

Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

e-Bulletin – 18-September-2020

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community.

We have made it through our first week back in these very different times. I am not sure if any of us could have predicted a September start up such as this one. It goes without saying that it is different and has been challenging. What I will say is that that staff, students and parents have come together and made the best out of a difficult situation and are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe and to normalize our daily routines so that education and life at middle school will just keep moving forward. Ms. Jung and I are uplifted by the energy the students have brought back into the building after our first full week of classes. We are inspired by the creativity and professionalism of our staff who make things work considering our current conditions. We are supported by our District Leadership Team, who continue to filter and manage government expectations, while providing us the means to run our schools effectively.

For those of you who know me well enough, you know I continue to live by that Margaret Mead quote; ***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*** Living through these uncertain times over the past 6 months, community mindfulness, compassion, care and cooperation are exactly what will see us through. I look forward to working with all of our extended community as we endeavour to make this year not only memorable but extremely meaningful in terms of providing education to your children.

We always begin our school year laying the foundation for a very creative and caring community, promoting school-wide expectations to; ***“take care of ourselves, take care of others and take care of the environment.”*** It sounds simple enough, yet it takes work and all of us moving in the same direction. We move forward early in the school year by focussing on our school wide acronym of **R-E-S-P-E-C-T**, which stands for **Responsible, Educated, Supportive, Purposeful, Empathetic, Caring, Tenacious** individuals that come together daily to learn and to lift each other up. This is how we build community at ÉMMSOTA, together for 30 months of middle school.

We are very fortunate to have an amazing staff, many of whom have been here for several years, supporting great practices both academically and social emotionally. We have a few new staff members joining us this year and Ms. Jung and I would like to officially introduce them all to you.

Ms. Fitzgerald has come back to us this year and will be teaching in Wind Pod.

Ms. Ching will be working in Student Services supporting students from multiple classrooms.

We have four new Education Assistants joining us this year, Ms. Hunyadi, Ms. Nosrati, Ms. Clarke and Ms. Marconato.

Linda Clark is our new daytime caretaker, already working hard as we start the school year with safety and hygiene as a huge focus.

Mme. Suchynsky is joining our French Immersion Earth Pod at the beginning of this year with Mr. Pillsbury, as we await Mme Wainwright's return later in October.

We are looking forward to getting to know our new staff members and reacquainting with our other colleagues as the year progresses. Please be sure to reach out to anyone on staff if you have any questions or concerns. A list of our entire staff is included in this newsletter below. Email contacts are updated on our school website.

Our staff and students will continue our focus on health and wellbeing, numeracy and arts integration as part of our yearly goals and action plans for learning. Our professional growth opportunities line up with these goals and our collaboration is rich and rewarding as we learn together.

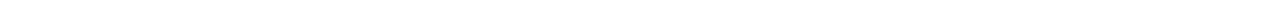
Every Year ÉMMSOTA comes up with a school wide theme to connect our learning to the larger school and outside community. These themes often drive what we produce for our yearly art installation. Last Spring staff came up with the theme of **"Innovation and the Environment"**, very topical considering where our world is at currently. As we met for the first few days of September, before students officially arrived, I challenged staff with a message I heard years ago from an administrator colleague from inner city LA; **"See the invisible and do the impossible."** Our school wide theme speaks to this as we are being asked to do things differently in education and to find new ways to operate during a global pandemic. We are faced with the reality of changes to our environment; physically, politically, and socially that will impact generations to come. It is through this lens we will create, collaborate, and generate ideas and passions for a world needing change. We are excited to get things rolling!

This year, we continue for a second year with our Daily Art initiative to inspire creativity while bringing out the artist within at the beginning of our learning day. We have provided every student with some basic daily art supplies; a sketchbook, charcoal pencil, 10 pack of watercolour pencil crayons, paint brush and white eraser, to support our school-wide goal to integrate the Arts into all that we do. Explorations teachers have begun their year in classrooms laying the foundation for creativity within our school wide theme of "Innovation and the Environment". See more on our first art installation of the year below.

We are immensely appreciative of the support we receive from our parent community as we start this 2020-2021 school year. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us each day!

Cheers, A Bientot

Mark Clay	Kathryn Jung
Principal	Vice Principal





ÉMMSOTA Website

moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca

www.Moody Middle website calendar

SEPTEMBER	
TBA	Picture (photo day) – POSTPONED, new date TBA
21	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm (Zoom meeting)
25	Pro D (District) – Schools not in session
29 (to be confirmed)	Parent Open House
30	Orange Shirt Day
OCTOBER	
TBA	PAC Meeting
2	Terry Fox Run
12	Thanksgiving – schools not in session
23	Pro D (Provincial) – schools not in session
TBA	Picture (photo) day Re-takes – POSTPONED, new date TBA
NOVEMBER	
TBA	PAC Meeting
10	Remembrance Day ceremony
11	Remembrance Day – schools not in session
24-26	Reporting Conferences - Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
DECEMBER	
TBA	PAC Meeting
TBA	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #1
17	Report Cards #1 distributed to students
21-Jan 1	Winter Vacation – schools not in session
JANUARY	
1	Winter Vacation – schools not in session
4	Schools open after Winter Vacation
TBA	PAC Meeting
29	Grade 8 Tours of Secondary Schools
FEBRUARY	
1	Pro D (School based) – school not in session
TBA	PAC Meeting
15	Family Day – schools not in session
24	Pink Shirt (Anti-bullying) Day
26	Pro D (District) – schools not in session
MARCH	
TBA	PAC Meeting
2-4	Reporting Conferences - Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
18	Report Cards #2 distributed to students
22-Apr 2	Spring Break – schools not in session

APRIL	
5	Easter Monday – schools not in session
6	Schools re-open after Spring Break
TBA	PAC Meeting
23	Pro D (District) – schools not in session
TBA	Grade 5 Parent & Student Orientation / Open House
TBA	Spring Musical
MAY	
TBA	PAC Meeting - AGM
24	Victoria Day – schools not in session
JUNE	
7	Pro D (School based) – schools not in session
TBA	Grade 6 for a morning
TBA	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #2
TBA	Year-end Concert
24	Year-end Recognition & Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
29	Last School Day / Report card pick-up 09:00-10:00
30	Administrative Day – schools not in session

BELL SCHEDULE

- GROUP A Bell Schedule
Fire & Wind Learning Groups 8:35-2:45
- GROUP B Bell Schedule
Earth & Water Learning Groups 8:50-3:00

Our detailed bell schedule is on our website at:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/About/bell/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

****Getting to school on time is a key factor in establishing successful learning routines!****

Superintendent's Welcome Back Letter

École Moody Middle School of the Arts (ÉMMSOTA) STAFF

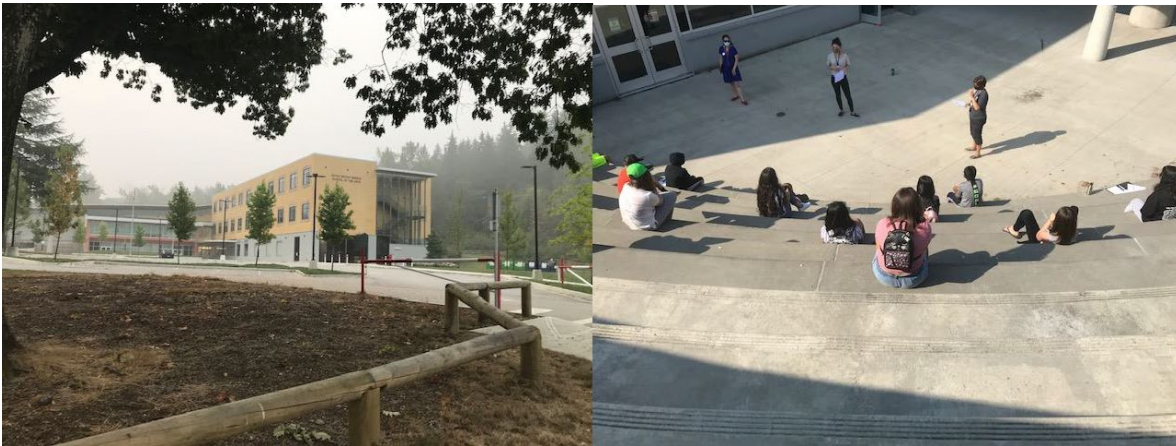
Join us in welcoming our returning and new staff for another exciting year at ÉMMSOTA! New staff are in bold.

Name	Position	Learning Group /Division	Name	Position	Learning Group /Division
Mr. F. Abdulla	Teacher	Tech Ed	Ms. L. Kayley	Teacher	9
Mr. A. Abello	Teacher	17	Mrs. A. Kobza	EA	
Ms. A. Alamssooz	EA		Mme A LeBlanc	Teacher	3
Mrs. P. Andersen	Student Services	ELL/ International	Ms. J. Lee	Caretaker	
Ms. M. Armstrong	Counsellor		Mr. R. Lee	Teacher	6
Mrs. E. Baboi	Student Services	Team Leader	Ms. K. Leonard	Teacher-Librarian	
Ms. J. Benoit	Strong Start Facilitator		Ms. M. Linde	Teacher	5
Mr. T. Budai	Teacher	12	Ms. C. Magnusson	Teacher	Drama
Mr. A. Chambers	Teacher	10	Mrs. L. Marconato	EA	
Ms. M. Ching	Student Services		Ms. C. McLellan	Youth Worker	
Ms. L. Clark	Caretaker		Mrs. L. Nosrati	EA	
Ms. A. Clarke	EA		Ms. M. Oak	Teacher	15
Mr. M. Clay	Principal		Mrs. M. O'Sullivan	Noon Hour	
Mrs. N. Crawford	Noon Hour		Ms. C. Paquette	Teacher	13
Mrs. C. DeGroot	Student Records Secretary		M. S. Pillsbury	Teacher	1
Ms. L. Donais	EA		Mrs. M. Reichert	Teacher	Music

Ms. S. Egelstad	Teacher	11	Mr. V. Salindong	Caretaker	
Ms. K. Fitzgerald	Teacher	8	Ms. H. Stibbs	Teacher	4
Mme R. Grayston	Teacher	2	Ms. K. Taylor-Hill	Head Secretary	
Mrs. M. Hadizadeh	EA		Ms. D. Turje	Teacher	14
Ms. S. Howard	Student Teacher		Mme. T. Wainwright	Teacher	1
Ms. E. Hunyadi	EA		Ms. H. Walling	Teacher	16
Ms. K. Jung	Vice-Principal		Mr. A. Walker	Teacher	Visual Arts
Mme B. Suchynsky	Teacher (temporarily in on M/Th)	1	Mr. C. Zimmer	Teacher	7

Welcome back full time, students!

Since we opened our doors to students on September 10th, students have shown great resilience, respect and patience in adhering to our new health and safety protocols regarding safety. Teachers met with small groups of students to talk about the importance of hand washing, wearing masks at school, working in our Learning Groups and physically distancing, among many safety measures in place throughout our school. We are happy to be back teaching and learning together! Be sure to visit our website for information about start up this year at MoodyMiddleSchool



Attendance, (including lates & early dismissals)

Parents/guardians are asked to report all absences, including daily, ongoing absences, lates or early dismissals, using our online Absence Report form – click here: [Absence Report](#) (Available under QUICKLINKS on our website)

Alternatively, 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.

Lates:

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 our scheduled bell time. **Students arriving late should come through the main front entrance, sanitize and sign-in at the LATES desk. Students will then be escorted to their classroom or given instructions from the office.**

Early Dismissals:

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. Please notify the school regarding the time of departure and pick-up or student transportation plans (walking/bus/etc.).

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.

If you are picking up your student, please call the office when you arrive. We will send the student out to you in the parking lot.

Parking, Transportation and Student Safety

Please plan to *drop-off and pick-up your student off site* as much as possible to reduce the traffic flow. Our parking lot does allow for a few cars at a time to drop off and pick up students, and if you choose to use the drop-off zone, we ask that you support us in making this work in a safe and respectful way. The drop off and pick up spaces are in our staff parking lot along the south side adjacent to the school. Please keep to a safe speed of 10km/hr and less in our lot and through the drop off zone. 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.** Please drive cautiously in our school zone of 30 km/hr and less, thinking about student safety first. We appreciate the number of parents who have chosen to access our nearby streets (e.g. James, Henry, St. George) to drop off and pick up your child. No U-Turns, please.

This is an ideal 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.

NEW Traffic Calming Measures

This week, we were notified that **beginning September 28**, the City of Port Moody is introducing **traffic calming measures on St. George Street** to improve pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety in our neighbourhood. This may impact how you approach the school. Please note that some of the changes you will see include barricades so that there is:

- No eastbound access to St. George Street from Albert Street, Kyle Street, and Hugh Street
- No westbound access to St. George Street from Elgin Street, Grant Street, and Buller Street
- All vehicles will still be able to exit St. George Street at all intersections.
- Restrictions will not apply to pedestrians or cyclists.

Please plan your trip accordingly as we become accustomed to these new traffic calming measures which the City of Port Moody will be reviewing through the end of summer 2021.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students are asked to **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.

For information about BYOD, please click on the following link to our website:

[MoodyMiddle Publications - click on BYOD](#)

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 in 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. Our Learning Groups are now in place and we will be moving

forward with our current class composition ensuring student and staff safety first and foremost. Thank you.

Supplies

School supplies purchased from Creative Children have arrived at École Moody Middle and were distributed directly to students this week. Please use the weekend to label all supplies before they return to school. Please have your student ask their teacher what to bring and when, as lockers are not available at this time. You can review our school supply list on our website here: [School Supplies](#)

Lunches

Please send your child with a litter-less snack, lunch and refillable water bottle each day. We do not have microwaves or hot water (kettles) available for student use. We ask that you work with us to ensure student safety by sending students to school with food at the start of the day rather than dropping it off at the office during the day. We are trying to limit drop-offs as this adds another complication to contact tracing if and when needed. Any drop off of lunch for students requires parents to call the office before entering the building, follow safety protocols, by sanitizing hands and signing in upon entry. It is imperative all families follow these safety protocols. Please ensure your child has all their belongings for the day when they leave in the morning.

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 your child directly** by cell phone during the school day. Messages sent through the office are always the best way to go. Thank you.

Did you know? [ÉMMSOTA](#) has a [Twitter](#) account! Please find us [@43Moody](#) for updates.

SchoolCashOnline (SCO)

Our School District continues to use SchoolCashOnline (SCO) for ONLINE policy/permission forms, fee payments, and newsletters. Within the first two weeks of school, we will be distributing on-line notices regarding **mandatory forms that need to be completed each year.**

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'**

If you are unable to complete on-line forms and payments, please let us know at the office as soon as possible.

Explorations / The Arts

Explorations is celebrating The Arts by starting the year with a school wide art installation! Students are exploring colour theory and nature. They are applying new skills to collectively create a beautiful three-dimensional butterfly colour wheel. The finished product will brighten up our foyer for the school year.



Library Learning Commons News

Welcome Back to Moody Middle everyone! The District is currently developing protocols for the safe use of school Library Learning Commons (LLC) so this means that our library is currently closed and plans for opening soon. However, there are other opportunities for students to get reading. Many teachers have their own classroom library, and/or access to other novels sets. Make sure to ask your teacher if you need something to read. Students are also welcome to visit our LLC website (student username and password is needed):

<https://sd43bcc.sharepoint.com/sites/MoodyMiddleLLC/SitePages/Home.aspx>

At the site you will find links to **Destiny Discover** (check out what non-fiction eBooks, Interactive Books and other District online resources we have access to), the **Port Moody Public Library** (now open with limited services), **Ask a Librarian** (if you have any questions for Ms. Leonard), **Spotting Fake News** and **more**.

Thank you for your patience as we figure out how to let everyone use our space and resources safely. Keep reading the newsletters for updates. Ms. Leonard is looking forward to welcoming students and teachers back into the Library Learning Commons!

PAC

PAC MEETING: SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30PM – ZOOM INVITATION TO COME...

Dear Parents,

Please join us at the first PAC meeting of the new school year at 6:30pm on Monday, September 21. A ZOOM invitation will be sent out to parents from the PAC. 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!

Join Zoom Meeting: September 21st, 2020 at 6:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85647073320>

Meeting ID: 856 4707 3320

For purposes of voting / authentication we ask that you kindly appear on camera and include your name as you logon to the meeting.

EMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:

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

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

Follow us on Twitter

Twitter name – @43moody

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

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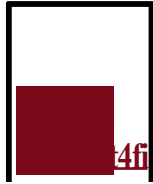
[School Website](#)
[PAC Website](#)
[District Website](#)

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

THIUFY FOODS Thifty Foods

Eat happy oil

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
LIQJOR STORE

AT THE CORNER OF ST. JOHNS & WILLIAMS ST.

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
Mid C. 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.