

Moody Matters

École Moody Middle School of the Arts  E-Bulletin - December 7, 2017

ÉMMSOTA Website

2017-2018 ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

5-20	12 Days of Giving
7	Winter Concert
8	Term 1 Ends
8	Friends of Simon Club
14	Me to We Workshop
15	Friends of Simon Club
15	Treat Day
19	Fire Pod Skating Field Trip
21	Earth Pod Skating Field Trip
22	Reports Cards
22	Last day of school before Winter Vacation

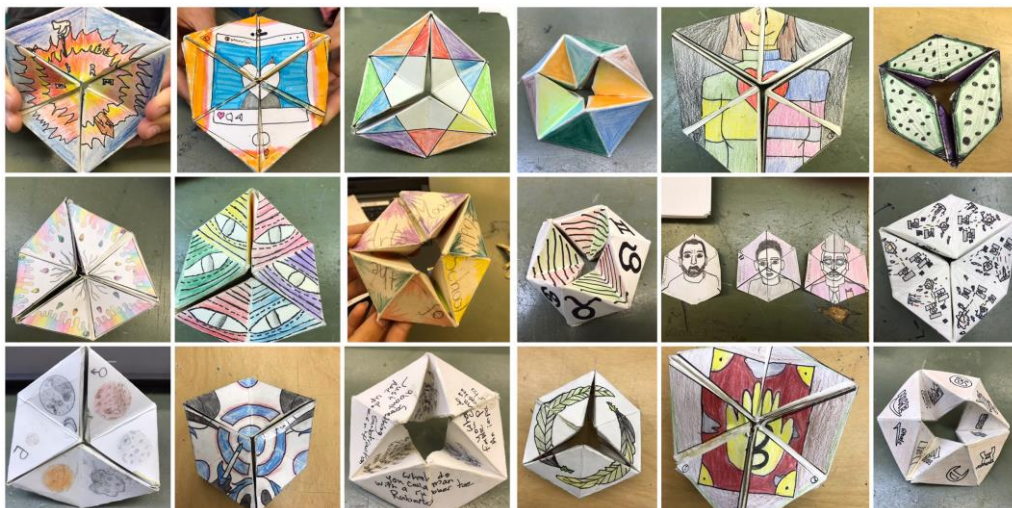
JANUARY

8	School reopens after Winter Break
18-Feb 8	Ski & Snowboard Club – Spots still available

For a complete school calendar, please check [View All Events](#) on the school webpage

KALEIDOCYCLES ART

Eight students in Tech Ed completed their Kaleidocycle projects. These are based on the idea of the Kaleidoscope, except we draft and design it on paper, then construct and complete with glue adhesives. The result is a continuous 4 sided project. Hours of endless entertainment and stress relief!



WINTER CONCERT

Our December **Winter Concert** is tonight, **Thursday, December 7th**! All Jr. Band, Sr. Band, and Choir students will be performing twice during the day. Once for our associate elementary schools, and once for Moody Middle. The students are then asked to be back at the school in the evening at **6:30pm**. We will do attendance and get ready for our evening performance, which will start at **7pm**. As we will be performing during the day and in the evening, the students will need their Moody Music t-shirt, black pants and black shoes with them at school for the whole day.

CHOIR

Our Moody Middle Choir has an exciting opportunity to sing as the CP Holiday Train rolls into Port Moody on **Sunday, December 17th**. Choir members will need to arrive at 2:30pm to get ready for our performance which will take place from **3-3:30pm**. A notice will be sent home with Choir students this week with all the details for this event.

ME TO WE

Me to We Event: Workshop for 25 Students

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 14 (12-1pm)

WHAT: **A Me to We Speaker** is coming to discuss our goals for **Clean Water for ALL** and our plan for fundraising in the New Year!

WHO: All Me to We Brick Students (22) and 3 additional Leadership Students

WHERE: Room 102 A Building (Ms. Egelstad's Room)

Me to We's Annual **12 Days of Giving** December 5-20

Non-perishable Food Donations will be collected during December in all classrooms around Moody Middle to support our local SHARE Food Bank over the holidays.

Please check our list of most needed items and see if you have anything to donate, money donations are also welcome.



Thank you for supporting your community!

SHARE Food Bank is in need of:

Canned Fruit

Cooking Oil

Juice (no sugar added)

Granola Bars/ Whole Grain Crackers

Lentils and Beans- canned or dried

Rice

Canned Fish

Tomato Paste

Gluten Free Products

Flour

Peanut Butter/ Honey/ Tahini

*Please be advised that we cannot use open, damaged or expired food

A BIG THANK YOU ☺☺☺

To: Nintendo of Canada Ltd. & Susan Tucker

From: The Me to We BRICK group from École Moody Middle School of the Arts

We would like to thank you for your generous donation in support of our annual

12 Days of Giving Event December 5 – 20, 2017

All food collected will go to our local **SHARE FOOD BANK**

For every 2 non-perishable food items a student brings to school they will get a ticket to enter a draw on December 22nd for...

A Nintendo Switch & Mariokart 8 Deluxe game!!!

We appreciate your support this year!

WHAT A GAS!

During our Science blocks, divisions 8 and 9 have been learning about the characteristics of plant and animal cells. Students compared the parts and functions of an animal cell to a larger thing (a school, a house, a stadium) and created a large scale drawing of it; they designed and constructed an edible plant cell and presented it orally in front of the class (then enjoyed their delicious creations). Most recently, our students have learned proper safety protocol in a science lab and have put it to use in their first lab of the year: Making Hydrogen Gas! Students each wore a lab coat and safety goggles, mixed water with aluminum foil and Sodium Hydroxide, which produced enough gas to fill up a small balloon. Then, at a safe distance, we held each balloon over an open flame to discover that hydrogen is flammable....and why hydrogen is no longer used for hot-air balloons or blimps! (Many thanks to Mr. Abello for his guidance with this lab!)



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

LIBRARY NEWS

Attention all readers! After a 3-year gap, **Battle of the Books** is back. This is a competition to see how well you know your books. 4 books have been selected by the Teacher Librarians from 8 participating middle schools. In teams of 2, students will take part in a series of elimination battles here at Moody, answering questions about the books. Each participant is responsible for reading 2 of the books. The final battle takes place at the [Inlet Theatre at Port Moody City Hall](#) after spring break where each middle school sends 1 team of 2 students to compete for the trophy. Titles of the books will be revealed before Christmas break so stay tuned!

Battle of the Books is a joint venture between SD43 School Libraries and the [Port Moody Public Library](#). The Port Moody Public Librarian secures the venue for the final battle, writes the final battle questions, helps judge and provides additional copies of the selected books into their collection.

For any students interested in participating, there will be more details in the coming weeks. Listen for them on the morning announcements, or see Ms. Leonard in the library if you have any questions.

COMPUTATIONAL THINKING MICRO BITS

Last week Mr. Abdulla attended the first of three learning sessions in SD43 to support computational thinking and coding through the use of Micro Bits. Last year we began school-wide opportunities to support student learning in computational thinking in this area of the curriculum with Spheros. This year we plan to expand those coding opportunities and Mr. Abdulla is helping lead our staff in this area.

PRO-D UPDATE – WHAT DID OUR TEACHERS DO MONDAY?

December 4th was a school based Professional Development day for EMMSOTA staff. École Moody Middle School of the Arts teachers spent their morning assessing resources to be used with upcoming big ideas from the refreshed curriculum. Since we are working toward ensuring we only pack and bring current and actively used resources and furniture to the new building, this focus was particularly helpful.

During the afternoon the Team Leaders got a tour of the new school and examined all the flexible and beautiful features of our new state of the art building. Teachers also worked with their pod to develop more intentional leadership and integration of the core competencies to their classes and how to have students share their learning through various platforms, like Freshgrade.

ASK ME ABOUT

This is a new 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: **Where have you used your critical thinking competencies this week?**

MISSING SOMETHING?

The Lost and found is getting full. 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 coming! 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.

Action Plan for Learning (APL)

Every year schools in SD43 develop a school goal called an Action Plan for Learning. This year, as you may know, our focus is on social emotional learning. Our goal for 2017-18 is:

To develop each learner's ability to access strategies to be calmly focused, alert and ready to learn to thrive in their learning environment.

To review the whole APL document, please use the link to our website.

[EMMSOTA Action Plan for Learning 2017-18](#)

Yearbook 2017-18

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.

[../Newsletter Notices & Publications/2017-18/yearbook poster \(002\).jpg](#)

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

DECEMBER 7TH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - BAKE SALE –DONATIONS can be dropped off from 8:15am to 9am and 3 to 3:45 on Thursday, December 7th

PICK UP PURDY'S ORDERS ON DECEMBER 7th - from 3 to 3:45pm or before and after the Christmas Concert.

50/50 TICKETS AND DRAW AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DECEMBER 7th

- Wouldn't it be nice to win a little Christmas cash?

TREAT DAY - DECEMBER 15TH LUNCHTIME – A variety of treats will be available to students for \$1. Volunteers are needed. If you can help please touch base with Heather Skipworth skippys@shaw.ca.



Sparkling Ice \$2
Juice, Water \$1
Chocolate chip & Holiday Cookies \$1
Chips, Pretzels, Fruit \$1
Krispie Squares & Fruitees \$0.50



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:

<..\Newsletter Notices & Publications\2017-18\StrongStart Nov 2017.pdf>

Community News

1969 – 2018 Moody REUNION

*Inviting all
Staff, Students, Parents from all eras:*
Port Moody Secondary 8-12 Moody Junior Moody Middle



Friday, January 12, 2018
4:30 to 8:30

École Moody Middle School of the Arts
3115 St. Johns Street, Port Moody

Social in the gym: food and beverages available for purchase



Tour the old buildings

Photo Booths
Memorabilia Displays

Questions? Contact:
carlynelson@shaw.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/moodyjunior.middle.reunion/>

Help us celebrate and reminisce before the old buildings are gone!

Construction Update Photo:

From Old...to New. Our team leaders tour the new building.



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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Trevor Kolkea ([@tkolkea](#))

[12/4/17, 3:30 PM](#)

From old...to New. Our team leaders [@43moody](#) tour the new building with [@rossdevon](#) today [#SD43](#) [pic.twitter.com/CV1hRRXx4y](#)



École Moody Middle ([@43moody](#))

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Full house this morning with our elementary guests for the [@43moody](#) Winter Concert. [pic.twitter.com/TCDeav5sVd](#)

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