

Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

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[www.Moody Middle website calendar](#)

WEEKLY:

- Mon / Wed @ 07:40 – Senior Band Practice
- Tues/Thurs @ 07:40 – Junior Band Practice
- Fri @ 07:40 – Choir practice
- Fri 3-5pm – Friends of Simon tutoring

SEPTEMBER

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| 21 | District Pro-D - Non-Instructional Day |
| 28 | Terry Fox run |

OCTOBER

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| 1-5 | I 'heart' Transit Week – walk or bike to school |
| 8 | Thanksgiving Day – schools not in session |
| 9 | PAC Meeting |
| 12 | Swim Club District Meet @ City Centre Aquatic Complex |
| 19 | District Pro-D - Non-Instructional Day |
| 30 | Student Picture Day – Re-takes |
| 31 | Halloween Activity Day |

Greetings from the Admin Team

Greetings Parents and Community Members.

So great to see many of you last night at our Open House. It was an opportunity to show off this incredible new facility and talk about some of our learning initiatives and vision for the year ahead. We continue to expand our vision of learning through the Arts while maintaining all of the main principles of a thriving middle school. As I mentioned last night, we encourage parents and guardians to ask questions about our school and what it means to be a learner at École Moody Middle School of the Arts. Please do not be satisfied with answers like “Good” and “Stuff”. Ask your children to describe what it looks like and feels like to demonstrate R-E-S-P-E-C-T around our school. Ask them how they integrated arts into their Math lessons, their Science lessons, their Career Education class. Ask them who they hang out with at lunch and what do they do? Ask them specifically what they like about the design of their classroom and some of the other learning spaces around this new building. Do not give them the chance to answer with only a word. Our school is so much better than “good” and we do so much more than “stuff”, we just need to know how to ask the right questions. Once the students open up, it is truly amazing what they learn each and every day, both in the classroom and around the school.

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for supporting our learning journey and cultivating inquiry and curiosity in your children. WE strongly encourage all of you to be partners in your child’s education...even if they begin pushing you away at this age. Push back.

We need you involved and interested in what goes on here at École Moody Middle School of the Arts. We appreciate any feedback you can share with us that will support and enhance your child's learning experience here.

Our Terry Fox donations have started to come in quickly! Congratulations to the students who already won prizes for bringing their pledges in early. Moody Middle School has always raised incredible amounts of money for the Foundation in the spirit of Terry Fox. We will look forward to reaching our goal of \$6000 this year and carrying on this legacy.

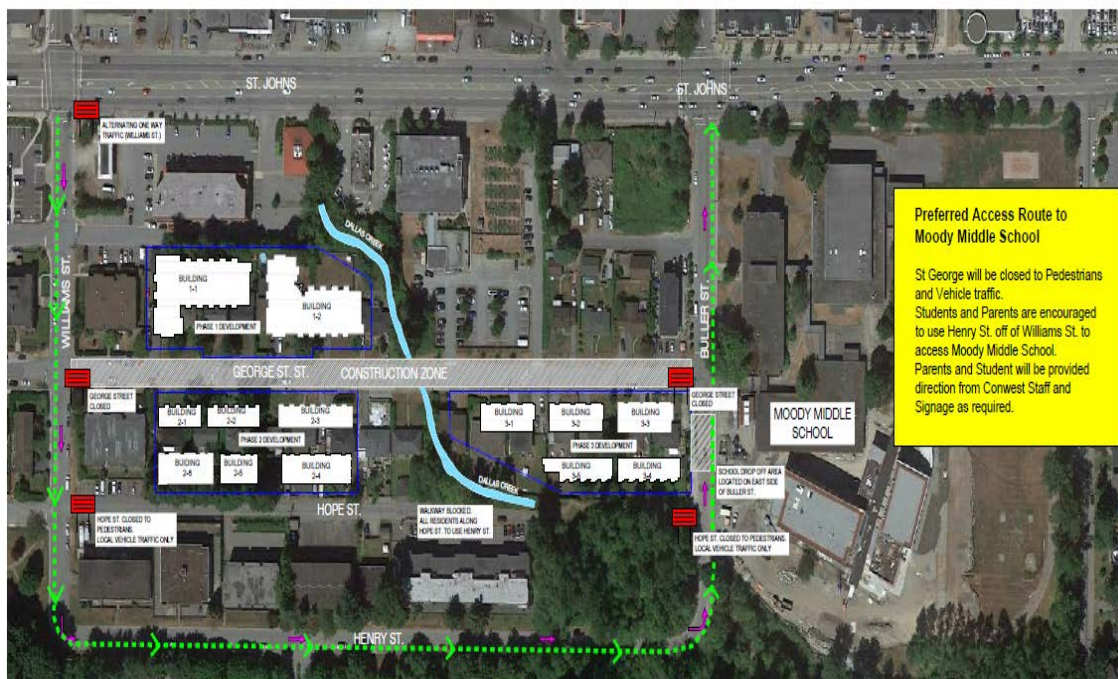
Thank you as always for sharing your children with us each and every day.

Cheers, à bientôt

Mark Clay, Principal & Kathryn Jung, Vice Principal

Pick Up and Drop Off: Keeping our Students Safe To and From School

We are still seeing some very unusual and to be honest, incredibly unsafe driving patterns during drop off and pick up at the school. We understand that construction and road closures have made getting to and from school very difficult and we appreciate your patience. It is imperative that parents and guardians please take note of traffic patterns and perhaps give yourselves a bit more time to get to school. Walk if you can and be good to the environment. In the event that you drive your child to school, please **SLOW DOWN**, keep traffic flowing, **NO U-TURNS** on Buller or Henry, and pull right over on the side of the road where you can. We ask that you also have conversations with your children about crossing the road in appropriate places and staying to the side of the road when coming to and from school. We have already witnessed too many close calls and the constructions interruptions will continue for a few more months. PLEASE keep our students safe. Thank you.



We would like to emphasize that traffic should follow Williams to Henry, then Buller. If stopping on Buller, students *must* be picked up and dropped off on the EAST side of Buller.

SchoolCashOnline, Student Activity Fees and Forms

ONLINE FORMS: Student Activity fees and Permission forms are now due. Please complete your online permission forms and make the activity fee payment by the end of this week if possible. It is very important that these forms are completed - if you are unable to receive online forms, please contact the office or your student's teacher to arrange for paper copies.

PAPER FORMS: Last week, our PAPER Student Verification form and Emergency Preparation forms were sent home. These forms are very important for us to update our Student Records system, and to use in case of Emergency situations. Please ensure these forms are returned to your student's homeroom teacher by Monday September 24, if they haven't been turned in yet.

Our School District continues its full transition to ONLINE fee payments, permission forms and newsletters. We encourage all families to register for SchoolCashOnline. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible – click here: <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/> Then click on **'GET STARTED TODAY'**

Communication

Announcements that are made each morning at the school are posted on our website daily to facilitate shared communication between the classrooms and our school community. Parents with messages for their children are asked to contact the office. Notifications of these messages will be passed on to the student during nut break, lunch time or at the end of the day. As we are protective of the learning environment of all our students, we cannot relay messages to students during class time concerning social arrangements.

Student Services

The Friends of Simon tutoring program will start at the beginning of October. "Friends of Simon is an award-winning Simon Fraser University Faculty of Education initiative, committed to building a brighter future for school-aged children and teenagers through literacy, tutoring, and mentoring in local communities" (Friends of Simon website).

The tutoring sessions will take place every Friday, from 3:00 to 5:00pm and are free of charge. To be part of this program and take advantage of the educational support provided by the Friends of Simon, the students need to maintain regular attendance and demonstrate socially-responsible behaviors. They are also responsible for bringing their homework to class (Language Arts, English, Social Studies, Math, Science). The referrals to the program will be made by the classroom teachers, in consultation with the Student Services staff.

Spirit Day

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

Library Learning Commons (LLC) News

All the books are on the shelves, and we should be ready for students to start signing them out next week. Classes will be booking a block in the library for regular book exchange, and students can have their books out for 2 weeks. Stay tuned for information about D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) day coming up in October.

Athletics

Students have been busy signing up for our Fall Athletic teams. Most teams will start their practices this week and next week. Please see our calendar for up to date practice and game times. Following are the proposed times:

- Cross country – practice after school Tues/Thurs 3-3:45. Last practice Oct. 16.
- Gr. 6 Vball (boys & girls) – Practices at lunch Tues/Thurs. Continue until the district playdate TBA.
- Gr. 7 Volleyball Games – Tuesday after school – locations TBA
 - Gr. 7 Girl practices Tuesday after school – 3-4:15
- Gr. 8 Games – Wednesday after school – locations TBA
 - Gr. 8 Girl practices – Monday after school 3-4:15
 - Gr. 7&8 Boys practice - Thursday after school – 3-4:15
- Field hockey – Practices Mon/Wed 3:10-4:15pm
- Swim Team – Mon & Wed practices at Eagle Ridge Pool 4:40-5:30

Outside Play Day!

Every day at Moody Middle School is an outside play day unless it is raining really hard. Sign up for equipment at the office and enjoy a break getting active! Students are asked to please dress appropriately for the weather. The covered walkway structure is a beautiful conversation piece however, it does send water into the rock pond that students have realized, leads to being cold and wet which is not conducive to optimal learning.

DRILLS! DRILLS! DRILLS!

Did you know that students and staff regularly practice emergency drills such as fire drills, earthquake drills, lockdown drills and emergency release drills? This year, being in a new building, it is particularly important for teachers, staff and students to work together throughout the school year to review safety procedures especially for students and staff new to the school or visiting us at school. When we practice being prepared, we are able to respond more safely and calmly in the event of an emergency. While fire drills and earthquake drills have been practiced for many years, a Shelter-In-Place drill is still quite new and the Hold and Secure and Lockdown drills are less common.

A **Shelter-In-Place** drill is used when personal safety is considered to be in danger if anyone leaves the school. It is usually associated with an environmental hazard where hazardous materials are released into the atmosphere. For example, a chemical spill or gas leak in the immediate vicinity of the school. Shelter in place might also be used in the case of a wild animal in the vicinity of the school. When a Shelter in Place order is called, students will continue normal activities in the school as well as close exterior doors and windows.

A **Hold and Secure** drill is most commonly used when an incident is occurring outside the school building, on or off school property, and there is no immediate or active threat (such as a bear on the property). This is a procedure which allows the school to continue with the normal school day inside the school with very limited room-to-room transit within.

Lockdown drills are a more recent practice that are similar to an earthquake or fire drill. These drills require that students and staff stay calm and move away from view so that to an intruder, such as an animal or uninvited guest, the school looks uninhabited. Emergency release drills are practiced with ample notice to our parents as we aim to successfully release all students based on the contact and release information provided from home.

As some students may be new to these procedures, it is an ideal time to discuss the importance of practicing safety procedures both at home and at school. For up to date information, parents are asked to check the school website and to consider refraining from calling your child on his or her personal phone. Ms. Jung will be working with staff at school to help students be successful practicing these drills in a safe environment. Please remember to update your contact information with the school as changes are made. For further information about the drills at École Moody Middle School of the Arts, please contact Ms Jung at kjung@sd43.bc.ca . Thanks for helping us be safe at Moody Middle!

ÉMMSOTA/Moody Middle PAC

Terry Fox BBQ Fundraiser:

The PAC will be hosting a BBQ fundraiser in conjunction with the Terry Fox run next Friday September 28 at lunchtime.

We will offer the following items for sale:

- Hot Dogs & Veggie Dogs - \$3
- Chips, cookies, fruit - \$1
- Drinks - \$1-2

We will need parent volunteers between 11-1:30 for set-up, serving and clean-up to make this a success. If you can help, please contact Heather Skipworth at 604-461-6570 or skippys@shaw.ca

Upcoming PAC Meetings: October 9 and November 5 – 6:30pm in the School Library

ÉMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:

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



Follow us on Twitter

Twitter name – @43moody

. . . school news, breaking stories, reminders, links, accomplishments, educational dialogue and another means of communication!

[Download](#) the Twitter app

SD43 Noon Hours Needed!

School District 43 (Coquitlam) is looking for permanent and casual noon hours.

Up to 5 hours a week, (1 hour a day during the school's lunch time)

Monday to Friday while school is in session. (off spring break, winter break and summer break)

Rate of pay: \$20.65 an hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

Please send your resume to: humanresourcessupport@sd43.bc.ca

Community Information

Please see our website for information on the following community programs [Moody Middle](#)

[publications](#) [Community programs](#):

- Teen-STEP classes Fall 2018
- Confucius Institute Coquitlam Computer Programming
- Scouts Francophones



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[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.