

MOODY ELEMENTARY: NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



ON THE CALENDAR November

- Nov. 4: PAC Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Nov. 6: Munch a Lunch - Hot dogs and Sushi
- Nov. 8: Remembrance Day Assembly 10:50 am
- Nov. 8: Moody PAC Pub Night
- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day (School closed)
- Nov. 20: Munch a Lunch - A&W
- Nov. 27: Munch a Lunch - Papa Leo's Pizza

Principal's Message

November already; and we continue to be busy with various celebrations, activities and of course learning. Students are well practiced with the routines and expectations of their classrooms and of the school. FSA tests for our grade 4's have been completed and the written portions will be coming home by the end of the month. On behalf of myself and the staff we would like to thank the PAC and all our families for your ongoing support. So far PAC has hosted a Movie Night, Kids Swap Meet, many hot lunch meals and Pub Night upcoming. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the school.



At Moody Elementary, the various educational needs of our students are met both within the classroom and by specialized professionals within the school. Our student support staff work as a team to provide additional service to children in many areas. These include learning assistance and resource programming, ELL, challenge programs, youth worker support, counseling and speech and language support. We also have a variety of professionals coming in for extra support from the District Learning Services team. These services are provided to students with identified needs, and those who need short term assistance in a specific area.

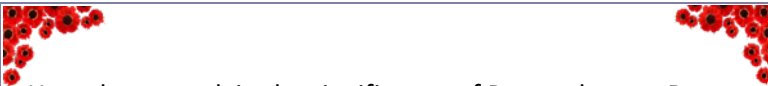
Documentation and/or meetings for identified students who may have Learning Plans, Individual Educational Plans (IEP), Individual Behaviour Plans (IBP), Safety Plans, ELL documentation, and Speech and Language documentation, have or will be coming home over the next few weeks and our programs are all up and running.



Lest We Forget




Morning Bells. We have 2 bells in the morning. The first bell at 8:45 a.m. signals to kids playing outside and teachers working inside that the day is about to begin. Students should start to line up outside where their teachers will pick them up. The 2nd bell at 8:50 a.m. signals it is time for teachers to greet their students and bring them inside. Staff oversee the changing of jackets, shoes, etc., interactions between students and delivery of notices. They ensure belongings are put away neatly. They help students regulate themselves as they start the day, and again as it ends in the afternoon. These routines form an important part of the school day and, in the new curriculum a great deal of emphasis is placed on developing core competencies such as self-regulation, taking care of your community and working with others.



How do we explain the significance of Remembrance Day to a generation of children far removed from the war to end all wars? For those of us fortunate to have lived in Canada all our lives, we adults have little direct experience with the ravages of war and therefore rely on what we have seen or read in the news. Living peacefully does not mean living without conflict; it means solving problems without violent actions or hurtful words. As a school community, we are always working to solve problems in peaceful ways by showing respect for others, self-regulating ourselves and taking responsibility for our actions.

Students will be given poppies to wear on Friday November 8th. Students are asked to bring donations to support the work of the Royal Canadian Legion. Donations will be collected prior to the Remembrance Day Ass on Friday, November 8th at 10:50a.m. Please join us to commemorate this reverent event.



IMPORTANT: Please remember, for safety reasons, there is **no student entry** through the front of the school. School drop off and pick up is located along St. George St. and all students enter through the back doors

Reminder:


There is absolutely No Stopping and No Parking (No Drop off or pick up) along Moody Street at the front side of the school.

As well please Do Not Double park along St. George Street.

It is important that our road safety is adhered to for the safety of all our students and families

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP SAFETY

- ❖ All visitors (including parents) must sign in/out at the office.
- ❖ **Please do not use the main entrance** to “cut through” the school.
- ❖ Thank you for waiting outside the school in the mornings and afterschool to eliminate safety and noise issues. This makes a big difference.
- ❖ Please be on time to pick up your child, if in an emergency you will be late- please call.
- ❖ Please let the teacher or school know if someone new is picking up your child.
- ❖ At the end of the day students in Divisions one through seven are picked up at the back, undercover area. Students know not to leave the school grounds until their caretaker comes. They are to report back to the office if no one is there to pick them up within 10 minutes.
- ❖ Kindergarten students are dismissed directly to an adult at the back door.
- ❖ **All Students Enter and Exit the building through the back**



WINTER WEATHER ALERT

In the event of heavy snowfall, ice or high wind:

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- 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, KKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates



The cold and flu season is upon us! Some children have already had a bout of one or both of these infections. We have also been talking to the children about what they can do to stay healthy:

- Eat properly
- Get plenty of sleep
- Wear appropriate clothing for rainy days and cool mornings
- Wash hands! With soap! Often!

CAUTION
COLD & FLU
SEASON

Health authorities tell us this is one of the most effective ways to ward off germs. After all, there are over 250 people in our school every day and that makes for a huge variety of germs to combat. Please reinforce this with your child. No one likes being sick, and if we can stay healthy, let's!