

# Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

## e-Bulletin – 1-March-2019

ÉMMSOTA Website

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

WEEKLY EVENTS	
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
<b>*NEW* Mondays 2:45-3:45</b>	<b>PMSS Tutoring for Moody Middle students</b>
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 @ 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
Fri @ 07:40	Choir practice
Fri @ 3:00pm	Badminton Club
Fri 3-5pm	Friends of Simon tutoring

MARCH	
1	Junior Achievement speakers @ Moody – Gr 7/8 classes
4-7, 11	Soapstone Carving Workshops
5	Strong Start CLOSED
6	SLC/Leadership meeting (rescheduled from Feb 27)
6	Gr 8 info session with PMSS & Gleneagle
6	PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza
8	BC Lions Special presentation
8	Middle School public speaking festival
13	WE Leadership Bake Sale for Ethiopia
14	<b>Ski Club – 5<sup>th</sup>/Final date (free skiing, no lesson)</b>
15	2 <sup>nd</sup> formal report cards - Last day before Spring Vacation
18-29	Spring Vacation Period
APRIL	
1	School re-opens after Spring Vacation
1	Term 3 begins – Core & Expo (Earth & Wind)
4	SLC/BELIEVE project pitches to Sarah Wells
15	Term 4 begins – Expo (Fire & Water)
17	SLC Meeting @ Scott Creek Middle School
18	Tri Cities Mental health fair – WE Leadership & SLC students
19	Good Friday (Schools not in session)
22	Easter Monday (Schools not in session)
26	Red Cross Babysitting first aid at EMMSOTA (see info/registration in Community Information Section)
26	Pro D – schools not in session

## Stay tuned!

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

The cold is persisting yet the sun is shining, we may actually be heading into Spring. With that shift in seasons comes much anticipation of warmer weather outdoor activities and change. Students start looking forward to their March break and some of our students are beginning to contemplate life at secondary school as the articulation process gets going. Change is in the air. Winter sports are wrapping up, our musical is amping up, and spring sports and school wide activities are just around the corner. Always plenty to do and accomplish at our École Middle School of the Arts.

Thank you to all those parents and family members who joined us for our second round of *Student Parent Teacher Three Way Conferences*. It was great to see parents and students discussing some of their learning achievements over the past few months and setting goals for the final third of the year. Thank you also to all of our teachers and staff for facilitating these conferences and ensuring we have authentic assessment practices ongoing throughout the year.

A big thank you goes out to all of our winter sports season coaches for their their time and energy invested in our extracurricular activities. Special thank you to Mr. Abello, our Athletic Director, for his effort coordinating coaches and all of our sports activities during the year. Well done to all of our student athletes for their time and commitment to sport. It makes a difference in all you do when you stay active and involved.

Congratulations to our Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion students for weathering the extreme temperatures in the heartland of our country, while away in La Belle Province for their Quebec immersion experience. Everyone returned safe and sound with some incredible stories and experiences that will last a lifetime...including ganging up on the Principal during some outdoor winter survival activities... Thanks go out to all the parents for supporting their children in this incredible experience and of course to all the teacher chaperones, Mme Grayston, Mme Leblanc, and Ms. Armstrong for being there supervising and enjoying the time with those students. Special thank you to Mr. Pillsbury for organizing the trip for all the students. A huge amount of time and energy went into making this trip a success. We are all grateful to have these opportunities as part of our middle school experience.

The Arts are thriving here at EMMSOTA. Our Spring Musical "The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree" is well underway and students are rehearsing multiple times a week in preparation for the end of May shows. Thanks to Ms. Magnusson and Mrs. Ono (consulting in retirement...) for their efforts to prepare for the big day. Mrs. Reichert's bands and choir continue to practice and polish their performance skills. Recently the Senior Band participated in a massive group ensemble with Port Moody Secondary music students. What a valuable experience for our middle school students. These community connections support the sustainability of our music programs across many levels. Thanks to Mrs. Reichert for inspiring the music in all of us through her programs. Teachers are all contemplating some of the different art features we are preparing and looking to dress up up the school with some creative ideas over the next few months. Next week students will all be participating in a spirit animal soapstone carving project that will connect nicely to our ongoing theme of "How Mythology has shaped our culture." Later in April all classes will be visiting the Museum of Anthropology to engage in lessons, art and culture of our Indigenous Peoples. We continue to foster a love of the arts and integrate as much as we can into our every day lessons. It is truly amazing how talented our students are in so many areas.

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

Mark Clay, Principal

Alex Abello, Administrative Assistant

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## **Letters and information from SD43**

- [Fraser Health Measles letter to parents](#)
- [SD43 Summer Learning](#)
- [Letter regarding vaping and cannabis use by youth or children](#)
- [Get the facts on Cannabis](#)
- [Talking with your teen about vaping](#)
- [Vape info](#)
- [Superintendent's Letter re Carbon Monoxide Detectors Jan 2019](#)

## **Parking and Drop Off Reminders**

Firstly, we would like to thank all of our learning community for their patience as we continue to navigate the difficulties with our parking, drop off and pick up situation. Caution and awareness when coming to and from school has indeed helped us get through the mess that is Buller Street. While we appreciate everyone's patience over the past several months, it is imperative that we continue to think safety first and at all times in and around the school. Here are just a few reminders to help us continue to keep everyone safe to and from school each day.

\*\* Plan to arrive early or pick up a bit later so you avoid the main bulk of traffic in front of the school.

\*\* Consider parking further away on William, St John's or James Street to minimize congestion at peak times. Students are very capable of walking a few hundred metres to school.

\*\* NO U-TURNS PLEASE, anywhere on Buller Street or William and Henry.

\*\* Please, do not park directly in front of the main driveway when dropping off or picking up! This is the main flow of student traffic and we want to keep it clear and ensure safety for staff and students at all times.

\*\* Drive slowly and carefully at ALL times around the school. This is most important!

**Thank you all again for your patience and adherence to traffic safety at all times.**

## **Terry Fox Run**

The 2018 Terry Fox School Run was a great success!

We are proud to announce that Ecole Moody Middle School of the Arts has generously donated \$7,377.25 for cancer research. 39 years ago, determined to make a difference in the lives of those living with cancer, Terry ignited a fundraising movement that cannot be stopped. Today, because of schools like yours, his message of hope echoes loudly in the voices of students and families everywhere.

The Terry Fox Foundation extends to you a heartfelt thank you for your wonderful generosity to continue Terry's legacy. Be proud and know that together, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,  
Kirsten Fox

## Moody Athletics

As the winter season winds down to a close we would like to congratulate the 100+ students that have come out to participate in our winter teams and clubs. The ski and snowboard club has had incredible luck this year with amazing conditions for all of our mountain dates so far. The basketball teams have been dribbling and shooting their way to many wins and exciting moments. The Wrestling team have learned multiple skills in the art of wrestling: take downs, turn overs, leverage and strength. Thank you to the many coaches and parent volunteers for helping our young athletes enjoy a very successful winter season.

Coming up soon right after spring break we begin a new round of sports in our Spring Season! Spring sport leagues include Track and Field, Rugby, and Badminton. Depending on interest, we might also offer Softball club, wrestling club, and Indoor soccer club. Stay tuned to the announcements for sign up times starting soon after spring break.

Mr. Alex Abello, Athletics Director

## WRESTLING

Our wrestling team rocked out yesterday at SFU for our District Finals! All of our athletes met their opponents with well-crafted strategy and a winning attitude. Coach Troy Kimoto and Coach Grayston are super proud of them!

Ribbons were awarded to the following wrestlers for their weight class:

Sebastian M - Third Place!

Riley M-W - Third Place!

Elrey S - Second Place!

Alexis O - First Place!

There will be a pizza party to follow - stay tuned for updates!

We're looking forward to next year's team already! For those students moving on to grade 9, we encourage you to join your high school's wrestling team!

Coach Grayston (Wrestling)

## Moody Music



Congratulations to the Sr. Band for representing ÉMMSOTA at the PMSS Spring Concert on Tuesday night. The Moody Middle students combined with the PMSS band students as well as the Port Moody Community Band to form one large mass band ensemble. It was a memorable performance and Sr. Band students should be so proud of their performance.

Mrs. Reichert, Music Director

## RAC Week at Moody Middle – Spirit BRICK Group

ÉMMSOTA celebrated RAC (Real Acts of Caring) in February. We saw hundreds of kind acts throughout our school. Students and staff nominated others for their caring acts. We recognized many of these actions during our morning announcements, and each recognition was posted on a large board in our foyer!



We also recognized Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 27. It was fantastic to see a large Sea of Pink throughout our school!

“Kindness starts here, with each one of us”

## Canadian National Math League Contest

On Tuesday, February 26th, approximately 40 students from all grade levels chose to participate in The Canadian National Math League Contest run by the University of Windsor. Despite some technical difficulties with the online version we had some great results from some very bright and motivated students. Congratulations go out to Jordan M and Bryan R who tied for 1st place at the school level for Grade 6; Grade 7 school winners were Daniel C and Xylia G; Grade 8 winners were Lucas J and Lili M. Thanks to all who participated; you are all to be commended for trying your best because those questions were challenging!

Ms. Van Veenendaal [nvanveenendaal@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:nvanveenendaal@sd43.bc.ca)

## Pro D Feb 22

Artwork by student Alice B,  
presented to the Pro-D speaker last Friday



Each year for our February District Pro-D day, our keynote speaker is presented with a piece of student artwork. This year, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, an artwork produced by Alice B (Div. 7) was presented to author and humourist Charlie Demers. Alice's drawing of Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* was part of an Art Exploration exercise that Mr. Walker calls the "15 Second Drawing". For this exercise, students were required to look carefully at a postcard of a famous artwork for 15 seconds, then draw it based entirely on memory of the image. The exercise is primarily about developing visual memory, something art students and artists do all the time. From Alice's work, we can see that it's possible to create beautiful things through the briefest of encounters. It was suggested to Mr. Demers that while his time with SD43 educators was brief, the ripple effects were immeasurable.

Ms. H. Stibbs, CTA Representative

### Soapstone Creative Carving activity

From Mar 4-8 and 11, EMMSOTA will have a visiting artist from Studiostone Creative where each student will learn hand-on skills, 3D thinking and cultural connections while carving their own soapstone animal. Taught by a professional artists, the students will be using kid-safe tools with water to prevent dust. As part of our school-wide mythology theme students will chose an animal native to BC to carve out of soapstone. These can then be tied to the many indigenous myths and stories that we will be learning during our mythology theme. Look for the display in the coming weeks to showcase some of the wonderful carvings the students have created!

*The school has been able to subsidize much of the costs, but we are asking families to pay \$5.00 with School Cash Online for this workshop as well. If you have not done so yet, please pay via School Cash Online by Monday. We hope that it will be a valuable, unique and fun experience for students!*

## PAC Water Bottle Fundraiser!

The ÉMMSOTA PAC water bottle fundraiser continues, and orders will be delivered free of charge to the school every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**View the bottles and Order ONLINE @**



PUT THE FUN IN YOUR FUNDRAISER.

STAINLESS STEEL WATER BOTTLES  
designed by First Nations Artists

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!**

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Go to: [kinderbooks.ca/fundraising](http://kinderbooks.ca/fundraising)
- 2 Find your School
- 3 Purchase water bottles
- 4 Pick up at school

Contact Anne if you have any questions:  
604-696-2633  
[info@kinderbooks.ca](mailto:info@kinderbooks.ca)

kinder BOOKS

<https://kinderbooks.ca/pages/moodymiddle>

**\*Please see the end of our newsletter for the full PAC Water Bottle Fundraiser letter to parents**

## Counsellor's Corner

Our Port Moody Secondary tutors have started at ÉMMSOTA, and will be here every Monday (except for staff meeting days, first Monday of each Month) from 2:45-3:45, in the Library Learning Commons.

Please encourage your child to attend if they need extra help or time to complete their assignments. If you have questions, please email [marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca)

## STUDENT LUNCHES

Please be aware that the school does not have cutlery (forks/spoons/knives) for student use. Please ensure your child packs a utensil in their lunch if they require one! Thanks.

## Ski & Snowboard Club

We've finished up our 4 weeks of lessons, and are now anticipating our next 'ski and board evening' on **MARCH 14<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. 😊



## 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>

### 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!

### COMMUNITY LISTINGS

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

Examples include:

- [Red Cross Babysitting First Aid coming to EMMSOTA April 26 2019](#)
- [Port Moody Soccer - Spring 2019](#)
- [Port Moody EPIC Youth Spring Break Camps 2019](#)
- [Coquitlam Sharks Aquatic - try water polo free Feb 15th](#)
- [Port Moody Farmers Markets kids club \(ages 5-12\)](#)
- [SD43 Friends & Family courses - discount code included!](#)
- <https://evergreenculturalcentre.ca/camps/> (Spring Break Camps)
- [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](#)
- [Artist in Residence program Port Coquitlam until May 2019](#)



## ÉMMSOTA/Moody Middle PAC

### INFORMATION FROM THE SD43 DPAC:

- **School Traffic Safety Presentation**  
Wednesday March 13 2019  
7:00-8:30pm  
Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

The event is FREE, but please register at:

<https://dpac43schooltrafficsafety2019.eventbrite.ca>

Flyer: [School Traffic Safety information](#)

### PAC WATER BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Please see the end of our newsletter for information about the Stainless Steel Spirit Animal water bottles, available for purchase through our website at:

<https://kinderbooks.ca/pages/moodymiddle>



### Upcoming Hot Lunch and Treat Days – Online

Ordering Available through Munch a Lunch:

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



- Mar 6 - Pizza (Fresh Slice)

**PAC Meeting Dates** for the remainder of the school year are:

March 4, April 1, May 6, June 10. 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/>



# Water Bottle Fundraiser



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The PAC of École Moody Middle Moody has partnered with Kinder Books, a Port Moody business, for our Water Bottle Fundraiser. **We are raising funds for the school with 20% of all sales going directly to the school PAC.**

Kinder Books is proud that the water bottle supplier has strong ties to the local Native Americans and First Nations communities. This includes their work with organizations that support Indigenous education, women in transition, child welfare programs and elders and long time collaborations with First Nation artists residing in British Columbia.

These high quality stainless steel water bottles keep beverages hot for 12 hours and cold for 24 hours. They make unique gifts and range in price between \$18 to \$32 plus tax.

## Order online

- Go to <https://kinderbooks.ca/pages/moodymiddle>
- Order your water bottles
- Please enter student name, division/pod of your child at check out time into the merchant notes.

## Order Pickup

Orders will be delivered free of charge to the school every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Earlier pickups may be possible on request.

**Deadline for orders for Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 5, 2019.**

Thank you for supporting our school!

**For further information contact [orders@kinderbooks.ca](mailto:orders@kinderbooks.ca)**

**604-616-2653 [www.kinderbooks.ca](http://www.kinderbooks.ca)**

## 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.



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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.*