

Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

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Greetings and Welcome École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community;

Another school year is before us and we are excited at the arrival of our students and start to a brand new school year. We hope you have all enjoyed a very restful summer full of family, friends, laughter and outdoor adventures. We look forward to meeting you all and sharing our days with all of your children over the next 10 months. I hope you have all enjoyed our beautiful summer and are beginning to adjust to the reality of heading back to school.

A very big welcome to those who are new to our school. Middle school is a wonderful place to live and learn. We invite you to get involved in the many opportunities that are available to our students, parents and community members. For our returning students, I challenge you to bring the spirit and care of “All Things Moody” to our learning community each and every day. I challenge you to be leaders, and create a culture that is truly extraordinary.

Please read the information below in this newsletter carefully and stay up to date with school events by checking our website regularly and reviewing email communications and notifications from both the office and your classrooms teachers. Parent involvement at the middle years level is crucial in determining success for all learners. We know adolescence can be a time to gain some freedom from parents and guardians and we still want you all actively involved on a daily basis. In the coming days and weeks we will encourage you to make contact with the school and even look into supporting some of our initiatives through the EMMSOTA PAC or through our classrooms. Parents are essential partners in the learning process.

We are all looking forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks and months. It is our pleasure to work with your children each and every day. Here’s to an amazing year ahead.

Cheers, A Bientot

Mark Clay
Principal

Kathryn Jung
Vice Principal

www.Moody Middle website calendar

SEPTEMBER	
3	School Opens – 9-10am
3-6	Maverick Week & Community BBQ Friday Sep 6 th 12-1pm
11	Picture Day
16	Squeak & Squawk – Jr. Band instrument trials and selection
16	PAC Meeting
20	Pro D (District) – Schools not in session
25	Parent & Student Orientation / Open House
27	Terry Fox Run
OCTOBER	
14	Thanksgiving – schools not in session
21	Federal Election polling station
25	Pro D (Provincial) – schools not in session
29	Picture Day Re-takes
NOVEMBER	
8	Remembrance Day ceremony
11	Remembrance Day – schools not in session
26-28	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
DECEMBER	
2	Term 2 begins
3-4,10	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #1
12	Winter concert
13	Report Cards #1 distributed to students
23-31	Winter Vacation – schools not in session
JANUARY	
1-3	Winter Vacation – schools not in session
6	Schools open after Winter Vacation
24	Grade 8 Tours of Secondary Schools
27	Pro D (School based) – school not in session
29	Place des Arts 'The Jungle Book' theatre presentation (1:30-2:50)
FEBRUARY	
14	Non-Instructional Day (District) - Schools not in session
17	Family Day – schools not in session
28	Pro D (District) – schools not in session
MARCH	
3-5	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
9	Term 3 begins
16-27	Spring Break – schools not in session
30	Schools re-open after Spring Break
APRIL	
3	Report Cards #2 distributed to students
10-13	Good Friday & Easter – schools not in session
17	Pro D (District) – schools not in session
22	Grade 5 Parent & Student Orientation / Open House
28-30	Spring Musical
MAY	
18	Victoria Day – schools not in session
JUNE 1	Pro D (School based) – schools not in session
4	Grade 6 for a morning
8	PAC Meeting
10-11	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #2
11	Year-end Concert
19	EXPO Term 4 Ends
23	Year-end Recognition & Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
24	Core 3 Term 3 Ends
24	Year-end Celebration / field trip
25	Last School Day / Report card pick-up 09:00-10:00
26	Administrative Day – schools not in session

First Day of School and Opening Week

Preparations have been made for an exciting year and we look forward to greeting all our students, new and experienced! Students are to be at school by **9:00 am on Tuesday, September 4th** for registration and attendance, which will be completed by 10:00 am. It is very important that all children attend. If your child will be attending École Moody Middle School of the Arts in 2019-20, but cannot make it to school on the first day, please let us know by contacting the school office by phone, 604-461-7384, or email moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca

When students arrive Tuesday morning they will find their name on a pod list in Alphabetical order, posted in our main floor foyer area. The list is composed of students in grades 6, 7 & 8. There are four meeting locations for each of our four pod groups.

Earth Pod: outside amphitheatre

Wind Pod: Multi Purpose Room

Fire Pod: Gym

Water Pod: Library Learning Commons.

All of this information will be posted and there will be many staff and student leaders on hand to help with any questions students may have. Most of our returning students will be in the same Pod. There is always some changes that require students to move pods from one year to the next due to changing enrolment. Please check the lists upon arrival.

Our regular bell schedule has changed slightly from last year and we now start a few minutes later in the morning. Please see the attached bell schedule and note the changes. Getting to school on time is another key factor in establishing successful learning routines.

Opening Week Community BBQ Friday September 6 at Noon.

WE are once again treating our students to a welcome back BBQ on the first Friday back. This year we would like to open up our event to parents who may wish to join us and make it a true community event. If you would like to join your son or daughter for a hot dog and refreshment on Friday September 6th please reply to moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca so we are able to account for any guests joining us outside of our student and staff population. After lunch we will be finishing out our week with a school wide Arts Starts presentation from Axe Capoeira, a high flying Brazilian, martial arts and movement group who will energize our community and finish off our week in style. You are welcome to join us for that presentation as well.

Parking, Transportation and Student Safety

Well, after a year of patience and fortitude with our parking, drop off and pick up, we now have an official staff parking lot. Our new parking lot does allow for some drop off and pick up of students and we ask that you support us in making this work in a safe and respectful way. There are only a few drop off and pick up spaces available in our staff parking lot along the south side adjacent to the school. We will have some temporary signage highlighting this space. Please be mindful that this is a **staff only parking lot** and spaces are limited. 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. This may be confusing in the beginning. Please drive cautiously and think about student safety first. We have a parking lot map attached to this newsletter for your guidance.

We strongly suggest you plan accordingly in the first few days and perhaps walk to school with your children, drop off along Buller or park further away on Henry and walk the short distance. Vehicle traffic will be congested as we return to school and construction continues in the neighborhood. Please take some time to remind your children about traffic safety and being mindful of crosswalks and sidewalk use. Please have a look at the map attached. Student safety is of utmost importance to all of us, so please consider doing your best to support our plan. We all thank you.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

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. Check through the information we will be sending out and plan to come to our BYOD Information Evening on September 16, at 6 PM with SD43 Learning Services Director of Technology and Innovation, Stephen Whiffin. 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.

Timely Arrival

Please assist your child in arriving to school on time. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a student’s development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin promptly at 8:30 am. If your child will be late or absent please contact the school office by phone, 604-461-7384, or email moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca

Our secretary “call back” is in place to help ensure the safety of our children and we call all contact numbers in priority sequence if a child is not accounted for. Please assist us by ensuring that you have called in to report your child’s absence.

Class Placement

It is our goal to have classes formed by Friday, September 6th. However, September frequently brings surprises with changes in enrolment, so it is possible that students will continue to meet in pods or teams for the duration of the first week of classes and possibly beyond. This time is devoted to community building on many levels allowing students and teachers to develop school and pod spirit and get to know each other. School expectations for personal and social responsibility will be reviewed in all areas of the school as we highlight our core values defined by R.E.S.P.E.C.T. at École Moody Middle School of the Arts. It is one of the most important times in the school year as we establish our routines and culture.

Supplies

Students will be told on Tuesday what supplies they will need to bring over the course of the first week. It is likely that only the basic pencil box with something to write and colour with will be required. School supplies purchased from Creative Children have arrived at École Moody Middle and will be distributed directly to students by their teacher by the end of the week. You can review our school supply list on our website here: [School Supplies](#)

Lunches

Students will not require a lunch on the first day (Tuesday), but beginning on Wednesday September 4th, please send your child with a snack, lunch and refillable water bottle in the morning. We do have some microwaves available for student use. If for some reason you need to drop off a lunch for your child, it can be left at the office for your child to pick up during their non-instructional times.

Communication

Announcements that are made each morning at the school are posted on our website daily to facilitate shared communication between the classrooms and our school community.

Parents with messages for their children are asked to contact the office. Notifications of these messages will be passed on to the student during nut break, lunch time or at the end of the day. As we are protective of the learning environment of all our students we cannot relay messages to students during class time concerning social arrangements. We also ask parents to respect our technology expectations and **not to text or contact** their child directly by cell phone during the school day. Messages sent through the office are always the best way to go. Thank you.

Early Dismissal

Whenever possible, please make appointments for your child outside of school hours. If you do need to pick up your child early, we ask that you advise your child, your child's teacher *and the office* in advance so that the student is ready to leave without interrupting their classmates. All students must sign out in person at the office before leaving school property. Students must have permission to leave before they will be allowed to sign out. Permission may be in the form of a phone call or email to the office, or a note.

After School Supervision

Our supervision schedule for staff concludes at 3:10 pm each day. This supervision schedule provides students time to safely begin making their way home by foot, bike, car or bus. Students that are staying for an after-school team or club are safely supervised by the staff leader of that planned event. Morning supervision is limited as well and students should not be arriving to school much earlier than 8 AM unless specifically to attend an activity or in some exceptional situations.

If students are waiting for a ride after 3:10 pm we ask that students wait in the main foyer unless they are staying to get help from a teacher, or to work on a project, a supervised classroom, library, or the Youth Lounge.

Please work out your before and after-school plans and procedures with your child as soon as possible, so there are no surprises. We will continue to remind and review socially responsible expectations around the school as we get into our year. We appreciate your support with this.

StrongStart

Our SD43 StrongStart program will begin on September 18th. Registration information can be found on the StrongStart website: [StrongStart](#)

Grade 6 Get Active Program

The Tri Cities, in cooperation with School District 43, are pleased to continue the Grade 6 Get 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/>

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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.

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