

Moody Matters

École Moody Middle School of the Arts  E-Bulletin - Nov 2 2017

ÉMMSOTA Website

2017-2018 ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

9	Remembrance Day Assembly
10	Schools not in session
13	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
16	Grade 6 Immunizations – blitz #2
17	Friends of Simon Club
20 – 23	Book Fair
22	Early Dismissal at 1:30 for Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences
24	Curriculum Training – Non-instructional day
28	Jesse Miller Presentation

DECEMBER

1	Friends of Simon Club
4	School Based Pro D Day – Non-Instructional Day
7	Christmas Concert
8	Term 1 Ends
19	Fire Pod Skating Field Trip
22	Last day of school before Winter Vacation

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

Dallas Creek Clean Up

Division 7 participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup last Friday. They helped remove over **970 items** from the environment surrounding Dallas Creek, near our school. Thank you, **Division 9** and **M. Pillsbury**, for caring and making a difference. Thank you to **Christine, Hannah** and **Cady** from **Division 8** for organizing the event, and to **Mr. Kolkea** for the BBQ afterwards!!



EMMSOTA Honors Remembrance Day

A found poem by Ms. Jung's Division 10 class

Remember the Soldiers
Respect the soldiers
The men who risked their lives
Remember the people
Those people who died for losing sight of peace
For war is preventable

Thank you, soldiers
We all hope
For peace again
We honour the veterans
By wearing red poppies
Respect our veterans



Be thankful that we are not in war
We remember
Peace is important
We remember
Red Poppies

We remember
Peace and kindness
Remember all the people
Who show respect
Who show respect
To be respected

Remember our soldiers.

Our Guiding Inquiry Question for 2017-18: change

Following our September staff meeting, October Team Leader meeting, and most recently our Friday Collaborative time, we have a school-wide inquiry question to help guide our theme of Change for 2017-18.

The discussions have focused on a question that allows for cross curricular focus from Science to Humanities. Also important was a guiding question that will support student inquiries in term two and three.

How do changes impact our world and our lives?

Foundation Skills Assessment Grade 7 (FSA 7)

Each year, the Ministry of Education assesses students in grades 4 and 7 on their skills in reading, writing and numeracy. The assessments were completed throughout the month of October both on-line and in booklets which are going home on November 9.

Note that while these assessments may provide some general insights into your child's understanding and skills in areas of reading, writing and numeracy, the results in no way impact your child's report card information nor his or her abilities compared to his or her classmates' results.

Inside each booklet, please find attached a letter from our Superintendent, Ms. Patricia Gartland, as well as some raw scores as achieved by your child on his or her FSA. In the spring, the province will release the final results and performance levels. Raw scores that are left blank indicate that your child was exempt from the FSA in which case the parent was contacted, the child was absent for the assessment or the child was unable to complete the task.

This is the first time the FSA has been administered in the fall and is a change from the formerly held spring assessment. Along with the revised curriculum changes, the FSA format underwent several changes to include an optional self-reflection piece of writing and a collaborative activity which more closely mirrors the kind of learning that is more commonly seen in our classes now.

Special thanks to our teachers for being flexible with administering the FSA as well as to Ms Robinson, our temporary head secretary for her swift data collection and preparation of the results for each child. For more information about any part of the process, please e-mail Ms Jung at kjung@sd.43.bc.ca

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: **What did you do this week to show growth in your communication skills?**

Grade 6 Immunizations Part 2

The Public Health Nurse will be back on Thursday, November 16 to immunize any Grade 6 students who were away or did not have consent for the first round. Students will need remember to bring their completed, signed and dated consent form on the 16th.

Middle Years Development Instrument

Students in grade 7 will be participating in this year's Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) in partnership with the University of British Columbia working at the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP). SD43 makes up one of the largest groups of students in BC being asked about their thoughts, feelings and experiences inside and outside of school in an effort to allow teachers to understand and have information about general trends on student learning and connectedness to others and self. Already, the information garnered in this research has led to systemic changes that can be seen at play in our own Action Plan for Learning (APL) and our focus on Social and Emotional Learning and Self-Regulated Learning practices. Please watch your inboxes for a more detailed multi-language newsletter explaining the MDI. The survey takes about 1-2 classes to complete on-line and is voluntary. For more information about this survey, please contact Ms. Jung at kjung@sd43.bc.ca. Thank you.

Save the Date: Student Learning Conferences

November 22nd from 2:00 to 8:00

Our students are preparing to share their learning with their parents/guardians in the upcoming Triad Conferences. This year we are launching a new reporting template throughout SD43 at all middle schools. Our November conferences are vital discussions to help capture each student, parent and teacher reflections in the term one reporting process. Your child's teacher will email

parents/guardians a link next week to book an appointment for November 22. We hope to have 100% participation from all students and parents.

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](#)

FreshGrade



Many students and parents are now logging on to FreshGrade to connect as a classroom community. Thank you! Please mark your calendars for our November 22nd "Communicating Student Learning" parent-teacher night when we'll be introducing FreshGrade formally and getting our parents connected. Check out the video above to learn more about FreshGrade because some classroom communities are posting work, assignments, connecting together, reflecting on work, sharing videos and sharing photos in these spaces. As this is our professional learning community, students are reminded that posts are to be appropriate, professional and kind. Some students may have used FreshGrade at the elementary level. The great news is, this forum will remain attached to them throughout their middle years! To enquire about FreshGrade, Ms Jung can be reached at kjung@sd43.bc.ca. Good luck getting started beginning with an invitation from your teacher! Stay tuned.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_uzNmyKF74

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Yearbook 2017-18

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

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Student Lunch Reminder

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

Moody Badminton Club



A friendly reminder that there is no badminton on Monday, November 13 due the Remembrance Day Statutory holiday.

PAC News



Purdys Chocolate Holiday Brochures have been sent home! Please note that 25 percent of all orders will go to the PAC to benefit your students at EMMSOTA. You can conveniently order online. Login or create a new account at purdysgpp.com please quote customer number: **2393** to benefit our school. Order deadline is November 27th and items will be ready for pick up on Thursday, December 7th after school and before the Christmas Concert. Thanks for your support!

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming - Nov 20, 21, 22 and 23rd! It will be open before school at 8:00, Nut Break, Lunch and after school each day. On November 22nd, the early dismissal and triad conference day, the Book Fair will be open until 7:30 pm. Help us reach our goal of \$3000 and support your child's interest in reading and books. There are over \$60 in gift certificates to be won just by buying something, or entering one of our contests.

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](http://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>

Community News

There will be a Remembrance Day Ceremony in our Port Moody community at Kyle Centre on November 11th beginning at 10 a.m. with a moment of silence at 11 a.m. and a Cannon Salute. Lest we forget.

The City of Port Moody has some great, free events coming up. Check out the details below:

FREE Wheelchair Sports

- **Wed. Nov. 15th, 6-7pm**
- <http://www.portmoody.ca/index.aspx?recordid=7379&page=143>

- Details: Come down to the Port Moody Recreation Complex for our last FREE Canada150 ParticipACTION Challenge event of the year! Have you ever wanted to try wheelchair athletics? Whether you're able-bodied or have a disability, you're welcome to come get in the game! BCWSA staff and athletes will be demonstrating wheelchair athletics, wheelchair rugby, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair tennis. It's free and all equipment is provided! Register and participate for your chance to win a YEAR LONG fitness pass and other great prizes! Register and learn more at www.portmoody.ca/recreation

Youth Moustache Skate

- **Fri. Nov. 17th, 8:15-9:30pm**
- \$2.00 admission
- <http://www.portmoody.ca/index.aspx?page=240>
- Details: A themed night of skating, activities, concession and more in support of Movember. For youth in grades 6-12.

Seaview Elementary Craft Fair

- Saturday, November 25
- \$2 Admission and kids are free!
- [Seaview Elementary Craft Fair](#)

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

Hockey Night in Coquitlam: <..\Newsletter Notices & Publications/2017-18/Hockey Night in Coquitlam.jpg>

Construction Update Photo:

More landscaping and roof work completed this week:



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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A thoughtful, reflective, student-led, and artistic Remembrance Ceremony today
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