



Monterey Middle School PAC Parent Orientation 2016

Welcome to Monterey Middle School! We've gathered together a few answers to frequently-asked questions about the school. Please see below.

What do these terms mean?

1. **Teams:** Classes are grouped together into teams (eg. Gold, Red, etc.). The teachers in a team share knowledge and experiences amongst classes.
2. **Advisory:** Main classroom and teacher
3. **Exploratory:** Classes where students explore things like woodworking, fine art, home ec., drama, etc.
4. **Brainstorm:** A set of school-wide enrichment classes based on themes like community, environment or health and fitness, which students are offered in addition to the curriculum for 9 weeks in the fall and spring terms.

How do I drop off or pick up my child by car?

During peak school hours, please drive only north (ie. away from the water) on Monterey Ave. and only south (ie. towards the water) on Oliver St.

When is the school library open?

The library is open every day (starting Week 2) for students to enter between 8:15-8:30am and stay until 8:50am, as a quiet place to read or do homework before school. Students regularly use the library during the school day too.

What kinds of extracurricular activities can my child do?

Lots! Everything from school sports, dance and drama clubs to robotics and literacy groups. We also have an extensive Music Program that combines curricular and non-curricular times. Check the school website for more details.

Can I attend a school assembly?

Absolutely. Parents are welcome on an *ad hoc* basis, but not sent an invitation as the school doesn't have the seating capacity for all students and their parents at one assembly.

How can I get involved in my child's classroom and the school?

There are all kinds of ways to get involved at Monterey, from Fun Foods Fridays (the bi-weekly hot lunch program) to assisting with sports teams or serving as your Class Representative. Contact the PAC if you have any questions!

How does my child find out about what's going on at school that day?

School announcements are posted on a board by the front stairs if your child misses the morning's "news of the day" announcement on the PA system.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- 1. Come to PAC meetings and add your voice to conversations about our school!** Meetings are generally on the second Thursday of every month and are held in the Home Ec. Room. The scheduled dates for 2016/2017 meetings are: September 29, October 13, November 24, January 12, February 9, April 6 and June 1. Contact Montereymiddle school@gmail.com if you have any questions.
- 2. Volunteer to be your classroom representative!** Get to know who's who and what's happening. Contact our Communications Coordinator Kristin Semmens to find out more: ksemmens@uvic.ca
- 3. "Like" Monterey PAC on Facebook!** Look for Monterey Middle School PAC.
- 4. Consult the school website!** Here you'll find school hours, staff names, information about special dates and events, conduct and dress code information and much more: <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/monterey/>
- 5. Subscribe to the Monterey Twitter Feed!** @MontereyStorm
- 6. Read the weekly "Next Week at Monterey" emails from the school Principal!**