

MOODY NEWSLETTER

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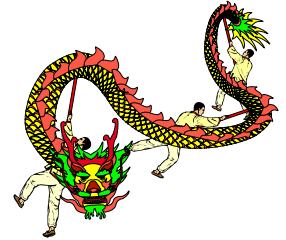
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Principal: Nancy Bennett
Vice-Principal: Ceri Watkins

Principally Speaking

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all our Moody Middle families
Welcome to 2012!



We hope that your time over the winter break provided opportunities for some nice celebrations as a family. January 2012 is the start of an exciting new year with much promise of things to come.

January is always a good time for fresh starts, renewed goals and perhaps new strategies for our thriving young adolescents in order to maximize their learning and development. Thank-you for the time you spend talking about school and life and the importance of learning with your child. We would like to commend your children for their progress in the fall term and our teachers for articulating their students' growth with each of you. During early adolescence when personal growth and development is so varied and rapid, young people count on teachers and parents' messages of affirmation and hope, along with a realistic picture of their accomplishments. Last week's Spirit Assembly celebrated many accomplishments of our students in the first half of this school year.

We have only been back at school for a short time but already Moody is a busy place of activities, opportunities and learning. New units in core subjects are underway, twice weekly practices for our spring musical, *Grease*, are occurring, winter team sports have started and, as we write this, 150 members of the ski/snowboard club have just returned from their second night on Grouse Mountain. Many thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers for the time, care and energy that they put into all these activities and projects. Later this month marks the end of the second round of explorations and students will begin February with new opportunities for exploratory learning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and checking our website regularly. Some activities have had to be postponed or cancelled, due to the ongoing job action, but many important events are still coming up over the next month. Parents of grade 8 students, please watch for information about articulation to secondary school. Deadlines for cross catchment transfers will be on our website, as well as the district website.

Moody Middle continues to be a vibrant, dynamic learning community.

N. Bennett
Principal

C. Watkins
Vice Principal

WHAT TO DO IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6 am that day.



- Check the district website www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6 am (be sure to hit Refresh when checking back)
- The district website posting is official – there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing.
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates.

eForms

If you have not done so, please complete the eForms on our school website. To find the forms go to: Moody Middle website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/moodymiddle> and click on the button “Parent eForms”. We require the policy form, other forms are optional. If your child has a medical concern that the school should be aware of, please complete the on-line Medical Alert form.

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YEARBOOK SALES

Worried you missed your opportunity to order a 2011/12 yearbook? Fear not – yearbook sales resume again the week of February 20 - 24 during lunch. The price to reserve your copy of a yearbook is \$42.00. Bring your cash or cheque made out to Moody Middle to Mrs. Duggan’s room, room 107 A Building.



PAPER ROLLS NEEDED

The stagecraft class needs hundreds of paper rolls. If you can, please save us your toilet paper, paper towel, and wrapping paper rolls. The long wrapping rolls can be cut in half for easier transport. Send them along to Mrs. Ono. Thank you.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We offer 2 after school programs for our students through the City of Port Moody. Every Tuesday there’s Crafts with Lindsay, and every Wednesday it’s a girls-only group with Victoria. These programs are a great opportunity to hang out with your friends, or make some new ones, and there is no cost! We finish by 4:30 so if you bus you can take the activity bus at 4:45. Contact our Youth Worker Christine for more info.

LATE MONTESSORI REGISTRATION

Late Montessori is being offered at Montgomery Middle & Scott Creek Middle Schools (Gr. 6 entry).

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS: If you are considering the Montessori program at middle school in September 2012, you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. An information meeting regarding the middle school program will take place at:


SCOTT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
1240 Lansdowne Dr., Coquitlam
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm

**Please note that for this year only Scott Creek will be accepting Gr. 7 students who have attended Montessori at the elementary level.

For further information visit www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Rob McFaul, Principal, Montgomery Middle School at 604-939-7367 or e-mail: montgomery@sd43.bc.ca or Judy Robb, Principal, Scott Creek Middle School at 604-945-0156 or email: scottcreek@sd43.bc.ca.

PAC NEWS

Hello again from the PAC executive. First on the agenda for this month is a reminder that Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in the spring (date yet to be determined) and we are hoping for parent support to make the event a success. If you would like to help out, please contact Kerri Palmer-Isaak (kpisaak@hotmail.com).



Second, although we do not have dates yet for our spring fundraisers, we have decided to offer both a spring plant sale and a “stock your freezer for BBQ season” fundraiser. Please watch for information on these upcoming opportunities.

Also, don't forget that we have three ongoing fundraisers as well: QSP magazine subscriptions (group code 3039); a school account (#25) with the Return-it Depot located at 2554 Barnet Highway in Coquitlam; and reloadable gift cards for purchases at any IGA Canada location. You can visit the QSP website (www.qsp.ca) anytime in the course of the year to order magazines and the funds from your purchase will still come to Moody Middle. The Return-it Depot will accept miscellaneous recyclable items for a cash credit to our school (for more information go to www.return-it.ca). The gift cards can be obtained free of charge by contacting Sherri Giovinazzo/Mossop (giovinaz@telus.net). The cards can be loaded and used by you and/or out of town family and friends who patronize IGA. Our school receives 4% of all purchases back in cash for the enhancement of our school programs.

Regarding volunteer roles available, we are still hoping to recruit a parent education coordinator to plan some informative evenings for parents to learn about and discuss issues relevant to the development of our kids, such as the safe and appropriate use of technology. If you are interested in this position or in supporting PAC this year as a volunteer in another capacity, please do not hesitate to contact either Sherri Giovinazzo/Mossop (co-chair and volunteer coordinator) at giovinaz@telus.net or Tammy McCurry (co-chair and DPAC representative) at tammymccurry@yahoo.com for more information. We are always very open to, and thankful for, your help.

Last, but not least, our next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th at 7pm in the library at Moody Middle. Please plan to join us!

The PAC executive

COMMUNITY CORNER

Port Moody Amateur Softball Registration

When: January 14 & 21, 2012, 2:30 – 5:00

Where: Port Moody Rec Centre, Multi Purpose room #2

Free skill clinics are happening now at Glenayre Elementary School gym, Tues. 6:30 – 7:30

Steps to Effective Parenting

Where: Gleneagle Secondary School

When: Thursday April 12th, 19th, 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 2012 (inclusive), 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram, Itinerant Youth Worker

To register phone 604-230-1563 or e-mail mabram@sd43.bc.ca

Books may be purchased at the first class – cost \$20.

Register by March 26th, 2012

Spring Break Workshops for Gr. 6 to 8 at Place des Arts

Registration for all workshops opens January 30. Online at www.placedesarts.ca; by phone 604-664-1636; or in person at 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

One-week Comics Workshop - Mar 12–16, 9am – 12pm

One-week Art Blender - Mar 12 – 16, 12:35 – 3:35pm

One-week Pottery Camp Mar 19 – 23, 12:35-3:35pm

Two-week Shakespeare 101: MacBeth Made Fun! Mar 12 – 23, 9 am – 12 pm *Plus special presentation on Sun, Mar 25*

KidSport Tri-Cities Spring Used Equipment Sale

Where: Riverside Secondary, 2215 Reeve St., POCO

When: Saturday, February 18th, 10am – 12pm

Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from Feb 1-17 at the following locations: Port Coquitlam Rec Centre; Port Moody Rec Centre; Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex; Cyclone Taylor Sports; Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. POCO; Thriftopolis - D-2579 Lougheed Hwy, POCO

For more information contact Chris Wilson, KidSport Tri-Cities, phone: 604-341-0241, email cwilson630@gmail.com www.kidsporttricitie.ca

Safe Teen Workshop for parents & teen girls (gr. 7 & 8)

Learn skills to empower us to cope with verbal, emotional, social & physical challenges we face every day.

Sat. Feb. 18, 9:00-3:00 Adults - \$10, teens - free

To register or for more info, contact Linda at Lindakozina@gmail.com or 604-942-9793

www.safeteen.ca

How to Get Better Grades in School

Where: Gleneagle Secondary School

When: Thurs., Feb. 2, 7:00 – 8:30

Price: \$45.00

Instructor: Terry Small, B.Ed., M.A.

Contact Coquitlam Continuing Education 604-936-4261 for more information.

Port Moody Lacrosse

Register on-line now www.portmoodylacrosse.org or

In person Sunday January 29th 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Port Moody Rec Centre





Red Cross Babysitters Certificate Program

Where: Miller Park Elementary
When: Session 1 – Thursdays, Jan 19 - Feb 9 (7 – 9pm)
Session 2 - Thursdays, Feb16 – Mar 8 (7 – 9pm)
Who: Students ages 11 - 17
To register contact Colin comckay@shaw.ca, 604-757-3634
or <http://members.shaw.ca/comckay>

PoCoMo’s YOUTH THEATRE PROGRAM

DETOUR is now accepting youth interested in having a voice, creating a play, acting and performing. We’re looking for youth from grades 8-12. No auditions necessary.
Where: 1240 Pinetree Way, Douglas College
Health Sciences Building “C” rm C1028
When: Thursday nights 7 – 9
Who: youth grade 8 – 12
Thursday nights 7:00- 9:00
contact tina@pocomo.org or admin@pocomo.org for more information.

Parents’ Circle Group

Presented by Share Society for parents/guardians concerned about their youth and substance abuse. Increase knowledge about substance use, find support, build skills in effective communication, and learn to manage tough emotions.
Where: 2615 Clarke St. Port Moody
When: Tues. 6:00-7:45 pm. Jan. 24 to Mar. 13

To register contact Greg or Julia 604-937-6973

IMPORTANT DATES – 2011/12

January	27	School Based Non-Instructional Day—no classes
February	1	Winter Activity Day
	9	2 pm early dismissal – 2:30 – 8 gr 8 P/T interviews
	15	“I” day – (not all students required to attend)
	16	Newsletter #6
	17	District Non-Instructional Day – no classes
March	2	Second Formal Report Card
	5	PAC meeting, 7:00 pm, library
	8	Newsletter #7
	9	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
	12 - 23	Spring Vacation
	26	School opens
April	6	Good Friday
	9	Easter Monday
	19	Newsletter #8
	20	District Non-Instructional Day—no classes
May	7	PAC meeting, 7:00 pm, library
	17	Newsletter #9
	17	Grade 5 parent & student information night
	21	Victoria Day
June	6	Year End Concert, 7:00 pm
	11	PAC meeting, 7:00 pm, library
	15	Athletic Awards, 9:00-10:30 am
	25	Awards Ceremony, 9:00-10:30 am
	26	POD Activity Day
	27	“I” day (not all students required to attend)
	28	Report Card pick-up 8:45 – 9:30 am
	28	Newsletter #10
	29	Administration Day—School close

