

# Programs Committee Report

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## **Committee Objectives:**

To research, recommend and deliver a variety of programming and professional speakers meant to enrich the school and educational experiences of Montroyal Elementary students and parents. Our programs will provide enrichment opportunities, support the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, promote positive social engagement/relationships, and nurture healthy child development through fun and play.

## **Programs implemented in Term 1, Fall 2017:**

- Multi-sensory TypeRight with Jill Neale (keyboarding) -- Intermediate, lunchtime
- Engineering & Chemical Engineering by BrainSTEM -- K-1, Science and Technology, after school
- Aeronautical & Electrical Engineering by BrainSTEM -- grades 3-6, Science and Technology, after school
- Game Design by UME Academy -- grades 4-7, Science and Technology, after school
- Yoga and Mindfulness by Studio 202 -- K-3; Movement, lunch time
- Origins Parkour -- Intermediate; Movement, after school

Approximately 85 students participated in the terms 1 programs

## **Programs implemented in Term 2, Winter 2018:**

- bBloom architectural program, -- all grades, Science and Technology, after school
- Yoga and Mindfulness by Studio 202 -- grades 4-7, Movement, lunch time
- Ski /Snowboard program at Grouse Mountain -- grade 4-7, Movement, after school
- Art Mania -- grades K-5; -Visual Arts and Culture, lunch time
- Pro D with Lorna -- all ages, Visual Arts and Culture, Pro D
- Red Cross Babysitting -- grade 6+, Pro D

Approximately 100 students participated in the Term 2 programs

## **Programs implemented in Term 3, Spring 2018:**

- Biking by Escape Adventures -- all ages, all levels, Movement, after school
- Jr NBA Basketball -- grades 1-3; Movement; after school
- Chess with Master James Chan -- grades 1-7; Academic; before school
- Red Cross Babysitting -- grades 6+, Pro D, Social Responsibility and Community
- First Aid with St. John Ambulance -- Grade 6, Social Responsibility and Community, in-curricular
- Jessie Miller -- grade 4+, Internet Safety, in-curricular
- Fair Play Tennis -- all ages, Movement, in-curricular

Approximately 64 students participated in the Term 3 paid programs; participation in term 3 programs is historically low.

Each year the committee strives to offer a balance of programs for primary and intermediate students in three core competencies; Movement, Academics and Art/Tactile. We also aim to offer popular programs and to introduce new programs to allow students to explore new opportunities. We offer before school, lunch time, afterschool and in-curricular programs throughout the school year. For a second year, the committee elected to not offer lunch time programs in term 3 to encourage movement in the outdoors. Currently the North Vancouver Recreation Program After school care program runs from Monday to Thursday. An all ages bike program was offered to provide continuity of care

for the After School Club participants. An in-curricular tennis program was offered for the first time at Montroyal Elementary to all students from Kindergarten to grade 7. Each class had 4 lessons between April 23-May 3. Feedback from the teachers and the students was positive. We have continued the Montroyal tradition of offering First Aid certification for all grade 6 students to provide our student with the skills to manage small medical emergencies and the certification will help with resume building for our students.

**Successes:**

- Collaborative selection and implementation of high quality multi-age, multi-interest programs in each term
- Implementation and refinement of procedures, vendor check list and governance documentation
- Sustained volunteerism (9 core committee members plus many volunteers especially for Ski/Snowboard program)

**Challenges:**

- Extremely limited space availability at school, especially during school play periods in Dec and April. In the coming year, if the multi-purpose room remains as a Strong Start classroom, the programs will not be scheduled during the play periods. The Programming Committees priority remains with the Rec Center After School Club as it provides necessary child care for our parent community.
- Low enrollment in term 2; committee exploring reasons for declined enrollment
- Low enrollment in art programs despite repeated request from parents for art opportunities
- The Ski/Snowboard program continues to rely heavily on parent volunteers. Further efforts will be investigated to streamline this program moving forward.
- The Ski/Snowboard program continues to be offered on Fridays which overlaps with the committees offerings on Friday afternoons. Additionally, offering the program on Fridays prohibits families who regularly go to Whistler from registering in the program. Options will be explored for the coming year.

**Next school Year:**

We are currently in the process of vetting programs for school year 2018/19. Our schools administration has identified programming/coding as a priority for the coming year and opportunities are currently being explored by the committee. Additionally, our administration has requested that a healthy relationship workshop/discussion be offered early in the school year in order to provide students with tools to support positive relationships throughout the school year. Program selection will be finalized by mid June 2018.

**Final note and acknowledgments:**

Thank you to the committee members and the many volunteers who contribute many hours of volunteer time. Special acknowledgment to: Nicole Legal who continues to keep the PA announcements organized and up to date, to Signe for creating outstanding posters-often on short notice, to Yvonne Smith who each term "Gets the word out" for our team, to Mrs. Palgova who supports us each week in a multitude of ways and a special thank you to our Administration Mrs. Teegan and Mr. Campbell for hosting us and for the ongoing collaboration.

We thank the parent community for their continued support.

Questions? Comments? Program suggestions? Would like to volunteer? Email [programs@montroyalpac.com](mailto:programs@montroyalpac.com)