

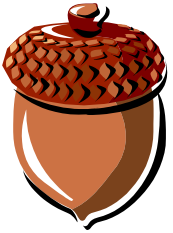
Monterey School News

September 16, 2011

Upcoming Events

Sept 19	Pro D Day
Sept 21	Annual PAC Family BBQ
Sept 27	Individual Photos
Sept 30	Terry Fox Run
Oct 10	Thanksgiving - School not in session

COME JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL PAC FAMILY BBQ!
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



PARENTS, PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THIS IS OUR MAIN SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY CREATING OUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST; PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION UNTIL YOU START RECEIVING EMAILS FROM THE SCHOOL.

www.sd61.bc.ca/school/monterey/

Reminders

We are excited to let you know that we will be sending home our new coupon book this week called Save around Victoria. Your child will share with you all the great details available to you if you would like to purchase a book to support fundraising at Monterey.

SPORTS

Cross country is starting up; please check the website for information.

<http://www.sd61.bc.ca/athleticassoc/index.html>



Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2011 - 2012 School Year at Monterey Middle School. We have started the year exceptionally well with 22 new Athletic Leadership students leading the way as well as our Me to We group already planning exciting upcoming events. Monterey Storm pride has been seen throughout the classrooms and the school grounds. I am hoping that you as parents feel as positive as we feel about the year ahead.

We have a number of new staff joining us this year and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Leeson (Music), Ms. Guy (Art) Mr. Golder (Tech Ed) and Mrs. Nohr (Learning Support) to our Monterey Team.

Please check out our website for information regarding important dates, upcoming events and exciting news. In addition, please remember that if you if have any concerns or questions feel free to contact me or Sean McCartney, our vice-principal, right away.

Thank you very much for your support during this busy September time.

Deb Whitten

2011-2012 Year-long Calendar

Thanksgiving is Monday, October 10, 2011

Remembrance Day is Friday, November 11, 2011

The last day school is in session prior to the **Winter Break** is Friday, December 16, 2011

Schools re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The last day school is in session prior to **Spring Vacation** is Friday, March 9, 2012

Schools re-open on Monday, March 26, 2012

Good Friday is Friday, April 6, 2012

Easter Monday is Monday, April 9, 2012

Victoria Day is Monday, May 21, 2012

Thursday, June 28, 2012 is the **last day of school for students**

Friday, June 29, 2012 is an **Administrative Day** and then schools close.

PRO-D Days 2011-2012 **School Year**

Monday, September 19, 2011
Friday, October 21, 2011 (Province Wide)
Thursday, November 10, 2011*
Monday, November 21, 2011
Friday, February 17, 2012
Friday, May 18, 2012



Timetable 2011-2012

8:50 a.m.	Advisory
9:15 a.m.	Block 1
10:12 a.m.	Recess
10:27 a.m.	Block 2
11:24 a.m.	Block 3
12:21 p.m.	Lunch
1:06 p.m.	Block 4
2:03 p.m.	Block 5
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

From the Board of Education **School District No.61 (Greater Victoria)**

The Board of Education wants to assure you that student learning remains our highest priority. We believe that the Greater Victoria School District is home to the very best educators and support staff.

On Wednesday August 31st the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) received strike notice from the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF). Under the provisions of the *Labour Relations Code* and the 2011 Essential Services Order, teachers will commence strike activity involving the withdrawal of certain duties. The BCTF has informed BCPSEA that Phase 1 strike activity will commence in all school districts on September 6, 2011. Teachers will continue to provide services designated as essential in the 2011 Essential Services Order.

For a list of the activities that will be affected please refer to the link below:
[http://www.lrb.bc.ca/decisions/B132\\$2011.pdf](http://www.lrb.bc.ca/decisions/B132$2011.pdf)

Teachers will continue to prepare and plan lessons, assess and evaluate student progress and mark student work. We will continue our commitment to each student's success in learning within a responsive and safe environment. We hope that BCPSEA and the BCTF can reach a settlement; however, regardless of when that might happen, we want to assure you that we will continue to offer an outstanding educational program to each of our students.

Yours truly,



Tom Ferris
On Behalf of the Greater Victoria Board of Education

MONTEREY MIDDLE SCHOOL CODES OF CONDUCT

Monterey middle school is a learning community which values:

- Respect
- Safety
- Diversity
- Honesty
- Involvement
- Responsibility



In order to protect these core values, our bottom line is...

- No Weapons
- No violence or bullying
- No discrimination
- No drugs or alcohol
- No direct defiance
- No stealing or vandalism

Bottom line behaviors will result in disciplinary action and parents will be notified. Repeated offences will result increasingly serious consequences and acts of retaliation for reporting a code violation will not be tolerated.

A more detailed version of our code of conduct is posted in classrooms and on our school website (<http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/monterey/>)

HOME EC WANTS & NEEDS....

If you are interested in donating a few items to our Home EC department we could use some windfall apples, plums or pears. Also some buttons and yarn. Any magazines with pictures of food would be great too!

Thank you! ~ From Ms. Sutherland

MONTEREY TEAMS & TEACHING STAFF

Team	Div	Grade	Teachers
1 Blue	1	8	Carrie Krigolson
	2	8	Yvette Corrales
	3	8	Lonn Friese
2 Red	4	8	Tara Baird
	5	8	Alyssa Moore
	6	7/8	Karen Grigor
	7	7/8	Melissa Mawhinney
3 Green	8	7	TBA
	9	7	Catherine St. Denis
	10	6/7	Karen Evans
	11	6/7	Kelly Dodds
4 Gold	12	6	Mitch Barnes
	13	6	Mark Brown
	14	6	Lana Rud
	15	6	Allan Gybels

Exploratory Teachers:

Home Ec.: Doreen Sutherland

Tech Ed: Mike Golder

Art: Dani Guy

Leadership: Sean McCartney

Other:

Principal: Deb Whitten

Vice Principal: Sean McCartney

Counsellor: Wendy Wimbush

Admin Assistant III: Amie Bourree

Library/Office Assistant: Jeri Holm

Accounts Clerk: Barb DiLucca

Learning Support: Tanya Ross &

Deborah Nohr

Teacher Librarian: Keely Thornton

Music: Chris Leeson

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TOUR for GRADE 8's **(EF Tours)**

The planning for our Galapagos trip July 5 - 13, 2012 has begun!

We have 13 excited Grade 8 students who are meeting and discussing fundraising ideas. This trip is a once in a lifetime event, according to our students, and is one they are willing to work extremely hard to achieve. Ms. Dodds and Wendy Wimbush will be supporting them in every way they can. This fall we are planning an M & M barbeque, a weekend carwash, and in-school bake sales.

Our next meeting, for those who have already registered, and for those who are interested in joining us on this amazing tour, will be Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00pm in the Art Room at Monterey Middle School.

If you have any questions about this tour, please email Ms. Dodds at kdodds@sd61.bc.ca or Wendy Wimbush at wwimbush@sd61.bc.ca

****Paste this link into your browser to find out more about this EF Tour (Education First: Educational Travel for Teachers and Students)**

www.eftours.ca/educational-tours/tour-detail.aspx?code=GPX&year=2012

Music Update

**Music students at Monterey are getting ready for a great year.
Expect big things from these talented students!**

Some music notes:

- Please make sure your child has handed in a music registration form so that we can contact you about upcoming events!
- Monterey's "Headstart" clinic is Tuesday Sept 20th and Thursday Sept 22nd, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Monterey. Professionals on each instrument will be there to get kids off to a great start. All band and strings students need to attend. Contact Mr. Leeson if you have a conflict.



Chris Leeson @ montereymsmusic@gmail.com

PARENT INFO...

SEMINAR with ALLISON REES "LIFE WITH A TEENAGER"

At some point we get fired up as the general manager of our children and that usually happens in the teen years. If we can keep our connection strong there is a good chance that we will get hired back on as a consultant. How we deal with the new meaning of the word trust? What do consequences look like when our kids are taller than us? How can we maintain personal dignity while being dismissed as somebody who knows nothing? Boundaries, resolving conflict and self-care are the primary focus of this workshop.

**Monterey Centre – 250-370-7300
November 14 – 21 at Oak Bay Rec
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**