



Monterey School News

November 24, 2011

Upcoming Events

- December 2 Fun Foods**
- December 6 Winter Music Concert at Monterey**
(afternoon performance for students)
- December 13 & 15 Drama Club performs in the**
Multipurpose Room at 7:00 p.m.
- December 14 Report Cards go home**
- December 16 Last day school prior to winter break**
- January 3 School re-opens**



Don't forget....the Oak Bay Light up is November 27th & the Truck Parade is December 3rd!

Breakfast of Champions

The Breakfast of Champions is a celebration of our students at Monterey Middle School and a recognition of all of the positive things they do. The recognition is not solely for academic success but also to celebrate everyday examples of positive behaviour. We would like to invite all Stormwatch recipients, students who have participated in clubs/teams so far this year and their parents to drop in to the Monterey "Breakfast of Champions" which will take place on December 9, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.



REPORT CARDS

Students will be receiving a report card on December 14th. The report card will consist of attendance information, name of teacher(s) and courses. There will be a district message included as well. (Which can be viewed on our school website at: <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/monterey/index.html>.)



Principal's Message

As you are aware Monterey Middle School's goals for this year are to improve student engagement and to increase students' socially responsible behaviour.

Research demonstrates that when students are more engaged in learning they derive more satisfaction from their school experience, learn significantly more, and are more likely to graduate. Students who are engaged in school are also more likely to continue to become engaged citizens in their community.

At Monterey we have created opportunities for students to experience more enrichment through:

- **Brainstorm school enrichment**
- **Small-group V-8 program**
- **Math Challenge and Gauss Math**
- **Clubs and Extra-curricular groups**

Throughout the year we will be working on these and other initiatives and we would love for you to be our partners on this journey. Please talk with your son or daughter about the activities occurring at Monterey and encourage them to participate in the areas that interest them.

Ensuring a safe, inviting, inclusive and supportive culture is also a top priority at Monterey. Our Code of Conduct and behaviour expectations are framed around our STORM motto.

Keep Safe, Think Team, Own your Actions, Show Respect and Make a Difference.

We appreciate your feedback regarding our Goals. Please feel free to email me at dwhitten@sd61.bc.ca or Mr McCartney at semccartney@sd61.bc.ca if you have any questions, concerns or kudo's to share.

Deb Whitten

SCHOOL GOALS



MONTEREY DRAMA CLUB

The students in the Monterey Drama Club will be performing the short production, "Acting Dreams" in the Multi Purpose Room on Tuesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 15th at 7 p.m. This fun low-key presentation is actually five mini plays all centered around the theme of the kind of show students would like to be in. Seating is on a first come - first seated and admission is free! We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or donations to the United Way at the door.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

Current information will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m. if there is a concern.

Local media outlets have indicated that they will provide constant information.



LOST & FOUND

Don't forget to periodically check our Lost & Found bins for any of your child's lost items of clothing, shoes, lunch kits, sweatshirts, etc. We will be displaying these items the week of December 12th – December 16th in the lower hall of the school. After this, all remaining items will be delivered to a charitable organization to help families in need in our community.





Music Update



Music students are working hard to get prepared for the upcoming winter concert. Songs are starting to come to life and the students are sounding better each day! Keep up the good work everyone!

Feel like you missed your cue to join a music group?

It may not be too late! Email Mr. Leeson below to find out. Anything is possible with the right attitude and a desire to make some music!

Some Music Notes...



Monterey's Winter Concert is Tuesday December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. More info to come soon!

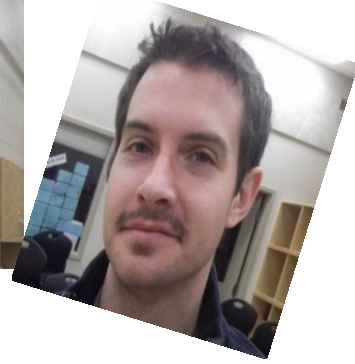
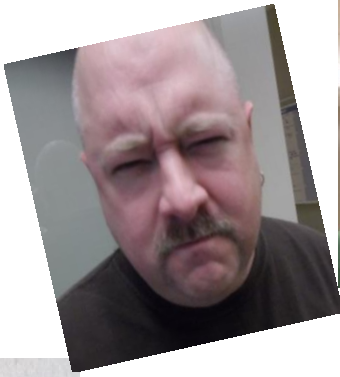


Strings Students will be performing in the District wide Holiday Strings concert at Oak Bay on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. (Again, more info to come soon!)



Not getting music emails? Email Mr. Leeson at the address below to get on our mailing list.

Chris Leeson (Band/Choir) and Jen Fisher (Strings) montereymsmusic@gmail.com



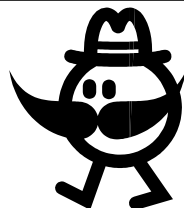
MIGHTY MONTEREY MOVEMBER MEN



CHANGING THE FACE OF MEN'S HEALTH ONE 'STACHE AT A TIME

Hello friends of Monterey Middle School!
 This year, the 'Mighty Monterey Movember Men' have donated
 our faces (and marvelous moustaches) to Movember.
 Check out our progress at <http://ca.movember.com/mospace/913494/>
 where we post updates and photos. Also, please consider making a
 donation to our team (or another Mo Bro that you know) to help truly
 make a difference. This can be done easily and securely online.
 Thank you for your time and support – together we are making a
 difference for Prostate Cancer research and for the 25,000 men in
 Canada who will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year.

Kind regards,
 The 'Mighty Monterey Movember Men'



Our Holiday Hamper Tradition!



This holiday season Monterey Middle School is once again supporting a Hamper Program for families in need. Each classroom will support one family. Our hampers are the only donations these families will receive. We would like to provide special holiday breakfast & dinner food items for each family, as well as food staples & a few new unwrapped gifts.

Donation boxes will be set up in each classroom.

Deadline for item drop off is Tuesday, December 13th at 9 a.m.



Thank you in advance for making the season a joyful one for families less fortunate!