

# Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

**e-Bulletin – 13.Dec.2018**

ÉMMSOTA Website

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[www.Moody Middle website calendar](http://www.Moody Middle website calendar)

**WEEKLY:**

- Mon / Wed @ 07:40 Senior Band Practice
- Mon / Tues @ 12:02 Art Club with Mr. Walker (Art Room)
- Mondays 2:55-3:55 Chess Club (Youth Lounge) (not 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays)
- Mon / Thurs 3-4:15pm Basketball – Gr 7 & 8 boys (Dec-Mar)
- Tues/Thurs @ 07:40 Junior Band Practice
- Tues/Thurs @ 3-4:15 Wrestling (Dec-Feb)
- Tues/Thurs lunch Gr 6 Basketball – starting Jan 10
- Tues 3-4pm (Oct 23-Dec 11) Youth Club – Dance for Girls
- Wed 3-4:15 (Oct 24-Dec 12) Youth Club – Cooking
- Thurs 3-4pm (Oct 25-Dec 13) Youth Club – Games Zone
- Tues 3-4:15pm (Jan 15-Mar 5) Youth Club – Cooking
- Wed 3-4:00 (Jan 16-Mar 6) Youth Club – Wacky Experiments
- Thurs 3-4:15pm (Jan 17-Mar 7) Youth Club – Creative Arts
- Fri @ 07:40 Choir practice
- Fri @ 2:50pm Badminton Club
- Fri 3-5pm Friends of Simon tutoring

DECEMBER

- 13 **PURDY'S CHOCOLATE ORDER PICK-UP!!**
- 14 **Term 1 Report Cards distributed to students**
- 17 Field trip (Choir) – Christmas Carols Concert @ Kway
- 18 Choir @ CP Holiday Train, Pt Moody Rec Ctr @ 5pm
- 20 Field trip (Fire pod) - Skating
- 21 Pancake breakfast & PJ day
- 21 Winter Showcase assembly /  
Last day in session before Winter vacation
- 24 Winter vacation starts

JANUARY

- 7 Schools re-open after Winter vacation
- 8 PMSS IB program info session – 7-8:30pm @ PMSS
- 9 PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza
- 10 PMSS IB program info session – 7-8:30pm @ PMSS
- 14 PAC meeting
- 15-17 Pt Moody after school Youth Clubs start
- 15 Late French Immersion (LFI) info night @ Winslow (7pm)
- 15-25 Pink Anti-bullying t-shirt sales
- 18 IB Applications due by 4pm
- 24 Ski & Snowboard Club starts – Thurs x 4 weeks + Mar 14
- 25 Grade 8 Tours at Secondary Schools
- 26 PMSS IB intake assessment

### **Amendment to the 2019/20 School Calendar**

The school district would like to inform students, parents and SD43 staff that the 2019/20 school calendar has changed the date of the October Professional Development Day. The date of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 has been moved to October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to align with Provincial Specialist Association conferences. For more information on SD43 Calendars, please visit the school district website at [www.SD43.bc.ca](http://www.SD43.bc.ca).

### **Stay tuned!**

Recall that our daily announcements are posted on our website at [moodymiddle.ca](http://moodymiddle.ca) for parents to refer to. You'll even find important dates running as a banner across the top of our webpage!

### **Greetings from the Admin Team**

Good Afternoon to All of Our EMMSOTA Community.

We are looking forward to some of our festive activities over the next couple of weeks, the CP Holiday Train Music Concert on December 18<sup>th</sup>, Team Skating field trips, Spirit week and our pancake breakfast on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Celebrations are a big part of being a middle level learner. Thank you as always for sharing your children with us every day.

### ***An important message from Ms Jung:***

Traditionally, this is the time of year when we focus on friends and family. This year is no different for me especially because I made the very difficult decision to take a personal leave from January to June. Hence, I am cherishing every last moment in my roles as VP and teacher leader. I will miss my students in Divisions 7 and 8, my Fire Pod team, and everyone in this school community including students, staff, PAC, and parents. I am committing to my own educational journey during this time and am also hoping to travel to Japan with my parents to see the many dear friends we have made over the last several decades. A teacher new to our staff will be the lucky one to work with my classes and there will be an Administrative Assistant who will have been chosen through a formal process from within the school to cover for me at the office until my return to work in July. I am grateful to my team on Fire Pod for having been so flexible over the course of this year. I am excited for the teacher who will come in to work with Divisions 7 and 8 because having worked with these two groups for the past 4 months, I know that my students are amazing! I will miss them dearly. Special thanks to Mr. Clay for being so supportive of my decision to take a leave midway through this year. I hope to stay connected to our community and am sure I will see many familiar faces around and about the area in the coming months. Best wishes to our ÉMMSOTA community for a happy and healthy holiday season ahead. I wish everyone much success as the new year and our Mythological journey unfolds.

Ms Jung

### **Music in the Foyer**

It's the last week of school and what better way to start the day than to jam together with others who play an instrument! Bring your instrument or voice to the main foyer (the steps by the office) between 8-8:25am and play along! There will be some holiday music provided. Which of your teachers plays an instrument? Come and find out! We'll be there on Tuesday and Thursday!

### ***Lost and Found***

We ask that students please be sure to check out the Lost and Found items that have now been set out in the main FOYER, before the holiday break. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Please take some time over the holiday season to diligently label articles of clothing, water bottles and lunch containers so that we can reunite lost items to their rightful owners.

### ***Overdue Library Books***

Library books should be returned to the Library Learning Commons as soon as possible. Overdue books that are found during the holidays may be returned upon our start up on January 7, 2019. Thank you!

### ***Numeracy Goal***

Did you know that our school has a numeracy goal? How about some fun and educational extension activities during the break to improve our number sense? Try an app (Sumdog) or one of these cool math games at <https://www.weareteachers.com/15-fun-ways-to-practice-math/> Good luck!



### ***Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day***

On December 21, we are coming to school in our PJs and having a pancake breakfast with our school community to start the day off right and to celebrate our first term together! Please remind all students to 'go green' and bring a non-disposable plate, cup and cutlery from home. Thank you!

Special thanks to our volunteers who have already signed up to help out! Our WE Family is going to "Get Cooking" and many have joined on to help out, too! Our volunteers are: **Kat, Bella, Nanaki, Jayde, Olive, Marwa, Ella, Angel, Alayna, Maryam, Grace, Carmen, Evan, Katherine, Kayla, Tikara, Mila, and Annika.** Thanks for being a difference maker!

### ***Music Concert and Purdy's Pick Up!***

Our Music Concert and Purdy's pick up were successes. Thanks to our families for your consistent support of Mrs. Reichert's music program. We hope you will visit the Moody Choir at the CP Holiday train on December 18 from 5-5:30



*Mr. Clay & Trent J playing a duet at the Winter Concert*

### ***Parking at EMMSOTA***

We would like to thank our school families for their patience as construction continues on and around our beautiful new school. We do our best to communicate with the City and our private contractors around drop off and pick up times at ÉMMSOTA. We will do our best to inform the community of any changes that may impact the drop off and pick up of our students. As always, we try and ensure that our students are safe getting to and from school. We appreciate your flexibility and consideration for student safety. We have been meeting with the City of Port Moody and the independent contractors to come up with a new and improved pedestrian management plan to mitigate as many safety concerns as we can. We will update you as soon as we confirm some of the most recent changes being put in place over the next week.

We continue to encourage all families to use William and Henry Street when accessing the school and **only dropping off on the East side of Buller**. We are still seeing too many students running out in front of cars in the middle of the street and this is **absolutely** not safe. Please take some extra care in the rainy weather and allow an extra 5-10 minutes getting to school in the morning and make plans with your children to meet you along Henry or even over on James Street after school. We need to do our best to limit the congestion and unsafe conditions for our children.

There is an end in sight and we are hopeful that the new year will bring some respite from our parking and drop off woes. Thank you.

Cheers, à bientôt

Mark Clay, Principal & Kathryn Jung, Vice Principal



*Another winter day at Moody Middle!*

### **Winter Weather Ahead!**

**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.

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](http://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](http://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>

## Spirit Team brings you Winter Spirit Week



Monday *Mitten Monday* – wear mitts (take off as needed)

Tuesday *Triple Toque Tuesday* – bring 3 and change them as the day goes on! Or find 2 friends and be toque triplets! Or wear 3 toques!



Wednesday *Winter White-out* – wear white! Shirts, pants, accessories, hats (not just white socks!)

Thursday *Red & Green / Sweaters*  
(cute, ugly, festive)

Friday *PJ & Pancake Day!*



We will award spirit points each day for each division, ending with some prizes!

Every regular Friday, students are encouraged to wear Moody Spirit wear or Moody Colours (red and blue).

## Counsellor's Corner

It's almost the new year and the grade 8s are already thinking about high school. We have started some conversations about the transition to high school with them, so parents, please ask your child to share their thoughts about grade 9 with you. We will soon be updating our website and we will have more information posted there; one important event is the high school tour for all students on Friday, January 25th during the afternoon. There are parent information evenings scheduled at the high schools as early as the first week back in January so you can attend any of these to learn more about programs offered.

In mid-January, the Big Sisters will be running a program after school with some of our grade 6 and 7 girls. We have had the Go Girls at our school for several years; there will be mentors working with some of our students to help build life skills and self-confidence through group activities and workshops.

As a staff, we continue to work together to support children's mental health and emotional well-being. If your family is experiencing a challenge, we are open to hearing about it so we can better understand and support your child. Please feel free to contact me at [marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca).

Enjoy your holiday!

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

*INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM*

**INFORMATION MEETING FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS**

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.ibo.org)

Grade 8 articulation to Grade 9 events are posted on our calendar – please check our website for updates: <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

**Earth Pod update**

It's an action packed time of the year and the excitement is becoming palpable. Last week the Grade 7 and 8 students in Earth pod worked on a collaborative activity to learn about the culture of French-speaking Quebec. Learning about French culture is a part of our curriculum and is also a great way to prepare for the upcoming trip to Quebec in February. Season's greetings to all and have a safe and happy winter vacation.

**Moody Middle Youth Club**

Moody Middle, in conjunction with The City of Port Moody, is once again offering Youth Club after-school programs at Moody Middle. Programs start the week of January 15 and run until the week of March 5.

Programs include COOKING, WACKY EXPERIMENTS, and CREATIVE ARTS. Sign up through the City of Port Moody at [www.portmoody.ca](http://www.portmoody.ca)

More information: [Moody Middle Youth Club](#)



**Athletics**

Wrestling & Gr 7/8 Basketball have started, and Gr 6 basketball will start next week! Game schedules will be available early in the new year.

**BASKETBALL:**

- Basketball Gr 6 boys & girls – first and only practice for December is next Tuesday Dec 18 at lunch. Beginning in January, Gr 6 basketball will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch.
- Basketball Gr 7 and Gr 8 Boys practice every Thursday and Monday starting Dec. 6. 3pm – 4:15pm

Questions – please contact Coach Abello – [aabello@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aabello@sd43.bc.ca)

**WRESTLING:**

- Wrestling practice every Tuesday and Thursday starting Dec. 4. 3pm - 4:15pm



Students are expected to be changed and ready with a water bottle and a positive attitude by 3pm!

There will be two wrestling meets at SFU for which we'll need families to help drive. The meets will likely be in February.

Any questions, please contact Coach Grayston – [rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca)

**Volunteers are often needed to drive. If you are able to help with driving, please ensure you have your Volunteer forms and Driver forms completed. Forms can be found on our website:** <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Parents/forms/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Abello, our Athletic Director [aabello@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aabello@sd43.bc.ca)

### **Upcoming Band & Choir Events:**

Band & Choir Schedule for Next Week:

It has become a tradition for the Moody Band and Choir students to celebrate the success of the Winter Concert with hot chocolate and a Christmas movie in the last week of school. Students are encouraged to bring their own mug! Here is the schedule for the week:

Monday Dec 17 - No Sr. Band

Tuesday Dec 18 - Jr. Band Hot Chocolate Morning

Wednesday Dec 19 - Sr. Band Hot Chocolate Morning

Thursday Dec 20 - No Jr. Band

Friday Dec 21 - Choir Hot Chocolate Morning

Our Choir has two exciting performances coming up in the last week of school. On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> our **Choir will be going on a field trip to Kway Middle School** to perform in the Christmas Carols Concert. Many Middle and Elementary schools from our district participate in this fun event of sharing and celebrating our Choirs. We will be leaving the school by school bus at 9:30am and will return to Moody by lunch time. Mrs. Reichert needs a couple of parent volunteers for this event. If you are able to volunteer, please let her know by email at [mreichert@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mreichert@sd43.bc.ca)

Our **Choir will also be singing as the CP Holiday Train** rolls into Port Moody on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The event takes place in the parking lot between the Port Moody Recreation Complex (300 loco Road) and the tennis courts. The Choir is asked to arrive at 4:30pm to get ready for our performance. We will be singing from 5:00-5:30pm and the train is scheduled to arrive at 5:30pm. This is a very memorable and fun event for our Choir and students -families are strongly encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let Mrs. Reichert know.

### **Yearbook – early bird price ending soon!**

Yearbooks are still on sale for only \$38 – but only until December 31st! Please buy using School Cash Online. Please see Ms. Walling for a paper order form if you are paying by cash or cheque. Don't miss your chance to get the yearbook at our early bird price of \$38

## WE Leadership

As the **12 Days of Giving** continues,  
The WE Leadership Group would like to thank everyone  
who has been participating so far and encourage others  
to get involved.

So far, for the contest...the **donation totals** are:

The OFFICE	21
WIND Pod	100
EARTH Pod	135
WATER Pod	143
FIRE Pod	218
<b>Total =</b>	<b>617</b>



Please keep bringing in non-perishable food items to help our local SHARE food bank prepare for the winter season. Donations will be accepted until Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

Donations are welcome at the **WINTER CONCERT** tonight, a collection box will be at the entrance doorway!

Thank you for giving generously!  
Ms. E and the WE Leadership Group

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## Library Learning Commons:





EMMSOTA's Book of the Year Contest is going strong. There are 10 books in the running, and students need to read at least 3 of them to be eligible to vote for their favourite one. However, the more books a student reads, the more times their name will be entered into a draw for some fabulous prizes. The following link will provide some more details about the contest and how the books were chosen. Contest closes on April 30.

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/LibraryServices/Pages/BookoftheYear.aspx>

## COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Please see our Moody Middle website for many different community opportunities! Examples include:

[Place Des Arts adapted Art programs for Youth and Adults Winter Spring 2019](#)

## SD43 INFORMATION

[SD43Superintendent'sLettertoParentsreFortisBCNov2018](#)

## ÉMMSOTA/Moody Middle PAC

Mark your Calendars!

- December 13, 2018
  - **PURDY'S HOLIDAY CHOCOLATE** orders will be available after school for pick-up.
  - Winter Concert with PAC Bake Sale & Concession – Donated Holiday Baking is Appreciated and can be dropped off after school. PAC will also be running a 50/50 draw at the Concert. Bring your loonies!
- Upcoming Hot Lunch and Treat Days – Online Ordering Opens Soon
  - Jan 9 - Pizza (Fresh Slice) - an "Extra Slice" option has been added to all pizza days
  - Jan 23 - White Spot
  - Feb 6 - Subway (Turkey sandwich has been added to the menu)
  - Feb. 20 – Treat Day – treats available to students for cash purchase
  - Mar 6 - Pizza (Fresh Slice)
- PAC Meeting Dates for the remainder of the school year are: Jan 14, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

**District 43 Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) – BCCPAC Free Parent Info Session.**

Monday Jan 14, 2019 @ Winslow Centre – 7-8:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. [BCCPAC Parent Info Evening \(free\)](#)

*This session will focus on educating parents to better equip them to navigate and understand the process, protocols & procedures of the district; why positive relationships with teachers & admin staff at the school level are important, & clarity on the roles & responsibilities of all involved.*

*Families benefit when parents understand their role & responsibilities within the school community.*

### **PAC Donations:**

The Moody Middle PAC has decided to have a “by donation” fundraising initiative along with ongoing fundraising efforts throughout this school year.

We are asking parents for either a one-time donation, participation in fundraising events, or both throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Funds accumulated will be used to purchase “Wish List” items that staff and parents at Moody Middle decide will enrich our children’s school experience.

### **Here are some of the items funded by PAC dollars in recent years:**

- *Social media awareness presentations for students and parents*
- *fieldtrip transportation costs*
- *spirit wear t-shirts for all students*
- *digital camera equipment*
- *Cultural performances*
- *Grade 8 leaving celebration*

Thank you in advance for your support.

We encourage you to use SchoolCashOnline to make your payment – click on the following link (<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/WebPages/Online%20Payments.aspx>).

You may also fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the office. Please make all cheques payable to Moody Middle School.

**Please click on the following link for the full PAC Donation letter:**

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Parents/PAC/PAC%20News/Moody%20Middle%20Donation%20Letter%20Sep%202018.pdf>

### **ÉMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:**

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



### **PAC FUNDRAISERS:**

Please Help Moody Middle PAC fundraise while doing your shopping!

# THRIFTY FOODS

Eat happy



## Thrifty Foods

Thrifty Foods will donate 5% of the dollars you load on your pre-assigned Smile card to Moody Middle's PAC to help fund fieldtrips. Please contact Heather Skipworth via email at [skippys@shaw.ca](mailto:skippys@shaw.ca) or phone 604-461-6570 for more information.



## Cobs Bakery – Suter Brook Village

When shopping at COBS Bread - Suter Brook Village location mention Moody Middle and COBS will donate 5% back to PAC initiatives for our school.



PORT MOODY  
**LIQUOR STORE**  
AT THE CORNER OF ST. JOHNS & WILLIAMS ST.

## Port Moody Liquor Store

– Corner of St. Johns & Williams Street  
Before making a purchase mention Moody Middle School and 4% from your purchase will be donated back to PAC.



## Return-It Express - 2560 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam

No sorting required and proceeds from your returned bottles & cans come back to Moody Middle's PAC. Bag returns in clear plastic bags and drop off at any Encorp Return-It Express location. Enter the school's phone # 604-461-7384 at the Express kiosk and print out labels for your returns.



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[School Website](#)  
[PAC Website](#)  
[District Website](#)

*Moody Middle communicates with families via email, including sending newsletters, field trip notices and payment notices. If you do NOT wish to receive email from Moody Middle, please reply to this email with 'UNSUBSCRIBE' in the subject line.*