

# Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

## e-Bulletin – 25-Jan-2019

ÉMMSOTA Website

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

#### WEEKLY:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| - 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) |
| - Mondays 12:02-1:10            | Jazz Band                                               |
| - *Mon/Wed @ 3-4:15             | Wrestling (Dec-Feb)                                     |
| - Mon / Thurs 7:45-8:20         | Gr 7 girls Basketball (Jan-Mar)                         |
| - Mon / Thurs 3-4:15pm          | Gr 7/8 boys Basketball (Dec-Mar)                        |
| - Tues 7:45/Wed 3-4pm           | Gr 8 girls Basketball (Jan-Mar)                         |
| - Tues/Thurs lunch              | Gr 6 Basketball – starting Jan 10                       |
| - Tues/Thurs @ 07:40            | Junior Band Practice                                    |
| - Tues/Thurs 3-4:15             | Spring Musical practice                                 |
| - 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                              |
| - Thursdays @ lunch             | Improv Club (starting Jan 25)                           |
| - Fri @ 07:40                   | Choir practice                                          |
| - Fri @ 2:50pm                  | Badminton Club                                          |
| - Fri 3-5pm                     | Friends of Simon tutoring                               |

\*note change

#### JANUARY

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| 15-28     | Pink Anti-bullying t-shirt sales                  |
| 25        | Grade 8 Tours at Secondary Schools – 12:00-2:50   |
| 25        | Sr. Band @ PMSS – Mass Band rehearsal 09:00-12:00 |
| 26        | PMSS IB intake assessment                         |
| <b>28</b> | <b>School Based PRO D – School not in session</b> |
| 29        | Term 3 Expo begins (Fire & Water)                 |
| 31        | <b>Ski &amp; Snowboard Club</b>                   |

#### FEBRUARY

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| 4  | PAC Meeting – 6:30 in the Library       |
| 6  | PAC Hot Lunch – ONLINE ORDERING OPEN    |
| 7  | <b>Ski &amp; Snowboard Club</b>         |
| 14 | <b>Ski &amp; Snowboard Club</b>         |
| 15 | Schools not in session                  |
| 18 | BC Family Day – schools not in session  |
| 22 | District Pro D – schools not in session |
| 27 | Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying day)      |

### Stay tuned!

Our daily announcements are posted on our website at 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

Greetings EMMSOTA Community...

We have definitely shaken off the cobwebs of our winter break and moving full speed ahead into 2019. Classrooms are busy places with many different learning activities, inquiries, and presentations going on around the school in all places. Recently we had all of our PODs visit with storyteller Naomi Steinberg who spent time weaving her craft and demonstrating the power of stories and voice throughout history. Students were engaged and excited to create their own stories to tell and to develop the art of telling or re-telling a good story. The power of spoken word is woven throughout the curriculum and is especially meaningful for our school of the arts as we integrate visual and performing arts in much of what we do.

Learning takes place outside the classroom as well and it was an honour to have several École Moody Middle School Students present to City Council their proposals on how to make Port Moody a greener place. Mayor Robert Vagramov wrote the students a letter emphasizing how impressed he was with their civic and social responsibility. See letter attached. We are very proud of Lucy, Sarina, Alex, Megan, Lili, Kiara, and Riley for their passion and determination in support of a greener community. Well done.

Our Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion Students are meeting weekly in preparation for their trip to "La Belle Province." Excitement is mounting and bags are being packed with layers for the negative 20 degree weather. Winter in the French Canadian countryside is truly an experience to be remembered. I am looking forward to joining the students on this incredible adventure.

Related to incredible adventures, it is with some sadness and regret that we are letting you know the man, the legend, the "moustache" is stepping away from a long and fruitful teaching career. After 25 years, Mr. Sousa is moving on to another phase of his life and will be leaving us here at École Moody Middle School of the Arts at the end of January. Mr. Sousa started his career in the mid-nineties with short stops at Pitt River Middle, Millside, Walton and Coronation Park Elementaries before landing exactly where he was meant to be for 20 years...here at Moody Middle. Mr. Sousa has been a true Moody Maverick for a long time; both in the classroom and out. If he wasn't telling stories and gentling encouraging kids in their learning in the classroom, he was vocal and energetic in the gym coaching multiple sports and activities over the years. He was a pillar of the Moody community for many years and often has former students coming back to see the one and only "Moustache" himself. It has been a privilege to work with Mr. Sousa for even a short amount of time. His passion and care for kids is obvious in his classroom and has been a staple of this learning community. I know he will be missed by colleagues, students and parents and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

January rolls on and February brings a month that focusses on kindness, acceptance and building a caring community. Real Acts of Caring week comes to us February 10-16, Pink Shirt Anti Bullying Day is February 27<sup>th</sup>, and we have Family Day celebrated on February 18. The month ahead provides a focus on what we want and should expect from our community year round. Let's all do a kindness check though the month of February and show how caring our communities really can be.

Thank you for sharing your children with us every day.

Mark Clay  
Principal,  
École Moody Middle School of the Arts

### **Port Moody Cool-it Challenge - Congratulations from Mayor Vagramov\***

Congratulations to Division 13 and 14 students: Lucy, Sarina, Alex, Megan, Lili, Kiara, and Riley who presented their proposals on how to make Port Moody a greener place to live to city council on Jan. 22nd. These climate leaders went above and beyond to pitch their original ideas to our local government. Their ideas included:

- adopting a car-free lifestyle
- more local shoreline/ forest and creek cleanups
- increased bylaw fines for littering
- a ban on non-biodegradable and non-recyclable plastic & more plastic recycling
- more parks space and green spaces
- taking a strong local stance on the environmental impacts of the Trans Mountain pipeline

Not only did they do a great job speaking, but they also did a great job answering the mayor and council's questions about their ideas. The council even motioned to include their ideas in an upcoming city publication. Congratulations to these students on making a difference in their community!

*\*Please see Mayor Vagramov's letter to the students at the end of this edition of Moody Matters!*

Ms. H Walling



### **Pink Shirt Day is Feb 27 2019**



**\$10 each**

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, "It's Cool to be Kind", with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds to "Kidsport Tri Cities" to help youth get involved in organized sport. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Let's make a difference that lasts!



**ORDER through School Cash Online until Jan 29<sup>th</sup>!**

## Band & Choir



The **Sr. Band** students at ÉMMSOTA have an exciting opportunity to team up with the Concert Band students at Port Moody Secondary for their Spring Concert on Tuesday, February 26th. Moody Middle Sr. Band students will meet at **4:00pm** on **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** for a dress rehearsal and soup dinner to prepare for a performance in the concert which starts at **7:00pm**. Our Sr. Band students will get to watch a great concert and also join with the PMSS Jr. and Sr. Concert Bands as well as the Port Moody Community Band in one mass band to perform our two songs. This is sure to be an experience our Band students will not forget!

## Storytelling at ÉMMSOTA

From January 15-18, our entire school spent time with Naomi Steinberg, a professional storyteller whose work is based in traditional folk and fairy tales. Each group met with Naomi in a circle and learned about the essential elements of story, contributed their own background knowledge of mythology and worked together to create a new myth for EMMSOTA. For more information on Naomi: <https://goosefeather.ca/>

## Quebec Trip for Late French Immersion

We will continue holding lunchtime meetings for the students every Wednesday (Jan. 30 and Feb. 6). Each meeting will cover different topics:

- i. Behavioural expectations
- ii. Clothing
- iii. French speaking expectations and room requests
- iv. Attendance (number off) practice, room reveal, last minute?

M. Pillsbury

## Athletics

- Gr 7 Girls Basketball – practices Mon/Thurs 07:45-08:20 – Coach Clay – [mclay@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mclay@sd43.bc.ca)
- Gr 7 girls games Tuesdays after school, starting Jan 29th
- Gr 8 Girls Basketball – practices Tuesday 07:45-08:20/Wednesday 3-4pm – Coach Budai [tbudai@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:tbudai@sd43.bc.ca)
- Gr 8 girls games Wednesdays after school, starting Jan 30<sup>th</sup> (?)
- Gr 7/8 Boys Basketball – practices Monday/Thursday 3-4:15 – Coach Abello [aabello@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aabello@sd43.bc.ca)
- Gr 6 Basketball – practices Tuesday/Thursday lunch – Coach Chambers & Coach Zimmer [achambers@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:achambers@sd43.bc.ca) & [czimmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:czimmer@sd43.bc.ca)
- Wrestling – practices Mon/Wed 3-4:15pm – Coach Grayston [rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca)

Questions? Please contact Athletics Director/Coach Abello – [aabello@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aabello@sd43.bc.ca)

**Volunteers are often needed to drive for Games. If you can 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>**

## **WRESTLING:**

Hello All Wrestlers and their families:

Our regular wrestling practices are Mondays and Wednesdays in the room beside the Library Learning Commons. We have three meets and district finals coming up and will need parent drivers as volunteers!

Students will carpool to the meets but will need to be picked up or to find their own way home. If this is a problem, please let Mme Grayston know asap and we'll work something out [rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca)

*Please ensure that your volunteer form/crim check have been filled out, as well as a driver's abstract. All of that information can be found in this link, under **OPTIONAL FORMS***  
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Parents/forms/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Practices:**

Thursday, January 24th - MEET

Monday, January 28th NO PRACTICE - PRO-D DAY

Wednesday, January 30th

Thursday, January 31st - MEET

Monday, February 4th

Wednesday, February 6th

Monday, February 11th

Wednesday, February 13th

Monday, February 18th NO PRACTICE - BC FAMILY DAY

Wednesday, February 20th

Thursday, February 21st - MEET

Monday, February 25th

Wednesday, February 27th

Thursday, February 28th - MEET DISTRICT FINALS

### **Wrestling Meets**

- Thursday, January 24th Turn 'Em Tourney at Kwayhquitlum Middle School arrive at 3:25, begin at 3:40 (5:30 approximate ending)
- Thursday, January 31st Meet at SFU Burnaby, arrive at 3:25, begin at 3:40 (5:30 approximate ending)
- Thursday, February 21st Meet at SFU Burnaby, arrive at 3:25, begin at 3:40 (5:30 approximate ending)
- Thursday, February 28th - Location yet to be determined

**If you have any questions, please be in touch with Mme Grayston** [rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rgrayston@sd43.bc.ca)



## Ski & Snowboard Club

The Moody Ski and Snowboard club had their first outing to Mr. Seymour this week. All students were seen sharpening their skills on the slopes, enjoying the fresh snow, and the warm lodge for dinner. Thank you to all parents for helping to prepare our students with proper clothing for the cold weather and picking up from Moody on time. To help load and unload the bus quickly and safely, parents are reminded to keep the front of the school clear for the bus arrival, as well as the corner of Buller and Henry Street, to make it easy for the bus to turn the corner when it is returning.



### DATES: JAN 24, 31, FEB 7, 14 & MAR 14

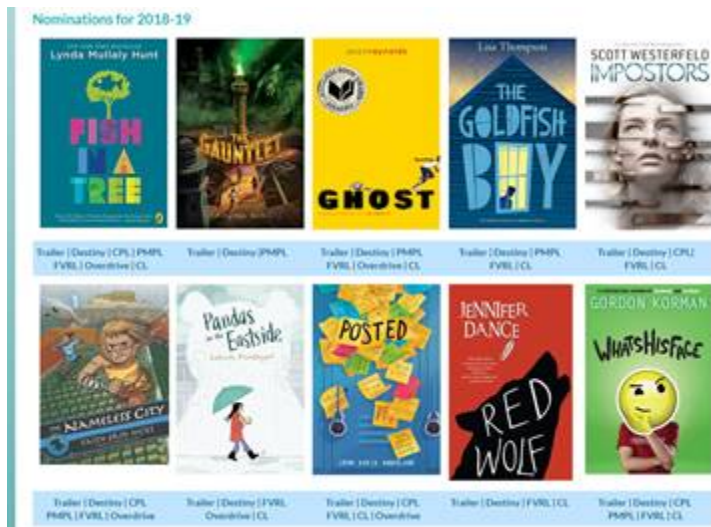
Please note there was an error in the dates published for ski club on the registration & permission form – **our fifth day is MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>**, NOT MAR 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our student **season passes** are ready for pick up at Guest Services located in the Mount Seymour Alpine Activity Centre. Students and parents must present a piece of ID each. Seymour staff will ask you to sign a waiver, take your photo and print your pass. 😊

## Yearbooks – regular price of \$45!

Yearbooks are available for purchase 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, to help keep your memories from this year!

## Library Learning Commons:



### EMMSOTA's Book of the Year Contest

The 10 books in the running for Book of the Year have been popular, with most of them checked out over the winter break. Though lots of students seem to be reading them, not many have taken the surveys to be eligible to vote for their favourite. Prestige and prizes are involved, so students should come to the Library Learning Commons with their device so their name can go in the draw. The top reader from each Division will win a prize!

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](#)
- [Port Moody Aquarians swim club](#)
- [Wheelchair Sports with Lacrosse - open to all participants](#)
- [SHARE Parent & Caregivers' Circle Jan 2019](#)

### Attention to Winter Weather!

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>

## ÉMMSOTA/Moody Middle PAC

**Upcoming Hot Lunch and Treat Days** – Online Ordering Available through Munch a Lunch:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/moodymiddleschool/>

- - 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: Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3. All parents and guardians are welcome!

### **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

– 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.



[moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca)

[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.*



# CITY OF PORT MOODY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 24, 2019

Dear Climate Champions,

Thank you for attending and presenting to Port Moody City Council! Your passion for the community, those around you, and our planet is commendable and admirable.

Your presentation and the information you brought forward to Council last night was very insightful as well as inspiring. As the youngest person ever to sit in the "big chair" at City Hall, I am so proud to be Mayor for a community who has such smart, passionate students actively engaged in some of the most intense issues of your generation. I hope you continue to keep Council apprised on your initiatives and don't ever hesitate to reach out.

After your presentation last night, I wanted to reach out to you as your knowledge and enthusiasm I thought would be a great asset to our Youth Focus Committee. Our Youth Focus Committee is for youth aged 12 - 18 and provides City Council with advice and recommendations on issues, strategies, and initiatives. This committee meets once a month and I am the representative from City Council who attends our Youth Focus Committee meetings. This committee has been tremendously successful in their work and initiatives and I believe you would thoroughly enjoy being part of this leadership group. You all would be tremendous assets to the Committee, and the City in general.

Like I said during the City Council meeting, this committee has seen some big wins, including advocating for a ban on single-use plastic, which made it through our City Council and went all the way out to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, where it was supported.

If you are over the age of 12 years old, I hope you do consider applying. More information and how to apply can be found on our website [www.portmoody.ca/committees](http://www.portmoody.ca/committees). If you are not yet 12 years old, I hope you keep it in mind for when you are, and apply to join!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Vagramov  
City of Port Moody