due to the large volume of traffic in the hallways, we are requesting that students enter and exit the school using the doors closest to their classrooms.



BASKETBALL CHANGES

The North Vancouver Elementary Athletic Association (which has staff representation from every school) decided in the spring of 2011 that only Grade 7s would be involved in the School District Basketball Program. There will be 4 players per team (not 5). These changes were made in an effort to save the program, as many schools were having difficulty fielding, coaching and sponsoring teams for Gr. 6 and 7 boys and girls teams.

Once details and schedules for the season are set, practice times and game days will be posted in each of the intermediate classrooms, on the gym doors and on the school website.

REGISTRATION 2012-2013

Oct. 19th - Kindergarten Info Meeting
Lucas Centre
Nov. 7th - Registration Begins for Ks
Dec. 16th - Deadline for K Registration
Jan. 23rd - Registration and Transfer Requests Gr. 1-12
Jan. 25th - Late French Immersion Info Meeting 7 p.m. at LMCC
Mar. 9th - Deadline for Transfer Requests and New Registrations

BOARD POLICY NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

This has been North Vancouver School Board Policy for a number of years and is presented here to ensure that we are in compliance the legislation. On March 10, 2007 the provincial legislature passed Bill 10. This legislation prohibits smoking and any other tobacco use on any school property. This legislation came into effect September 2, 2007.

Board Policy 804 states:

- All School District facilities and grounds will be designated as smoke free, with smoking prohibited at any time for all employees, students and visitors.
- Smoking will not be permitted in any vehicles used to transport students.
- All employees are expected to comply with the smoking restrictions described in this policy and to assist with the enforcement of these restrictions.
- Organizations and persons using School District property shall not be permitted to smoke inside any building as a condition of their use of the facility.
- No smoking signs shall be prominently displayed in all School District buildings.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

This year's Student Council is in the process of creating a list of School Spirit Days for this school year. School Spirit Days will be the last Friday of the month. However, our first School Spirit Day: Head Accessory Day (hats, touques, tiaras, headbands...) will be Thurs. Sept. 29th.

MONTROYAL STAFF ASSIGNMENT
2011- 2012

DIVISION	NAME	GRADE	ROOM
	Mrs. Karen Harrop	Principal	Office
	Mr. Sanjeet Johal	Vice-Principal	Seminar #1
1	Mr. George Polymenakos	7	14
2	Mr. Mark Thomson	6/7	15
3	Mr. Nicolas Emanouilidis	6	17
4	Ms. Carolyn Bergstrand	5	16
5	Ms. Jackie Harris/Ms. Linette MacNeil	4/5	6
6	Mrs. Gail Perry	3/4	5
7	Mrs. Joan McCleary	3	3
8	Mrs. Gail Mulder/ Mrs. Catherine Saltzberg	2	9
9	Ms. Val Kurtenacker/ Mr. Sanjeet Johal	1/2	8
10	Mrs. Darcey Wood	1	2
11	Mrs. Janet Scott	K	4
12	Mrs. Nadine Balen/ Mrs. Rae Ann Johnston	K	1
	Mr. Ted Hayes	Librarian	Library
	Mr. Sanjeet Johal	LAC	Room 18
	Ms. Susan McLean	Literacy Centre	Room 19
	Ms. Karen Hayton	Literacy Centre	Room 19
	Mrs. Catherine Saltzberg	E.S.L.	Room 18 Annex
	Mr. Steve Toren	Band Teacher	Multi-Purpose Room
	Mr. Szabolcs (Sab) Kabok	Strings Teacher	Multi-Purpose Room
	Mrs. Janet Hill	Classroom Music Teacher	Music Room
	Ms. Morag Kelley	Department Head	Room 13
		Student & Program Services	
		Learning Support Teacher	
	Mrs. Mary Fletcher	Counsellor	Seminar #2
	Ms. Claudia Lefebvre	Community Nurse Contact	
	Ms. Karen Koroluk	Speech Therapist	Seminar Room
	Mrs. Dianne Wood Palgova	Administrative Assistant	Office
	Mrs. Karen Smith	Office Assistant	Office
	Ms. Sima Farzady	Special Ed. Asst.	Special Ed.
	Mrs. Gail Stein	Special Ed. Asst.	Special Ed
	Ms. Marina Vibar	Special Ed. Asst.	Special Ed
	Mrs. Michele Shepherd	Supervision Aide	Office
	Mr. Sam Vargas	Day Custodian	
	Mr. Bernard Mendoza	Night Custodian	
	Ms. Sandra Waddle	School Psychologist	
	Ms. Tammie Aeberhardt	Learning Support Worker	Seminar Room 2
	Ms. Lynn Fitzgerald	StrongStart BC Program	Room 7