

e-Bulletin – 17 May 2018

ÉMMSOTA Website

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2017-2018 École	Moody Middle School Calendar	
	Mondays – Chess Club in the Youth Lounge 2:50-4:00pm	
	Fridays – Friends of Simon tutoring - 3-4:30pm	
	Badminton practices – Thurs & Fri (Gr 7&8) – 2:50-4:00	
	Rugby practices – Wed @ Eagle Mtn Middle School – 3:15-4:30	
	Track & Field practices – Mon/Tues/Thurs 3:15-4:15	
	Moody Middle Youth Club – Tues-Cooking/Wed-Leadership/Th-Creative Arts	
MAY		
18	Grade 8 May Activity Day	
21	Victoria Day – Schools not in session	
23	Grade 6 immunizations – blitz #2	
23	Badminton District Finals – Grade 7	
25	PAC Hot Lunch	
25	Port Moody Public Works day @ Public Works yard – Water Pod field trip	
28-June 1	Bike to school week	
30	Grade 6 immunizations – blitz #2 CATCH-UP	
30	Presentations of learning – early dismissal @ 1:50	
30	Badminton Finals – Grade 8	
JUNE		
1	Bike to school week	
1	Walk for Water – WE Leadership	
4	PAC Treat Day	
7	Grade 6 for a morning (Elementary Grd 5 students visit ÉMMSOTA) @ 09:30	
11	PAC Meeting	
14	Year-end concert @ 7pm in the Gym	
18	New School Grand Opening Celebration!	
26	Year-end recognition assembly	
26	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony	
27	Sasamat/White Pine Beach Activity Day	
28	Last day of school for all students – Final Report Card distributed	

Information for students coming *to* Moody and moving on *from* Moody --Grade 5 to 6 and Grade 8 to 9

Please look on our ÉMMSOTA website under Publications, in the folders called <u>Moving to</u> <u>Secondary School</u> or <u>Moving to ËCOLE Moody Middle</u>

Principal News

I love being an educational leader. Every day is different no matter how much I may try to create a plan for the day . . . but that is the variety, creativity and challenge about my work that I love. Part of being an effective principal is knowing how to set goals, as well as, celebrate when you have persevered. After six years of being at ÉMMSOTA, it is now time for me to focus on a new set of goals at a new school. It was a difficult decision to accept a new principal role in West Vancouver and equally emotional to communicate this to our wonderful Moody school community.

It has been one of the pleasures of my career, and life, to work with the staff, students and parents at Moody Middle and ÉMMSOTA. I don't expect to find another school that will ever rival the collaboration, professionalism and genuine friendship that has been extended to me and continues to be created here at Moody.

The opportunity to work in my community is something I look forward to doing again, and being closer to home is the factor that has made this very challenging decision somewhat easier. While I didn't plan to leave in the first official year of the new building, I feel that if I do actually lead us into the new building in June, I can feel there is some closure to the work I have done here at ÉMMSOTA.

I am delighted to share that our next principal of ÉMMSOTA is Mark Clay who has been the principal at Maillard Middle for the past seven years. He is a true professional and incredible school leader who has had a rich career in SD43 and certainly knows all things middle. ÉMMSOTA will be in good hands with Mr. Clay while navigating the first year in the new building in 2018-19.

POL

Looking ahead to May 30th – As you know, we will be having a school wide presentation of learning (POL) where each student will be presenting their inquiries and projects related to our theme of Change. Each student will be involved in this POL event and a parent/guardian will be invited for a specific presentation/tour time. Each student will be able to talk about their learning and share their inquiry journey. To facilitate this event there will be an early dismissal at 1:50 pm on May 30th at 1:50 pm. Next week each of our core teachers will be sending more information to parents along with a digital invitation booking link. We look forward to seeing you on the 30th.

Term 3 Art Installation



How does this image connect to our school wide art installation for <u>@CityofPoMo</u> waste vehicle? Keep following our updates over the next few weeks as we get closer to the grand reveal of the work of our students and staff @ EMMSOTA.

Organization for 2018-19

We have been busy getting to know our incoming grade 5s and preparing our grade 8s for their move to secondary school. At this time, we are expecting an enrolment of approximately 360 grade 6-8 students at École Moody Middle next year, organized into four pods – Earth, Wind, Fire and Water.

We have increased our enrolment for the coming year and will continue to work with class size and composition rules as we build classes this month. As in the past, all four pods will include students from grade 6 to 8.

Our goal in your child's 30 months of middle school is to help grow adult connections, peer relationships and reduce transitions while learning at ÉMMSOTA. With this in mind, we are doing our very best to create balanced classes and place your child in a class that is best for their learning and social development. Enrolment is still fluctuating on a daily basis, so a firm organization is not yet possible.

Here is our planning to date to help keep you informed:

Earth Pod (Late French Immersion) - one division each of grade 6, grade 7 & grade 8 Wind Pod – three divisions; two Gr. 6/7 divisions and one Gr. 7/8 Fire Pod – four divisions; two Gr. 6/7 and two Gr. 7/8 classes Water Pod – four divisions; three Gr. 6/7 and one Gr. 7/8 classes

We will share more information about our organization in the coming weeks through the Moody Matters.

Ask Me About . . . ?

This is a weekly feature to help promote conversations at home between parents/guardians and their child. Our ÉMMSOTA learners are becoming experts about their own learning needs, styles and accomplishments. For each student to make progress with this understanding, we need our students to talk about their learning with others each day. This week, ask your child about: **Tell me about what you are looking forward to learning about during the next two weeks. What have you been learning about in your Science & Math class this week?**

Spirit wear day is every FRIDAY at ÉMMSOTA



Reminder – Fridays are Spirit Wear day! We encourage all students and staff to wear their Moody wear tomorrow – either this year's 'evolution' t-shirt or other Moody wear. Spot prizes occur throughout the day ③

Our Guiding Inquiry Question for 2017-18 - How do changes impact our world and our lives?

As you know, we have a school-wide inquiry question to help guide our theme of Change for 2017-18. This important guiding question is a structure for student inquiries to develop in term three. On May 30th we invite all parents and guardians to our Presentation of Learning

event. It is also marked by an early dismissal on our school calendar. Teachers will send home more information from each division in the coming weeks.

After School Supervision

Our supervision schedule for staff concludes at 3:05pm each day. This supervision schedule provides students time to safely begin making their way home by foot, bike, car or bus. Students that are staying for an after-school team or club are safely supervised by the staff leader of that planned event.

If students are waiting for a ride after 3:05pm we require students to wait in the foyer of A Building or in front of the school on the steps of A Building. Similarly, if students are staying after 3:05pm to get help from a teacher or friend, or to work on a project, they are to do so in a classroom, library, or the Youth Lounge.

Please discuss your after-school plans and procedures with your child so there are no surprises. Recently we have had calls that students are not getting home at the expected time, or they are planning to stay at school for extended periods of time without being part of a planned after school event. Please help us reduce the amount of unsupervised time for your son/daughter after school to support their socially responsible choices and positive use of time.

Construction Updates

New Playground for the New Building

EMMSOTA became the first school in School District 43 to benefit from new playground fund announced this week. The total amount that we will receive is \$105,000. Just click on the link here to read more from the Tri City News. tricitynews.com/news/province-... pic.twitter.com/tXeTyNdpXN

(sample playground photo)

Trevor Kolkea, Principal tkolkea@sd43.bc.ca

VP Update:

Use of Devices for Learning Purposes

Teachers have been reviewing with students what appropriate use of devices such as Pods, iPads, phones and laptops means in the school learning environment. Devices are not used between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. except with specific teacher permission and supervision. Students are encouraged to leave their phones at home or in their lockers, password/passcode protected. While on field trips, the same rules apply.

For emergencies and messages for students while at school, the school phone number is 604-461-7384. Our website (<u>www.moodymiddle.ca</u>) is also a quick spot to check for updates to the calendar, emergencies, and special or school-wide events. Students have access to a phone at the office to contact parents, if necessary, during regular breaks (e.g. nut break and lunch). As the encouragement of fewer distractions for a safe and learning-filled day is key, we have school-based devices that teachers are accessing for students to further their learning.

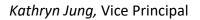
Parking and Student Safety

Please note that there are absolutely <u>no U-turns on Buller Street</u> and our pylons in front of the school that are carefully put out by Steve each morning will help remind you of this. As our days are brighter, warmer and longer, students are finding different modes of transportation to school. Being mindful of turning onto a street that is a block or two beyond and obeying our traffic reminders will help to ensure the safety of all our students as they arrive to school and depart from school whether carpooling, biking, walking or wheeling.

We will continue to remind students to cross at the stop sign at St. George Street or the crosswalk at St. Johns Street and encourage you to have this conversation with your children at home, too. Safety first!

Sliding Miter Saw Giveaway!

As we prepare for our move to the new school, we have found ourselves without a space to put this table saw. We would love for this piece of equipment to stay within our ÉMMSOTA community. If you are able to arrange your own pick up as soon as possible and make good use of it, please contact Ms Jung at <u>kjung@sd43.bc.ca</u>. Thank you!





Library update:

Bookmark Contest

The winning designs have been printed and each Division will be given a class set to distribute to students. There will also be extras available in the library. Our winning designs came from: Kiera F Madison L Sarina E Jeongwon L Nicole F Victoria B Tina S



For those students who did not have a winning design, Ms. Leonard will be laminating their

bookmarks for them to keep, or they can be donated to the library for future displays.

Arts Update: BEGINNER BAND DAY:



Last week EMMSOTA hosted Beginner Band Day here at our school! Twelve middle school Jr. Bands came to help celebrate the amazing band programs happening in our school district. Our Moody Middle Jr. Band did an excellent job representing our school. Mrs. Reichert would like to extend a special thank-you to all of the student helpers who helped welcome other students to our school and make the day run smoothly.

Drama News:

This term, the students in divisions 1, 4, 7 and 10 have been participating in drama classes, four days a week. For many, this is their first venture into Drama so we are working on building basic skills including personal development of focus and concentration, increasing confidence when working individually, in pairs or in small groups, identifying and developing facial, body, vocal and group expression, and simple improvisation techniques. So far, we have done 3 mini-units; Tableaux, Mime, and Commercials, and our next project will be a group reader's theatre presentation of "How and Why Stories" using masks and props made by the students.

THANK-YOU MOODY!

It is with mixed emotions that I announced my retirement for the end of June, this year. I have been a "Moody" teacher for most of my career (8 years at Moody Elementary, 20 years at Moody Middle/EMMSOTA), and I love and appreciate so much about the Port Moody community. In addition, I am eternally grateful to have worked with so many terrific teachers, administrators, assistants, and support staff over the years. There is a special 'something' that has kept me here for all these years and I will miss it dearly.

I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, including two special grandchildren, more time pursuing my hobbies, more days on the hill or the golf course, and more time travelling with my husband once he joins me in retirement. In between, I may fit in a TOC day or two, and I will certainly stay in touch with my "Moody" friends. I live nearby so I will continue to watch over the comings and goings at ÉMMSOTA.

And so... it is not "Good-bye", but "See you around!" Thank you, Moody, for a wonderful gig.

(Mrs.) Jane Ono

Earth Pod (Late French Immersion) update:

The students in Divisions 7 and 8 in Earth pod are getting ready to visit Quebec next year to engage in some truly immersive French. Last year, two classes visited the Auberge Du Mont and had an amazing time. This is a great way for students to employ the French skills they have been working so hard on.

A notice has been sent home and initial deposits to indicate interest are due by May 25. If you need more information, please talk to the LFI teachers.

We're heading out to Science World on Thursday, May 31st. Please be sure to fill in the permission form and make your payment using SchoolCashOnline. Please choose either the \$30 (includes admission AND public transportation) or the \$20 options (includes admission – student will use their own Compass Card)

https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/

If you signed up a few days ago and it appeared that the total cost was \$0.00, **please sign in** again to choose one of the two above options.

Water Pod update:

Water pod will be visiting Port Moody Public Works Yard open house on Friday May 25.

Me to We/Leadership

Walk for Water - Water, Water Everywhere, but none clean enough to drink... The WE Leadership BRICK group is organizing a Walk for Water on the afternoon of Friday, June 1^{st.} All divisions will be welcome to join the We Leadership BRICK group!

It will be a long walk... from Moody Middle to Rocky Point and then to Old Orchard Park... where we will fill up our milk jugs (1-2 per person) and walk back to Rocky Point to empty them, then walk back to Moody.

This event is a fundraiser for our **WE Country**: **Ethiopia.** Official pledge forms will be used and tax receipts will be issued.

- students are asked to start collecting pledges as soon as possible!
- Students are asked to start collecting and bringing in 2 Litre (rinsed out) milk jugs.

Parents – please save this date and let us know if you would like to help out! WE Leadership BRICK/Ms. Egelstad <u>segelstad@sd43.bc.ca</u>

Counsellor's Corner

As a parent, there are so many things to know. Please explore the items below that will help you to navigate the ever-increasingly complex world of our children today.

Please read the article below regarding the benefits of regular exercise. What better reason to get the family together and have some fun! <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/exercise-depression-prevention-1.4634002</u>

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? Please see the flyer/information for a free event on May 24th: https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Publications/SD43%20publications/Parent%20Present https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Publications/SD43%20publications/Parent%20Present https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Publications/SD43%20publications/Parent%20Present https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Publications/SD43%20publications/Parent%20Present https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Publications/SD43%20Publications/Parent%20Present

If you have any questions about these, or any other topics related to your child's development, please feel free to contact me at <u>marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca</u>.

SchoolCashOnline

We are shifting away from using paper permission forms to this ONLINE format in hopes of streamlining the process for future permission forms, waivers and payment of fees for trips, events and activities.

If you have not yet signed up for SchoolCashOnline, please register as soon as possible – click here: <u>https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/</u> Then click on **'GET STARTED TODAY'**

PAC & DPAC NEWS

ÉMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:

"Like" our page to receive updates on events, meetings and fundraising initiatives: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ÉMMSOTAPAC/</u>



PAC ELECTIONS: It's PAC election time. If you are interested in running for a position and are a parent /guardian of a student currently enrolled at Moody Middle, please attend the next meeting on Monday, May 14th at 6:30pm. There are five* Executive positions available. Each position is for the 2018/2019 school year. Please see the full PAC ELECTION NOTICE at the end of our newsletter for more information. ÉMMSOTA PAC Constitution and Bylaws can be found at the following link: <u>PAC Constitution and Bylaws</u>

Upcoming PAC Meetings – 6:30 p.m. in school library – all welcome, come out and get involved! New Grade 5 going into Grade 6 parents are also welcome to join and participate in PAC.

Monday, June 11, 2018
– Draft PAC budget for 2018/19 school year will be tabled for discussion

DPAC Student Achievement Advisory Committee is taking place on May 30th, with the focus of this particular meeting being on Student Achievement with a discussion around reporting. Edward Ram (DPAC Vice President) is our rep on this committee and will be attendance at this meeting.

The committee is wanting feedback from parents on report cards, use of Freshgrade, and Selfassessment sheets. Please use the following google form to provide feedback: (<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JDODmO2kujFPUr3vRCGHNT7EZL8b5QLVhl1AIFzLKGw/edit</u>) (needs to be completed by May 29)

HOT LUNCH DAYS & ORDERING INFO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

To order Hot Lunch, please use the link below to register an account (new users) or Login (returning users). https://munchalunch.com/schools/moodymiddleschool

NEW HOT LUNCH & TREAT DATES:



- Friday, May 25, 2018 Final Hot Lunch
- Friday, June 1, 2018 Treat Day
- o Monday June 4, 2018 Treat Day

*If your child is away from school on a Hot Lunch Day, the lunch previously ordered will be available for pick-up in their classroom during lunch block. There will be no cancellations or refunds.

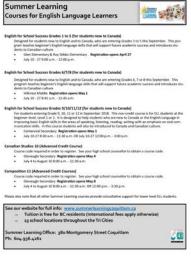
PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are available to help with any of the above PAC fundraisers, please contact kara crawford@telus.net to advise as to your availability and get more details.

PAC - Moody Middle/Thrifty Foods Fundraising Program:

- Do you occasionally shop at Thrifty's? Please order a **Thrifty's card** to help the PAC raise funds for fieldtrips. *See the attached order form on the last page of this edition of Moody Matters.*
- If you have any questions, please contact Heather Skip worth via email at <u>skippys@shaw.ca</u> or phone 604-461-6570. Order forms can be found at the following link: <u>PAC Thrifty Foods fundraising program</u>

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Summer Learning ELL Courses



SD43 Summer Learning



SD43 Middle Summer School



2018 Port Moody Summer Pass on sale June 4



Raising Digitally Responsible Youth May 24 @ Heritage Woods



Meadowbrook Community Carnival

https://evergreenculturalcentre.ca/events/do-it-improv-camp/

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School District 43 (@sd43bc)

5/4/18, 4:05 PM

We've launched a new site to keep you informed on more than a dozen capital projects including new schools, upgrades, additions and more. Visit often for regular updates: sd43.bc.ca/capitalprojects #SD43 #bced pic.twitter.com/7NiHtgwW0j



École Moody Middle (@43moody)

5/8/18, 9:14 AM

Finding volume at the community gardens in <u>@CityofPoMo</u>. Authentic math in action with <u>@43moody</u> Fire Pod this morning with <u>@karmarleo pic.twitter.com/hQr8EsBT3T</u>



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EMMSOTA / Moody Middle & Thrifty Foods Fundraising Program

The Moody Middle PAC is raising funds school field trips and to help offset these costs we have partnered with Thrifty Foods to take part in their Smile Card Program.

What is a Smile Card?

A Smile Card is just like a gift card with the added bonus of having 5% of the amount loaded onto the Smile Card donated back to Moody Middle. Smile Cards are available by ordering via the form below, once you receive the card you load it with any dollar amount you choose BEFORE you shop at Thrifty Foods. The card is reloadable so when funds are running low on the card just reload it and continue shopping, it's that easy!!

If you have any questions please email skippys@shaw.ca

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2018 Smile Card Order Form

of Cards requested:_____

Contact Name & Email associated with the card (for tracking and contact purposes):

Name:	Email:

Student's Name: ______ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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PAC / Office Use Only

Card #'s:_____