

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

#BullyingAwarenessWeek

31 May to 6 June 2021

What is the school doing?

Every class will be visited by members of The Winning Edge team this week to discuss what bullying is and how to be a good friend to others. The children will also be told how to report bullying and how to differentiate between a nasty interaction and ongoing bullying behaviour.

What can you do?

Use this week to discuss what it means to be a good friend with your child. Help them to understand how their actions impact on their peers. Discuss what they should do if they are hurt (verbally or physically) by another child (tell their teacher immediately!).

What is bullying?

Bullying is repeated, unprovoked and hurtful behaviour. Bullying is not once-off hurtful behaviour. We believe that everybody should enjoy our school equally, and feel safe, secure and accepted regardless of colour, race, gender, popularity, sporting ability, intelligence, religion and nationality. Bullying can be pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, as well as name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, lying about, and excluding someone CONTINUOUSLY. Bullying causes pain and stress to victims and is never justified or excusable as "kids being kids", "just teasing" or any other rationalisation. The "victim" is never responsible for being a target of bullying.



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At Montrose, we agree to:

1. Value learner differences and treat others with respect.
2. Not become involved in bullying incidents or to be a bully.
3. Be aware of the school's policies and support the system with regard to bullying.
4. Report honestly and immediately all incidents of bullying to a staff member.
5. Be alert around school so that we are not bullied, are not a part of bullying or become a bully.
6. Support learners who have been or are being subjected to bullying.
7. Talk to teachers and parents about concerns and issues regarding bullying.
8. Work with other learners and teachers, to help the school deal with bullying effectively.
9. Be a good role model for younger learners and support them if bullying occurs.
10. Participate fully and contribute to meetings dealing with bullying.

GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Branded Masks

We have limited stock of the Montrose branded masks available for sale at a cost of R40.00 per mask. Should you wish to purchase any masks, please send an e-mail to sonya@montrose.org.za to check for availability and to arrange for payment. Any masks purchased will be sent home via your child.

Extra-Murals

Only Bridging for Grade 2 and 3 learners (by invitation) will continue for the remainder of the term. All other extra-murals have been cancelled with immediate effect. Please ensure that you collect your children directly after school.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Staff Birthdays

- 2 June: Mrs Molepo
- 7 June: Mrs van Wyk
- 19 June: Mrs Rix
- 22 June: Mrs Sauer

2022 ONLINE ADMISSIONS

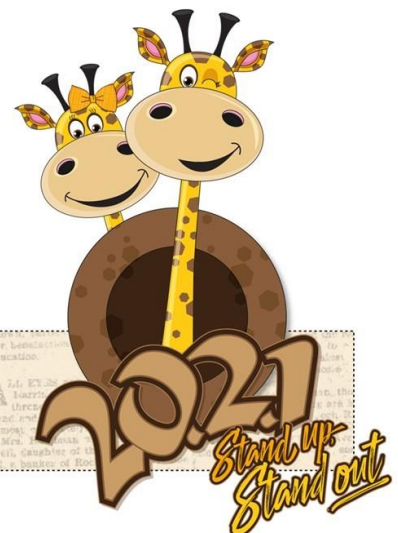
The GDE have not yet released the commencement date for the 2022 Admissions Online application period for Grade 1 and Grade 8 applications. Please keep an eye on the press and newsletter for further information.

We are aware that parents are anxious about the online process and as soon as we have received a date for the start of admissions, we will have a virtual information evening for parents of learners who are going into Grade 1 or Grade 8 in 2022 to explain what to expect and the online application process. Please note that this meeting will only be relevant to those learners who will be attending a public school.

The admissions process has changed over the last few years and priority is given to applicants in the following order:

- applicants whose place of residence is closest to the school within the feeder zone;
- the applicant learner has a sibling attending the school or the previous school falls within the feeder zone (This is NOT applicable to siblings who are in Grade 7 or Grade 12 at the time of application);
- the place of employment of at least one of the applicant learner's parents is within the feeder zone of the school;

We do however suggest that you contact schools in your area to see if you meet the criteria and visit the GDE Admissions website to see what documentation will be required for applications. The website address is <https://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za/>.



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

EXAM/CONTROL TEST TIMETABLE [Gr 4-7]

4 June:	Afrikaans/isiZulu Creative Writing
10 June:	EMS (Gr 7)
11 June:	NS (Gr 7)
14 June:	Session 1: English Session 2: Creative Arts
15 June:	Session 1: History Session 2: PSW (Gr 4-6); LO (Gr 7)
17 June:	Session 1: Afrikaans/isiZulu Session 2: NS/Tech (Gr 4-6); NS (Gr 7)
18 June:	Session 1: Mathematics Session 2: Geography

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arrival Times

Please ensure that you get your children to school before the bell rings. Learners must be in line by no later than:

- 07h10: Grade 3, 6 and 7
- 07h20: Grade 2, 4 and 5
- 07h30: Grade 1

and preferably be in line at least 5-10 minutes before the bell rings for the relevant grades to ensure that they get to class promptly.

Please note that gates will be closed at 07h25 (Netball Gate) and 07h30 (FP Gate) and no learners will be allowed through the gates after those times and will have to go through reception.

Dismissal Times

Grade 1:	Monday: 12h40 Tuesday - Friday: 12h55
Grade 2:	Monday: 12h55 Tuesday - Friday: 13h10
Grade 3:	Monday: 13h10 Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
Grade 4-5:	Monday: 12h55 Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
Grade 6-7:	Monday: 13h10 Tuesday - Friday: 13h40

The **Foundation Phase gate** will be closed at 13h20 on a **Monday** and 13h40 from **Tuesday to Friday**. Any learners remaining at school will be taken to the **Netball Court gate**, which gate will be closed at 13h30 on a **Monday** and 14h00 from **Tuesday to Friday**.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Communicate arrangements with any driving service being used** and ensure that anyone collecting your child knows their full name, which grade and class they are in and whether they are participating in any extra-murals.
- **No items will be allowed to be dropped off at school for learners** (e.g. lunch, books, projects or extra-mural/PE kits).
- Only the **Montrose PE shirt (yellow shirt with school badge)** and **Montrose shorts/skort** may be worn for Phys. Ed. and must be worn with takkies and the school blazer. If it is cold children may wear black or dark brown tracksuit pants (**no leggings**), the school blazer and the school jersey if needed. If you have a **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.

Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG * PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION



- **Scadsys Parent Portal (registration queries and updating of details):**
monty@montrose.org.za
- **Scadsys Parent Portal Website:**
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Home/ScadsysLogin>
- **Scadsys Parent Portal Registration:**
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Parent/Registrar>
School reference: 0013



- **Mathletics (login queries):**
sophia@montrose.org.za



- **Accounts Department:**
Fees: molly@montrose.org.za
Bursar: terry@montrose.org.za
Assistant Bursar: sonya@montrose.org.za



- **Admissions:**
leyla@montrose.org.za



- **Social Worker:**
adell@montrose.org.za



- **D6 School Communicator:**
<https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/>

TUCK SHOP, AFTERCARE AND UNIFORMS

- The tuck shop is open but only to provide food to the children whose parents have pre-ordered and paid for the order. No child will be allowed to go to the tuck shop at all. This is just as a service to the parents. Please communicate directly with the tuck shop on 082-566-8566 should you wish to place an order or have any queries.
- The aftercare is open and operating under strict protocols. They will take both fulltime and part-time learners daily. Parents/guardians are however required to send a message via WhatsApp to Mrs Carbarns to confirm attendance should they not be attending on a daily basis. Any queries regarding aftercare must be directed to Mrs Carbarns on 082-888-0397 or via e-mail at carbarns@mweb.co.za.
- NO parents are allowed on the school premises at any time unless with a prior appointment with the office, and this includes aftercare. No learners may be collected at the aftercare gate after extra-murals unless the child is attending aftercare on the day.
- Although our in-house uniform shop, Uniformity, is not operating on the school premises on a fulltime basis, they are open for business. For help or assistance please call Mrs Alexis Scott on 082 453 7875
Uniformity School & Sportswear
uniformity@outlook.com: 082 453 7875 (M)
- Attaché is the second uniform supplier and can be found at Unit 6 Sak's Corner, 140 - 11th Street, Parkmore.
Their hours are as follows:
Monday - Thursday: 07h00 - 17h00
Friday: 07h00 - 16h00
Saturday: 09h00 - 13h00
For any queries, feel free to contact Attaché:
Tel: (011) 783-4037

