

# Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

## e-Bulletin – 19-September-2019

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community;

We are now well into our school year as September is flying by. Students are settling into regular routines and the school is bustling with extra curricular activities and events already. It is interesting to see the many different approaches teachers have in establishing classroom norms and connecting them to our school wide values of RESPECT. Many classes are working through class charters and using classroom community circles as part of their regular practice. Setting the tone early with social emotional learning activities helps establish a safe, caring trusting environment for students to thrive. It also has been proven to increase academic achievement at all levels. It is amazing to see the culture of a school year develop from the foundations established early in every classroom and throughout the school. We are off to a very good start.

Some of our school wide events to look forward to, include our Terry Fox Run on Friday September 27th and our kickoff assembly September 24th. This year during our assembly we will be visited by our local Port Moody Police Department and colleagues on their yearly Cops for Cancer Ride. Every year police departments across the lower mainland and across B.C. ride to raise awareness and funds in support of cancer research. We are hoping this “drive by” ( or rather “pedal by”) on Tuesday during our Terry Fox kickoff assembly will help students reflect on the impact each one of us has on our community when we come together around a common goal.

We are looking forward to seeing parents at our *EMMSOTA Welcome Back Open House* on Wednesday September 25th at 7 PM in the Gym. We will meet in the Gym for some introductions and a few words before sending parents out to meet teachers in their classrooms and check out some of the activities that are already happening early in the year.

We are also hosting our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) parent info session with District Director of Instruction, Innovation and Technology, Stephen Whiffin, at 6 PM in the Gym. Join us with your questions about our move to be a BYOD school and then roll into our Open House at 7 PM.

As we move further into the school year please feel free to connect with your child’s teachers on all things Moody; specifically, as we weave our school wide focus on *Health and Well Being* into classroom activities and conversations. Keep challenging your children to make connections with what they are learning at school to what they see, hear and do outside of

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school in the community. Ask questions about their learning that demand more than one-word answers. Ask them to describe how they use art to enhance their learning journey at EMMSOTA. Ask them to describe one act of kindness and caring they saw or were part of at some point in their day. Ask questions that let them know you are involved in their learning.

It has been a fantastic start to our year, and we thank you all for sharing your children with us every day.

Cheers, A Bientot

Mark Clay  
Principal

Kathryn Jung  
Vice Principal

**EMMSOTA Website**

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

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

SEPTEMBER	
20	Pro D (District) – Schools not in session
24	Cops for Cancer / Terry Fox kick-off Assembly
25	Bring your own device Info Session @ 6pm
25	Parent & Student Orientation / Open House @ 7pm
27	Terry Fox Run
27	Cross Country Meet @ Bert Flynn Park (beside Heritage Woods) @ 4pm
30	Grade 8 Timberline Camp
OCTOBER	
1	Grade 8 Timberline Camp
4	Cross Country Meet @ Maple Creek Middle @ 3:45
7	PAC Meeting
11	Cross Country Meet @ Mundy Park @ 3:45
14	Thanksgiving – schools not in session
18	Student Vote
18	District Championship-Cross Country Meet @ Mundy Park @ 3:45
21	Federal Election polling station
25	Pro D (Provincial) – schools not in session
29	Picture Day Re-takes

### **Bell Schedule**

Our regular bell schedule is slightly different from last year. Warning bell sounds at 8:35 and classes start at 8:40. Please see the attached bell schedule and note the changes. Getting to school on time is another key factor in establishing successful learning routines. If your child will be late or absent please contact the school office by phone, 604-461-7384, or email [moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca)

### **Parking, Transportation and Student Safety**

While we are beginning to see the benefits of our new parking lot, we are also seeing some problems arising from the lack of consideration for our drop off and pick up procedures. It is imperative that parents always drive slowly and cautiously in and around the parking lot. We are seeing more and more hasty drop offs and speedy exits that are not at all acceptable in a school zone.

We once again ask for your caution and patience when entering and exiting the parking lot area. It is a tricky three way stop that has some blind spots when cars are lined up on all three sides.

The flow of traffic is one way in, all the way around the lot and out the same way stopping at the stop sign before entering the intersection.

We are also noticing parents parking in the staff parking lot while waiting to pick their children up. As mentioned previously this is a STAFF ONLY parking lot and must be maintained as such. Please plan to meet your child down the street on Buller or Henry or even on James Street to alleviate some of the traffic congestion during our main drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Each school year we conduct several drills with students and staff to prepare for different types of potential emergency situations. These include fire and earthquake drills as well as different scenarios for lockdown types of situations.

Please see the attached documents for more information. School specific information is included.

If you require more information, please contact Ms. Jung at [kjung@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kjung@sd43.bc.ca)

### **BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**

BYOD Parent Information Session is Thursday, September 25 in our Gym

This year we are making the school wide push to have students **Bring Your Own Device** on a daily basis. Technology is an incredible tool that supports learning and we want to ensure students have easy access to it on a regular and timely basis. This does not mean their entire days will be in front of a screen. We will continue to have clear expectations for technology use that include “Tech Free Breaks” at Nutrition Break and Lunch, and cell phones / personal devices stored away when not in use supporting learning in the classroom. More information will be coming to all of you providing details on our process and ideas about how best to make it work for your family. Please stay tuned. If you have yet to purchase a laptop for your child, please do not worry. Your child will not need their computer at school until later in September once we have our school year rolling along. We are very excited to see the impact our BYOD initiative will have on our School of the Arts.

### **Grade 6 Stay Active Program**

The Tri Cities, in cooperation with School District 43, are pleased to continue the Grade 6 Stay Active! Programs for all School District 43 Grade 6 students. This program has been approved by the Cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody to promote youth involvement in physical activity.

The Grade 6 Letter is required for registration and can be downloaded from the SD43 website under [Community Listings](#)

### **SchoolCashOnline**

Our School District continues its full transition to ONLINE fee payments, permission forms and newsletters. Within the first two weeks of school, we will be sending home on-line notices regarding Student Activity Fees and optional items such as Athletic Fees and Yearbook purchases. If you are unable to receive on-line forms, please let us know at the office.

To maximize our communication, please ensure you are registered 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’

### **Welcome Back Letters from the BC Minister for Education and District Superintendent**

Minister of Education Rob Fleming wishes all students and their families all the best for the year ahead. Read more [here](#).

SD43 Superintendent of Schools Patricia Gartland welcomes all students back to school. Read more [here](#).

### **Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation**

Government has approved the Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation requiring parents or guardians to report the vaccination status of their school-age children. This regulation comes into force on July 1 and public health units will begin implementation of the regulation in September of 2019. Read more [here](#).

### **Vaping Products Information for Families**

The use of vaping products by youth is becoming increasingly common. There are some misconceptions about the aerosol (vapour or cloud) produced, and currently the long-term health effects are unknown. As caregivers, you can connect and discuss issues around vaping products with your child. Read more [here](#).

### **MOODY ATHLETICS**

#### **Cross Country:**

We are going to be practicing Tuesdays at school from 3:00-3:45 from September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meets are on Thursdays as follows:

- Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Bert Flynn Park (beside Heritage Woods) at 4pm
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Maple Creek Middle at 3:45pm
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Mundy Park at 3:45
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Mundy Park at 3:45 (**District Championships**)

### **PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

Dear Parents,

Please join us at the first PAC meeting of the new school year at 6:30pm on Monday, September 16 in the Learning Commons Room (Library). PAC meetings are a great way for parents and guardians to find out more about what's happening in the school, to ask questions and participate in and help enrich their student's school experience. There are a number of executive and volunteer opportunities available. PAC has some great fundraising initiatives for the coming school year but needs volunteers to help make them a reality. Hope to see you there!

### **PAC FUNDRAISERS 2019-2020**

#### **THRIFTY'S SMILE CARD FUNDRAISER**

EMMSOTA's Thrifty Foods Smiles Card fundraiser has been renewed for another year. 5% of the money loaded onto your pre-assigned Thrifty's Smile Card comes back to Moody Middle PAC to support field trips for students. If you are looking to get a card for the 1st time or want additional cards please fill out the attached Thrifty Foods Fundraising document and drop off at the office or email us at: [emmsotaPAC@gmail.com](mailto:emmsotaPAC@gmail.com) with any questions.

[Thrifty's fundraising program - details](#)

#### **PAC 101 Orientation Night**

The District Parent Advisory Council Executive invites you to a PAC 101 Orientation session on **Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 6:45PM o 9:00PM. (Doors open 6:20).

Venue: Gallery Room, Winslow Centre, 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam

Full details at:

RSVP: Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> online at <https://dpac43pacorientation2019.eventbrite.ca>

**AGENDA**

6:20 - 6:45 Doors Open / Sign-in / Networking

6:45 - 6:55 Session 1: DPAC Overview – Marvin Klassen

6:55 - 7:10 Session 2: Constitutions & Bylaws – Marvin Klassen

7:10 - 7:25 Session 3: Meetings/Minutes & Record Keeping – Charlie Loo

7:25 - 7:40 Session 4: Finances – Edward Ram

7:40 - 7:45 Break

7:45 - 8:45 Breakout Sessions

8:45 – 9:00 Wrap-up

**EMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:**

"Like" our page to receive updates on events, meetings and fundraising initiatives:

<https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC/>



## Community Info

### Flying Squad at Community Volunteer Connections

Community Volunteer Connections (CVC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring communities together by promoting and creating meaningful volunteer engagement with other non-profit organizations.

The Flying Squad is a team of volunteers that help at one-off events, by our non-profit members, taking place in the Tricities area. High School students are invited to join the Flying Squad Team and give back to the community. Once the students have volunteered at the event, they would log their hours and CVC will keep track of the hours completed for graduation.

See [www.volunteerconnections.ca](http://www.volunteerconnections.ca)

### 5th Annual Empowering Steps

Walk for autism awareness. Run beyond disabilities. Roll forward for our children.

Sunday September 29th 2019 ,MUNDY PARK, 641 HILLCREST STREET, COQUITLAM

SIGN IN: 12:45PM WARM UP: 1:00PM START TIME: 1:15PM

[esmt.ca/walkrun](http://esmt.ca/walkrun)

### Follow us on Twitter

**Twitter name** – @43moody <https://twitter.com/43moody?lang=en>

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

[Download](#) the Twitter app



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