

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

28 Terry Fox run

OCTOBER

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
26 Morning gathering (Terry Fox reveal)
30 Student Picture Day – Re-takes
31 Halloween Activity Day

Greetings from the Admin Team

Greetings Parents and Community Members.

It is always unbelievable to me where September goes. We have managed to race through September in our brand new building and are now watching October approach, bringing with it all things Fall; changing of the weather, changing of the leaves on the trees, regular routines settling in nicely both at school and at home, and learning...lots of learning.

École Moody Middle School of the Arts staff were off learning last week up in Brackendale at the Art Gallery. We were treated to a morning session with Naomi Steinberg, professional storyteller, who took us back to a time when stories were what our family and communities were built on. A time where we shared stories to re-live history and come together around the fire, the dinner table, the living room, just us, no technology. An interesting concept. I encourage you all to try it sometime...as often as possible. It was very rewarding for us as a learning community and connected us to many ideas around our own mythology and stories we can share. The afternoon we were able to learn from our very own resident artist Mr. Adrian Walker. As we came together in the medium of chalk pastels, it was evident to me that we have a very artistic and talented staff that share their ideas and talents with our students every day in this the school of the arts. It was a rewarding learning experience for all staff and we hope to have some of the ideas generated spill over into our classrooms and school wide themes for the year ahead.

As we enter fully into our Fall season, take advantage of the beautiful weather while it lasts. Get outside, enjoy nature and spend time away from technology with family and friends. Tell some stories. Connect the nature with art, it is very therapeutic.

Have a wonderful weekend and as always, thank you for sharing your children with us.

Cheers, à bientôt

Mark Clay, Principal & Kathryn Jung, Vice Principal

Port Moody Waste Management Truck is unveiled!

This week's Port Moody council meeting was a special one because our ÉMMSOTA art installation created by last year's students who are now in grades 7 and 8 (as well as 9) was unveiled. Our design spearheaded by our very own art teacher, Mr. Walker, has been on display since the summer and can be seen helping us lead a greener life at ÉMMSOTA!

Special thanks to **Mr. Walker** (and former principal, **Mr. Kolkea** and **Mr. Zimmer**, in the early stages) for sharing with **Mayor Clay** and the city council on our behalf, about his vision last Wednesday, supported by students **Rebecca** and **Leah**, teacher **Mrs. Leonard**, our PAC executive member, **Mrs. Skipworth**, **Mr. Clay** and **Ms Jung**.

Inspired by a story about a young girl who would be granted one wish if she folded 1,000 paper cranes, Mr. Walker worked with our student and staff community last year to create 1,000 images that represented a greener future for our students and the Port Moody residents. This is a beautiful legacy that will remain in our community for the next 5 years and beyond.



Port Moody Councillors, Mr. Walker, Rebecca & Leah



Mr. Walker presenting to City Council



Terry Fox Fundraiser

Tomorrow is our annual Terry Fox Fundraiser and Run for cancer research and as always students at ÉMMSOTA are very busy asking and getting donations. Last year we raised close to \$5700 for the foundation and this year we want to reach \$6000! Students are well on their way of achieving this goal with close to \$3000 raised so far and we still have a week to go! Tomorrow after our run our great PAC will have a fundraiser hotdog BBQ for lunch. Students are encouraged to collect pledges/donations, and also to sign the wall of dedication in our Gym.



Lost and Found

Please be sure to label all personal belongings clearly. Items that have been misplaced often end up in a bin in the Multi-Purpose Room. Precious items and small items may be claimed in the office.

Fruits and Vegetables Nutritional Program

Our Fruits and Vegetables Nutritional program is back this year. We've already enjoyed BC grown peaches and pears! Special thanks to Christine and her leadership students for getting this program underway for us again this year.

BRICK, which stands for **B**uilding **R**espect, **I**nquiry, **C**reativity and **K**nowledge, will begin next week in the first of three rotations throughout the year. Students will begin selecting their top 3 choices this week in a variety of class offerings from Celtic style dance to Percussion Ensemble, Japanese Culture, STEM, and Wood Letters, to name a few of the new options among many, for this year! Examples of the staples of DPA: Gym and Outdoor Games, Puzzles and Games, WE Leadership and Photography or Yearbook are back again, too! Tune in next week and ask your child what activity he/she will be embarking on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon right after lunch! There is something for every style of learner being offered such as kinaesthetic, verbal, spatial, interpersonal, musical learners! Our School of the Arts is at its best when our very own staff share with students an area of personal passion!

Foundation Skills Assessment

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and

the Ministry of Education with information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. This assessment includes collaboration and self-reflections, will take place between October 1-November 9, this year. Please see the letter posted on our website from Superintendent Patricia Gartland earlier this year. For more information, please contact Ms Jung at kjung@sd43.bc.ca.

SchoolCashOnline, Student Activity Fees and Forms

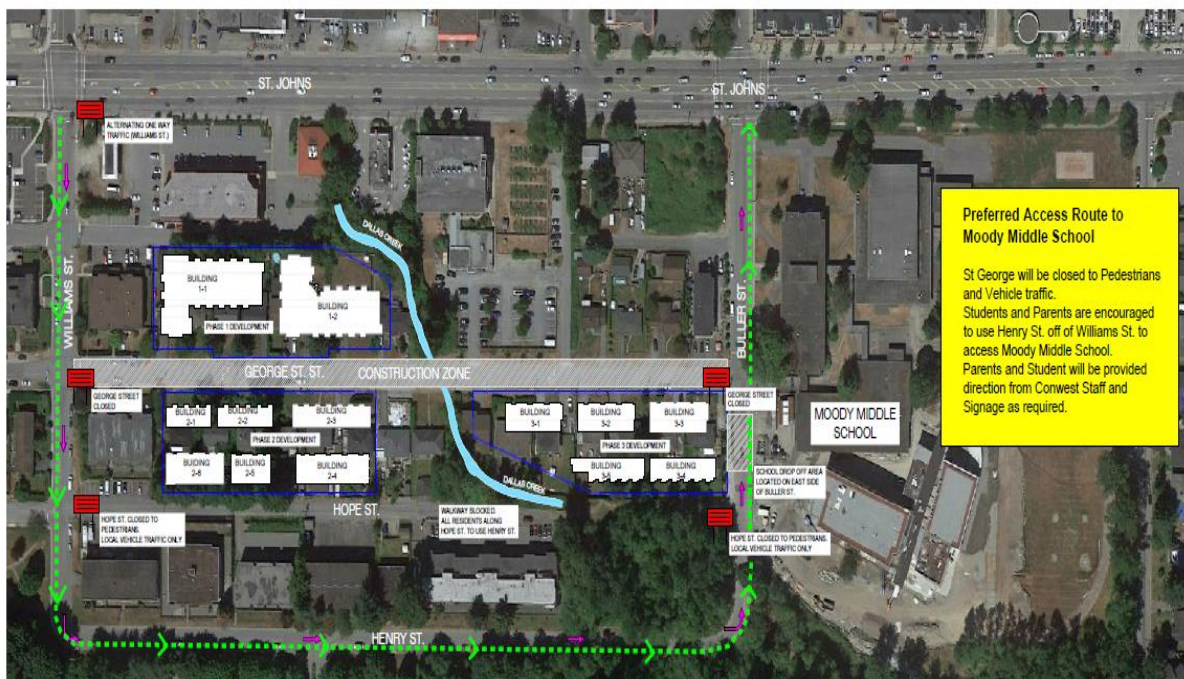
ONLINE FORMS: Student Activity fees and Permission forms are due. Please complete your online permission forms and make the activity fee payment as soon as possible. It is very important that these forms are completed - if you are unable to receive on-line forms, please contact the office or your student's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

PAPER FORMS: PAPER Student Verification form and Emergency Preparation forms have been 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'

Traffic Safety:

We are still seeing inappropriate traffic behaviours during drop off and pick up times. We strongly encourage all of you to think about student safety first. We are still seeing drivers U-turn in the middle of the street, stop in the middle of the street to let their students out of the car, and drive very quickly through the very obvious school zone. We once again strongly encourage you to approach Buller Street from Henry Street so that drop off for students can be on the East side of Buller ONLY. As always we thank you for keeping your children safe.



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.

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). On Friday September 28, students may opt to wear their Terry Fox shirts.

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 3:15-4:00pm
- Swim Team – Mon & Wed practices at Eagle Ridge Pool 4:40-5:30

Field Hockey

Field Hockey is now well underway. Our first game is on Friday against Scott Creek. New members in grades 6-8 are welcome so to join, please see Ms Jung! Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4pm with games on Fridays from 3:30-4:45pm. There is no practice on October 1 due to a staff meeting.

ÉMMSOTA/Moody Middle PAC

Terry Fox BBQ Fundraiser:

The PAC will be hosting a BBQ fundraiser in conjunction with the Terry Fox run on 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

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 childrens’ school experience. This year’s PAC budget will be discussed and passed at the Tuesday, October 9, 2018 PAC Meeting.

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



Thifty Foods

Thifty 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 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 schools phone # 604-461-7384 at the Express kiosk and print out labels for your returns.

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Kids Plus Accident Insurance

Kids Plus has moved online, kidsplus.ca/resources, to provide schools and parents all the information they need to enroll their child into the program. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase insurance coverage, access claims forms and to obtain full plan information.

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
- SHARE Parent Caregivers Group Fall 2018



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[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.