

Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

e-Bulletin – 6-September-2019

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community;

It has been an amazing first week. The energy in the building has been incredible, capped off by our Community BBQ and high flying presentation with *Axe Capoeira* this afternoon. It is good to be back...even if we are just getting used to our back to school schedules. There is nothing like the smiling faces of the students returning to give you that extra boost and get you quickly back into the swing of things.

We are happy to say all students are in classes as of today after a welcome back week of community building in Pods. The week long activities were focused around our core values of: R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Responsible, Educated, Supportive, Positive, Empathetic, Creative, Tenacious. We spent some time participating in activities that support our vision as an Arts infused school and our focus this year on Health and Well Being. Next week as we get to know our core classes, we will continue to promote our school wide message and develop some plans to showcase our learning with our larger community.

It was nice to see some of you at our community BBQ this afternoon. We hope you will join us for other community events that will be happening throughout the year. We will be hosting our Welcome Back Open House on September 25 at 7 PM in the Gym. We will invite any of you who are interested to join us for a BYOD presentation before the Open House at 6 PM, with our District Director of Instruction, Stephen Whiffin, (See note below).

As we transition back with our students, I strongly encourage all of you to take an active interest in the many learning opportunities your child will have this year at École Moody Middle School of the Arts. Ask questions of your children that require more than a “yes” or “no” answer. Ask them to explain their learning; talk about how they demonstrated RESPECT at school and what they are doing to “take care of themselves, others and this place”. Your support and partnership is always appreciated and as always we thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day.

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 @ 6:30pm
20	Pro D (District) – Schools not in session
25	Parent & Student Orientation / Open House
27	Terry Fox Run
OCTOBER	
7	PAC Meeting
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	
4	PAC Meeting
8	Remembrance Day ceremony
11	Remembrance Day – schools not in session
15	PAC Pub Night
26-28	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
DECEMBER	
2	Term 2 begins
2	PAC Meeting
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
13	PAC Meeting
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	
3	PAC Meeting
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	
2	PAC Meeting
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
6	PAC Meeting
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	
4	PAC Meeting - AGM
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

**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. **

[Superintendent's Welcome Back Letter](#)

Parking, Transportation and Student Safety

Parking and drop off this week looked ok using the new system. 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. There were a few vehicles moving to fast through the drop off zone and cutting into the staff parking area. 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. Please take some time to remind your children about traffic safety and being mindful of crosswalks and sidewalk use. 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 immediately before our Open House on September 25, 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

Every year we spend an incredible amount of time building classes and considering many factors to create the best possible learning environments for all our students. It is not a perfect science and we are not always able to place students with their friends every year. While we like to keep students on the same Pod for at least a couple of years, our class size and composition numbers often dictate the need to move some students around. This process is done collaboratively with teachers and other staff. We do what we can to make appropriate class placements in all situations. We ask that students and parents support our decisions and have positive conversations about change and the opportunity to make new friends in a variety of school community settings. At this point our classes are in place and we will be moving forward in support of the current class make up. Thank you.

Supplies

School supplies purchased from Creative Children have arrived at École Moody Middle and were distributed directly to students at end of day on Friday. Please use the weekend to label all supplies before they return to school. You can review our school supply list on our website here: [School Supplies](#)

Lunches

Please send your child with a snack, lunch and refillable water bottle each day. 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, and are in 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 16th. 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 (SCO)

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 complete on-line forms and payments, please let us know at the office as soon as possible.**

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'**

BAND & CHOIR

Band & Choir forms have been handed out. Many students have handed them in already. Mrs. Reichert will be still be accepting forms next week. Junior Band students will find out what instruments they're going to play on Monday. Squeak & Squawk will be held on Monday September 16th, at 6:30 for all Junior band students to learn the basics of their instrument.

ATHLETICS

Our Fall Sports teams are about to get started and we encourage all students to sign up for their favourite sports, or try something new!

Students will be told how and when to sign-up for other sports in the next couple of weeks, and will then bring home permission forms for parent signatures. A permission form is needed for each sports team that a student registers for. ***A one time SCO payment of \$15 for the year covers the cost of all sports teams for the year.***

Our fall sports teams & clubs include:

- Cross country

- Field Hockey
- Swim Team
- Vball 6 Boys & Girls
- Vball 7 Girls
- Vball 7 Boys
- Vball 8 Girls
- Vball 8 Boys
- Badminton Club

SWIMMING:

Swimming registration has a short season, and registration starts Monday. There will be a meeting in Ms. Turje's classroom on Monday for interested students.

PAC

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 with any questions.

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

EMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:

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

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

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Twitter name – @43moody

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

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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.

moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca

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

**2019/2020 - Help Moody Middle PAC fundraise while
doing your shopping**

THRIFTY FOODS **Thifty Foods**

Eat happy 

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 Moody Middle PAC at emmsotaPAC@gmail.com 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,
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.