

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

First Week of School

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for embracing the new drop off and collection procedures put into place last week. I am sure you have noticed how smoothly the system is running now that both learners, parents and staff have settled into the routine.

School Uniform

In the letter to parents of 18 January 2021 parents were informed that all learners were to return to school on Monday, 15 February 2021 with their full school uniforms.

We have noticed several instances where learners are not adhering to the Code of Conduct in relation to appearance, uniforms, hair appearance and jewellery.

Parents are reminded that a Code of Conduct has been given to every parent and that you have confirmed receipt of the document. Please refer to the Code of Conduct on a regular basis.

Please refer to the section below which reiterates certain items in the Code of Conduct and ensure that your children adhere to the School Rules:

Physical Appearance

- The uniform must be clean and in good repair and learners should take pride in themselves and their appearance.
- Learners must leave the premises of our school or any other sports event in full school or sports uniform including the school blazer.

Summer Uniform

- Boys:
 - Beige school shirt with Montrose badge on the pocket; pink-coloured shorts, long brown socks and brown school shoes, school blazer.
 - Grade 7 Boys - Short sleeve white shirt; brown tie with Montrose badge; grey long trousers; blazer; long brown socks; brown shoes.
- Girls:
 - Yellow checked dress, short white socks and brown school shoes, school blazer.

Jewellery

The following is **not** allowed:

- The wearing of any earrings except for standard thin silver or gold 'sleepers' and studs for those with pierced ears for girls in only one hole.
- Ear Piercings for boys.
- The wearing of earrings with dangling accessories or shiny stones.
- Earrings in a position other than the bottom/first hole.

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- The wearing of any rings, 'sleepers', studs in or on the nose or any other part of the exposed skin or tongue.
- The wearing of necklaces, pendants, bangles, rings, charms, talismans, ribbons or any jewellery, except a regular wristwatch.
- Smart watches may under no circumstances be used for anything other than a basic watch. Any learner who uses the phone function will have the watch confiscated until the end of the term in the same way as a cellular phone. No smart watches are allowed during any assessments and exams.
- Religious jewellery such as crucifixes, the Star of David, St Christopher discs, etc. may be worn but must be kept to a minimum (1 only) and must be kept under the school uniform.
- The wearing of any make-up, nail varnish, tattoos, henna on nails or any other decorative marks made on the skin.

Hair Appearance

- Learners may not dye or streak their hair.
- All exotic/elaborate (i.e. any hairstyle which is not considered to be the norm; which is in any way unusual or out of the ordinary; the School Management Team reserve the right to decide on whether a hairstyle can be regarded as exotic) and trendy hairstyles are prohibited, including steps, braiding for boys and complete shaving of the head (exceptions will be made with respect to the shaving if there is a cultural or a religious reason for it after consultation with the parents and the school). Only simple braiding is allowed for girls.
- Boys are required to keep their hair short and neat. The fringe is not to be lower than the eyebrows and no hair to touch the ears.
- No gel or similar hair products are allowed.
- Girls may only secure their hair with the use of clips, pins, slides and other devices. Alice bands and 'scrunchies' must be either yellow or brown.
- Hair extensions the colour of the natural hair may be worn but must be tied back at all times. No highlighted extensions allowed.

GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Physical Education

As from Monday, 1 March 2021 learners may wear their PE kit to school on the days they have Phys. Ed. during school.

Only the Montrose PE shirt (yellow shirt with school badge) and shorts/skort may be worn and must be worn with tekkies and the school blazer. If it is cold children may wear black or dark brown tracksuit pants, the school blazer and the school jersey if needed. If you have school tracksuit, this may be worn, however this is not a compulsory item of the school uniform and need not be purchased specifically for Phys. Ed.

No other coloured non-school garments may be worn on these days.

This decision has been made to assist with social distancing measures in the changing rooms. Once schools can return to pre-Covid routines, we will revert back to changing into the PE kit in the change rooms at school.

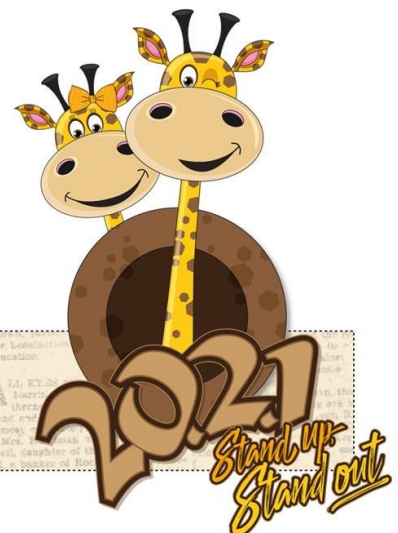
Learner Council Induction

The Learner Council Induction Ceremony will take place at 18h00 on Monday, 1 March 2021 via Microsoft Teams. All Grade 7 learners are expected to attend the Induction Ceremony and the meeting will be scheduled in the 2021 Grade 7s Team. Grade 7 learners are to use their Teams login and no external guests will be admitted.

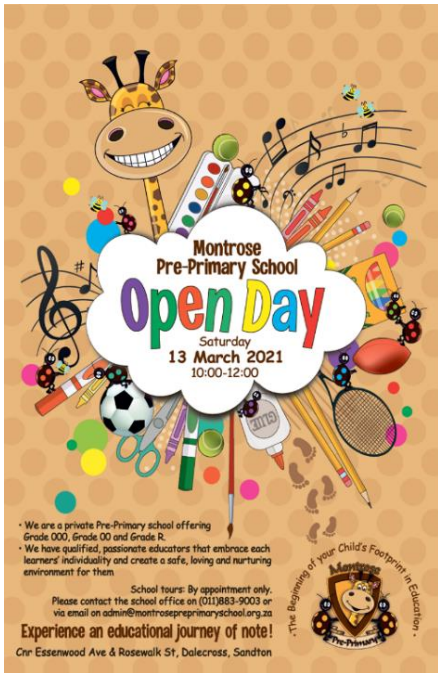
The House Captains, Learner Councillors and the Executive of the Learner Council will be announced at the Induction Ceremony.

SGB Elections - 2021

As we come to the end of the three-year term of our current SGB, SGB elections will take place between 1 March and 23 April 2021. Information on the elections and nominations will be communicated to the parents 30 days prior to the election date.



Don't forget to check the D6 Communicator and the Parent Portal regularly for more information and updates.



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- 25 February: Mr van der Linde
- 2 March: Mrs Bragge
- 8 March: Miss van der Schyff
- 12 March: Mr Guedes
- 19 March: Mr Jones
- 20 March: Miss Langkilde



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COVID-19 Online Resource & News Portal SAcoronavirus.co.za

Stay Safe and Healthy

Updating of details

We have had various instances where very important e-mails sent out to parents are undeliverable as details have changed or we have tried to contact parents telephonically and the number no longer exists.

Please note that if you have moved to a new house, changed jobs or any other contact details have changed, the school needs to be notified of these changes. This can be done by sending an e-mail advising of the relevant changes to monty@montrose.org.za. Please include your child's name, your ID and cell phone numbers and your e-mail address for verification purposes.

Please note that it is vitally important that the school has your current contact details to ensure effective communication.



Communication

The d6 School Communicator and Parent Portal are the school's main form of communication to the parents.

The d6 School Communicator



The Parent Portal

