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SEASON'S GREETINGS

The first term is over, fall sports are complete, and last week we enjoyed the musical talents of our École Moody Middle Junior and Senior Band, Choir, as well as the dramatic talents of our fall theatre group. To the many parents, guardians and family members who attended our annual Winter Concert, thank you for filling the gym.

As we look forward to 2018, Ski/Snowboard Club is preparing for their outings on Seymour Mountain, the Spring Musical will begin practices and basketball & wrestling season along with other winter clubs will be very busy after Christmas.

Displaying gratitude and service are important aspects of our middle school all year long, beginning with collecting for the Terry Fox Foundation, collecting for SHARE's food bank for the community's less fortunate, and then continuing on with other projects selected by our Me to We students. December is a special month, filled with even more opportunities to practice those habits that serve us well for our lifetime. Thank you for your support and encouraging your children to find ways to give back to our community.

On behalf of the staff at EMMSOTA, we wish you a peaceful and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing you on January 8^{th} .

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING IN TERM ONE

Tomorrow students will be bringing home their reports. These are in an all new format and thus are new to all parents and guardians. The new communicating student learning documents should provide a great amount of information about your child's progress and their learning experience at EMMSOTA in 2017. (Please return the envelope and folder on January 8th) Here are the 2 links to the parent guide:

- http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Documents/Report%20Card%20Explanation%20fo r%20EAL%20Parents.pdf
- 2. http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Documents/EAL%20report%20card%20template%206-8.pdf

These documents are intended to assist you with reading the new document.

LIBRARY NEWS

Battle of the Books 2018 has begun! Students who have signed up to participate are in teams of 2 and have been told the titles of the books and allowed to sign them out from the school library. They have the option of reading 2 books, or all 4. Students need to become 'experts' on their books, so find out about your child's plan.

Note: books make great stocking stuffers!

11th Annual Reading Competition – Participating Middle Schools: Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlum, Maillard Middle, Scott Creek, Banting, Moody, Summit, Eagle Mountain

- 1. Open to all students in grade 6 8.
- 2. Form a team of 2 and submit your team to Ms. Leonard in the Library before **Dec. 21, 2017.****If you don't have a team come see Ms. Leonard and she will help you find a match**
- 3. Read the books on the list.
 - <u>Hint</u>: you can divide up the books so that each person reads 2 or you can all read all 4 books. The idea is to know the books very well, so it helps to have an 'expert' on each book.
- 4. We will have elimination rounds here at Moody Middle School, where teams will need to answer questions about the books. These will take place at lunch after the Christmas Holidays. Listen to the morning announcements for the dates.
- 5. The top team from Moody Middle will compete against the other schools **after Spring Break**, after school, date and place TBA.

Battle of the Books Reading List

So B. It Sarah Weeks
House of Scorpions Nancy Farmer
Eye of the Crow Shane Peacock
ReStart Gordon Korman

ME TO WE



A BIG Thank You to our Moody students, parents and staff for another successful 12 Days of Giving campaign!

The report from the fire truck is that we had a lot more food this year, than in the past! 1696 lbs in total in fact!!

We even surpassed totals from years when we had 700+ students!

Enjoy knowing you have once again made a difference in our extended community.

Totals and winners for the Nintendo Switch, games and movie passes will be announced at our Christmas Showcase Assembly on Friday afternoon☺

Well done Moody & Happy Holidays!

from Ms. E and the Leadership/Me to We BRICK

MOODY MIDDLE YOUTH CLUB

Our afterschool activities are back in January.

Register now to join 1 of 3 after school clubs. The clubs will all run until March break and begin on January 16, 17, & 18.

The 3 clubs that are being offered are: Games, cooking, and creative arts.

See the first link below for full details:

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Register here:

https://payments.portmoody.ca/internetregistration/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp

ASK ME ABOUT

This is a weekly feature to help promote conversations at home between parents/guardians and their child. Our EMMSOTA learners are becoming experts about their own learning needs, styles and accomplishments. In order for each student to make progress with this understanding, we need our students to talk about their learning with others each day. Here is this week's question to ask your child: What are you most proud of in your report folder?

Yearbook 2017-18 - LAST CHANCE AT \$35

Hello Moody Middle, we are well underway with the production on our new year book for 2017/2018. The yearbook has a starting price and an ending price. Starting price: \$35 before Christmas. At the beginning of 2018 the price will change to the regular price of \$45! You can pay with cash or cheque or school cash online.

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DR. CHARLES BEST - EVENING OF THE ARTS

Will you be coming to Best? Are you interested in Art, Music Drama? On Tuesday, January 16th the Dr. Charles Best Fine and Performing Arts Department will be holding our annual Fine Arts Night. This special evening will be a celebration of ALL the arts at Charles Best. Presented in our Gallerasium (our small gymnasium) we transform the space into an art gallery/theatre so that students, their families and friends can enjoy drama, jazz band, ceramics, painting, drawing, animation, graphic arts and photography presentations. It's sure to be a great evening so come and check out this fantastic event. Whether your son or daughter is involved in these electives or wants to be in the future, be sure to save the date. The fun starts at 7:00 pm and seating will be cabaret/coffee house style. Coffee and tea will be available by donation.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

MEETING FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Tuesday, January 9th or Thursday, January 11th, 2018 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary School Students and parents interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask teachers and students questions about the IB Program. All registration information will be available at these meetings. Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Pages/default.aspx and www.ibo.org

MISSING SOMETHING?

Before the holidays. Students are asked to please take a moment to look through the Lost and Found located in the small room inside the cafeteria. You may discover something that you didn't even know was missing! Any items unclaimed by the Christmas break will be donated to a local charity. We strongly suggest that you put your child's name inside all clothing and footwear items. There is a much better chance of re-uniting your child with a lost item if it contains a name.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Winter is here! Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for the outdoors. Outdoor recreation periods are often an important part of a student's physical activity and social time. Consequently, they may spend nut break, lunch or PE outside in all types of weather. Please send your children to school equipped with raincoats, hats and even extra shoes on rainy days, and warm hats, mitts, snow boots, warm coats as the weather gets colder. Students who are dry and warm are more likely to be comfortable and in the green zone, ready to learn.

Student Lunch Reminder

Students need to make sure they pack cutlery for their lunches as we do not supply forks/spoons at school.

PAC News

NEW! EMMSOTA PAC FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

Moody Middle/Thrifty Foods Fundraising Program:

The PAC has partnered with Thrifty Foods to take part in their Smile Card Fundraising Program. Money raised from the program will help cover Fieldtrip costs. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Skipworth via email at skippys@shaw.ca or phone 604-461-6570. Order forms can be found at the following link: ..\PAC\2016-17\Moody Middle and Thrifty Foods Fundraising Program 2017-18.pdf

Grade 6 Stay Active Program

Can be accessed on the SD43 public website on the following page: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/publications.aspx

Strongstart Information:

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Community News





Construction Update Photo:



Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m**. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: http://www.translink.ca/

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

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Port Moody Police (@PortMoodyPD)

12/12/17, 4:02 PM

Today we dropped by several local school's to pick up hand decorated bags for ICBC's "think of me" campaign. Each bag has one of a kind student-drawn art and a thought provoking message. They will be available at the Suderbrook BC Liquor store this Friday. #sd43 #SafeRideHomeBC pic.twitter.com/8Zk3xBxCuu

École Moody Middle (@43moody)



12/17/17, 3:24 PM

Great Christmas tunes from the <u>@43moody</u> choir. Frightful weather but warm sounds #HolidayTrain pic.twitter.com/gBPPBCWmwg



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A great community effort! Happy holidays twitter.com/portmoodyfr/st...

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Season's Greetings 2017

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Christmas time and the winter break are upon us. It is a joyous time for concerts and parties and for spending quality time with friends and family.

After an always busy Fall season the winter break provides time to rest and reflect on our many achievements over the year. Our students continue to succeed because of the strong leadership and collaborative teamwork of all our employees and the positive school communities we have built. Together we have accomplished so much in 2017 and we have many new and exciting opportunities to look forward to in 2018.

The Christmas season is also a time of warmth, compassion, charitable giving and volunteering to help those in need. This is the true spirit of Christmas and we are proud of our students, employees and parents for all they do for each other, their schools and their communities.

May the joy of Christmas be in your hearts, and may your goals for the New Year come true. Relax, recharge and most importantly be festive and merry.

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our students, parents and employees!

See you in 2018!

Patricia Gartland Superintendent of Schools