

# Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

**e-Bulletin – 7.Dec.2018**

**ÉMMSOTA Website**

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

[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 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
- Fri @ 07:40 Choir practice
- Fri @ 2:50pm Badminton Club
- Fri 3-5pm Friends of Simon tutoring

DECEMBER

4	12 Days of Giving - until Dec 19 (Food bank collection)
12	Field trip (Water pod) – Skating
12	PAC Hot Lunch - Subway
13	<b>PURDY'S CHOCOLATE ORDER PICK-UP!!</b>
13	Winter Concert @ 7pm (dress rehearsal in afternoon)
<b>14</b>	<b>Term 1 Report Cards distributed to students</b>
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	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
10	PMSS IB program info session – 7-8:30pm @ PMSS
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 have raced through another week of learning as we inch closer to our Winter break. Parent Student Teacher Conferences are in the rear view mirror and reports are being distributed next week. The learning in the building is beginning to take on that festive look as projects are being completed and new inquiry ideas are being explored as we embark on another term of learning through the arts. We are still working out the flow of our new building and experimenting with displays of creative student and staff work. Plans for this year's art installation will be taking shape in the new year as we connect our learning to the school wide read of *The Wishtree* and our theme of "Mythology".

This is the time of year when our students are excited about the holidays ahead. We encourage students to keep to their usual routines of homework and reading regularly, as well as getting ample rest to be alert for a full day of learning! We do have much learning still taking place up until the last day of classes on December 21.

I have been reading through reports and have enjoyed seeing student's thoughtfulness in their student reflections and goals for the upcoming term. Teachers have also put a great deal of time into capturing some of the learning happening across our first term. Our reports go home next week and are a snapshot of student learning in many subject areas. Once again parents will be seeing a new report template and possibly asking questions in relation to our core and curricular competencies. We are more than happy to offer any clarification and are fortunate to have well over 90 percent of our parent and guardian community join us for conferences in support of communicating student learning. Remember it is yearlong learning journey for all middle school students and growth can be measured in small samples as well as across the middle years. We thank you all for committing the time you do to your child's education.

We are looking forward to some of our festive activities over the next couple of weeks, the Music Concerts on the 13<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. Thanks you as always for sharing your children with us every day.

### ***Scholastic Book Fair***

Recently, Heather Skipworth, PAC member, organized a very successful Scholastic Book Fair for Moody Middle School and we recognized her and Ms. Leonard's efforts. This week, we are recognizing the support of our parent and student volunteers who helped Mrs. Skipworth reach our goal of \$3000 in sales. We actually surpassed our goal by \$700! Thank you to our parents for supporting our school initiatives such as a love of reading! These events are always more fun when we work together and when there are prizes!

**Parent Volunteers: Heather Skipworth, Lynn Patterson, Connie Caldwell, Jennifer Cox, Jessie Hurley, Wally Ebrihimi, Pam Morris, Christie Brown, Kali Mynott, Zach Skipworth, Shannon Sweeney and Joanne Winsor**

**Students helpers: Rebecca S., Teagan S., Negar M., Sanam M., Elise T., Lili M., Alisa S., Gianna K., Xylia G., Jihee R., Daria B., Vania A., Evan K., Kity S., Angel D., Samantha C., Amy C., Alex S., Dana K., Alastair A., Madhavi K., Jake H., Jennifer H., Julia D., Hannah R., and Nick W.**

A special thank you to Negar, Sanam, Samantha, Teagan, Rebecca and Alex who were part of the late night crew.

**Kind words of thanks from Mrs. Skipworth: A big thank you to all the teachers for supporting the book fair by bringing in your classes or even making a purchase yourself. A shout out to one teacher that really put us over the top; you know who you are. Thank you!**

Congrats to Gabriel B. in Ms. Paquette's class who was the winner of the Family draw. Both Gabriel and Ms. Paquette got to spend \$25 each at book fair.

**Congrats Golden Tickets Winners!** There were 1,539 total pages in the stack of books and the following students who were all within 26 pages got to spend \$10 each at book fair. **Hannah R., Meghan W., Duncan S., Robert W., Jennifer H. and Daria B.** That is awesome!

### ***Pancake Breakfast***

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

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

December 13th is a big day at ÉMMSOTA! Our Junior and Senior Bands and Choir Concert takes place in the Gym from 7-8pm. Special thanks to our PAC for putting on our 50/50 fundraiser and concession before and after the concert. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their hard work. Please travel safely and plan to arrive early as parking is very limited. Note that our Purdy's Fundraiser sales will be ready for pick up during the day and at our concert as well!

### **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



*A beautiful frosty 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>

## **Counsellor's Corner**

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)

For further information, please contact Ms. Armstrong at [marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca)

## **Athletics**

Winter sports practices started this week! Wrestling and Basketball (Boys Gr 7 & 8) have already started. Other teams will be announced in the coming days as teams are able to meet with their coaches to decide on practice days. Game schedules will be available early in the new year.

**BASKETBALL:** 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:**

Our Winter Concert is next Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>! The students will need to have their Moody Music t-shirts, black pants and black shoes when they come to school next Thursday. The Band & Choir students will be performing our Winter Concert for the school during the day (at 1pm) as our dress rehearsal. Students will then be asked to return to the school that evening at 6:30pm to get ready for our evening concert. Our evening performance will start at 7pm and we hope to see lots of family and friends at the school supporting our music students. All Jr. Band, Jazz Band, Sr. Band, and Choir students will be performing in the concert.

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

### **Lost and Found**

Please be sure to label all personal belongings clearly. Items that have been misplaced often end up in our lost and found bin in the Multi-Purpose Room. Precious or small items may be claimed in the office. Items will be donated to SHARE during the last week of December.

## WE Leadership

### FOOD, FOOD, Glorious FOOD!

December is fast approaching...so get ready to get involved and help support our WE Leadership students provide our local food bank with much needed **non-perishable food items** this winter.

**The 12 Days of Giving** food collection contest runs for 2 weeks beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the list of much needed items for SHARE...



## Ski & Snowboard Club – Mt. Seymour pass forms handed out / payment info



We've had a great response to our ÉMMSOTA Ski & Snowboard Club, and the club is now full (with a waitlist)!

Students were given Mount Seymour season pass forms to take home, complete and return. These forms have now been sent to Mt. Seymour. The mountain will confirm when they are able to start to issue the passes, and we will post the information at that time.

Payment is still open on School Cash Online – **full payment is due by December 7<sup>th</sup>**. **We do have a waitlist - spots not paid for may be given to those students who are on the waitlist!** Please contact Mme. LeBlanc if you are unable to pay by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Spirit Day

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



## Library Learning Commons:

A big thank you goes out to the PAC and parent and student volunteers that helped to make the Scholastic Book Fair our most successful one to date. Thanks to all the parents, teachers and students who collectively spent almost \$3700 allowing the Library Learning Commons to purchase many books and resources for students and teachers. A very special thank you to Heather Skipworth, for once again organizing the Book Fair and making it so successful.

Ms. K. Leonard, Teacher-Librarian





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

## 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.



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

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