

# Moody Matters



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

## e-Bulletin – 2-October-2020

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community.

We blinked and September was gone. October is upon us as is the changing of the seasons and the crisp Autumn air that greets us each morning. We are fortunate to be enjoying some excellent late summer weather, allowing us to get outdoors and refresh after the school or workday.

As a school EMMSOTA is beginning to get some flow to the new year, considering the different way we have had to start up. Our learning cohorts have spent the first few weeks building community in their classrooms and even some POD community events online. I have sat in on a couple of them and it was great to see the students interacting across learning groups to begin to build some of that team spirit that is so fundamental to middle schools. Once again, the resilience of our young people amazes me as they start this school year like no other and find a way to just keep moving forward. I would like to acknowledge our staff for their patience, perseverance, and professionalism as we continue to figure out what our new normal is in education. The focus continues to be on the health and safety of our entire community, while our staff find meaningful ways to engage all learners each day.

Last Week two events were celebrated by our school community. On September 30th, Orange Shirt Day, students and staff wore orange to remember and honour all those children and their families who suffered from the tragedies of residential schools in our country. While residential school have long since shut down, it is important we recognize the generational trauma that continues to impact our Indigenous peoples across our province and country. This is the reconciliation we all need to come to terms with as we build a better future for everyone in our country.

This year our Terry Fox Run was considerably different, as it was in all schools and communities across our country. That did not deter from honouring Terry's incredible spirit, and as a school we all met online for a virtual Terry Fox Assembly last Thursday. Each class brought forward a goal to represent Terry's tenacious spirit and were raising both funds and awareness over the past few days. The energy online was a testament to Terry's dream and while we may not have been able to raise as many funds this year for obvious reasons, the students keep Terry's dream alive in their hearts and minds!

We are into our second month of the school year and teachers are starting to raise the expectation level both in our classrooms and around the school. We continue to remind students what it means to be a R-E-S-P-E-C-Tful Moody Middle student. We appreciate all the support from home, discussing our school wider behavior expectations and how every day we need to think about how we take care of ourselves, others and our environment. We ask that

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parents and families review our code of conduct in the student agenda books and online to ensure we are all on the same page in areas such as dress expectations, technology usage around the school and following our daily health and safety guidelines. Thank you.

This week we are inviting our parent/guardian community to our vEMMSOTA Virtual Open House Meet the Teacher event. On Wednesday October 7, 2020 at 6:15 PM, we will begin our evening with a message from Mr. Clay and Ms. Jung using ZOOM and then parents and students will be able to join their child’s teacher and Pod to spend some time hearing about what is happening around the classrooms. We will look forward to seeing you there. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us every day.

Cheers, A Bientot

Mark Clay            Kathryn Jung  
Principal            Vice Principal



**ÉMMSOTA Website**

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

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

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
2	Terry Fox Activity Day
7	Parent meet the teacher night (Zoom & Microsoft Teams)
12	Thanksgiving – schools not in session
13	PAC Meeting
23	Pro D (Provincial) – schools not in session
<b>19</b>	<b>Picture (photo) day</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
9	PAC Meeting
10	Remembrance Day ceremony
11	Remembrance Day – schools not in session
<b>18</b>	<b>Picture (photo) day RETAKES</b>
24-26	Reporting Conferences - Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
TBA	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #1
14	PAC Meeting
17	Report Cards #1 distributed to students
21-Jan 1	Winter Vacation – schools not in session

<b>JANUARY</b>	
1	Winter Vacation – schools not in session
4	Schools open after Winter Vacation
11	PAC Meeting
29	Grade 8 Tours of Secondary Schools
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
1	Pro D (School based) – school not in session
15	PAC Meeting
15	Family Day – schools not in session
24	Pink Shirt (Anti-bullying) Day
26	Pro D (District) – schools not in session
<b>MARCH</b>	
2-4	Reporting Conferences - Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
8	PAC Meeting
18	Report Cards #2 distributed to students
22-Apr 2	Spring Break – schools not in session
<b>APRIL</b>	
5	Easter Monday – schools not in session
6	Schools re-open after Spring Break
12	PAC Meeting
23	Pro D (District) – schools not in session
TBA	Grade 5 Parent & Student Orientation / Open House
TBA	Spring Musical
<b>MAY</b>	
10	PAC Meeting – AGM
24	Victoria Day – schools not in session
<b>JUNE</b>	
7	Pro D (School based) – schools not in session
14	PAC Meeting
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 (Monday-Thursday)
  - 8:55-2:30 (Friday)
- GROUP B Bell Schedule - **Earth & Water** Learning Groups:
  - 8:50-3:00 (Monday-Thursday)
  - 9:10-2:45 (Friday)

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

**We encourage parents not to drop students off early, as we have a staggered start time.**

**Please note that on FRIDAYS we have a later start time for all Pods. No student should be arriving before 8:50 on Fridays if at all possible.**

Our detailed bell schedule is on our website at:

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

### **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](#)

Alternatively, please contact the school office by phone 604-461-7384 or email

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

Our secretary “call back” is in place to help ensure the safety of your 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 help your child arrive 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.*

**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	<b>Mrs. L. Marconato</b>	EA	
<b>Ms. M. Ching</b>	Student Services		Ms. C. McLellan	Youth Worker	
<b>Ms. L. Clark</b>	Caretaker		<b>Mrs. L. Nosrati</b>	EA	
<b>Ms. A. Clarke</b>	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	
<b>Ms. K. Fitzgerald</b>	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
<b>Ms. S. Howard</b>	Student Teacher		Mme. T. Wainwright	Teacher	1
<b>Ms. E. Hunyadi</b>	EA		Ms. H. Walling	Teacher	16
Ms. K. Jung	Vice-Principal		Mr. A. Walker	Teacher	Visual Arts
<b>Mme B. Suchynsky</b>	Teacher (temporarily in on M/Th)	1	Mr. C. Zimmer	Teacher	7

## Meet the Teacher night

Meet the teacher night is coming up soon, and will take place virtually on ZOOM and Microsoft Teams.

- Wednesday October 7 2020
- 6:15 Intro by Mr. Clay and Ms. Jung on **ZOOM**;

<https://sd43-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/65010359058?pwd=OGpWbXozWlMyVXJEclRnc29MUGYrUT09>

- 6:30 Meet the teachers on **Microsoft Teams** – either in Pods or individual learning groups (teachers will be sending Teams links to all families directly)

## Picture Day

Our School District is now proceeding with Picture day, with appropriate Covid-19 safety measures put in place. Our Picture day has been rescheduled to OCTOBER 19. Picture re-take day will be NOVEMBER 18.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All students must have a signed PHOTO DAY CONSENT FORM (received by October 14) to ensure they can participate in picture day. Please see your SchoolCashOnline account to complete this important form. Sample photos will not be distributed in paper format. All orders will be processed online directly by parents.

## SchoolCashOnline (SCO)

Our School District uses SchoolCashOnline (SCO) for ONLINE policy/permission forms, fee payments, and newsletters. Important (mandatory) forms have been distributed via SCO. The information on these forms help us keep your students safe. If you have not yet completed these forms, we ask that you complete them as soon as possible!

To maximize our communication, please ensure you are registered for SchoolCashOnline. If you have not yet registered, please click here: <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.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.**



## Terry Fox virtual assembly

On Thursday, we had our first 'virtual' school wide assembly to kick start our Terry Fox Fundraising efforts. It was a bit different having a school wide assembly on Teams, but it was great to catch a glimpse of all the different classrooms. Each class had the opportunity to let the rest of the school know what they are doing for our Terry Fox fundraising efforts and we learned a bit about the "personality" of each pod and class. Mr. Clay and Ms. Jung even got to take off their masks when they spoke to all of us from their offices. I am sure there are some grade 6 kids who didn't know what they looked like underneath their masks! Next week classes will be doing their individual class activities and thinking what it means to "be like Terry".

Ms. C. Paquette, Division 13

## Parking, Transportation and Student Safety

The City of Port Moody and Port Moody Police will soon be conducting traffic studies to improve the flow of traffic around our neighbourhood, and to ensure drivers are adhering to prescribed traffic regulations. The police will be doing traffic checks and issuing traffic violations. We remind drivers to follow traffic regulations, including school speed zones of 30 km/hr or less, NO U-turns in intersections or on our surrounding roads.



Please plan to *drop-off and pick-up your student off site* (James, Henry, St. George streets) 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. The drop off and pick up spaces are in our **staff only** parking lot along the south side adjacent to the school. Please keep to a safe speed of 10km/hr inside the parking lot. **The flow of traffic is one way in, all the way around the lot to exit, stopping at the stop sign before entering the intersection.**



This is an ideal time to remind your children about traffic safety and being mindful at crosswalks and sidewalk use, especially with the change in light at this time of year! Student safety is of utmost importance to all of us, so please consider doing your best to support our plan. We all thank you.

*Early morning sun and fog at EMMSOTA*

## 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 this will 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 their technology 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](#)

## 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? EMMSOTA has a [Twitter](#) account! Please find us **@43Moody** for updates.

### **Library Learning Commons News**

Many thanks to all the students here at EMMSOTA for your patience with not being able to check out books from the Library Learning Commons. We have had a few glitches but books have now started going out to students. Students can place a book on Hold through Destiny Discover, and it will be checked out and delivered to the classroom during your library time. Hopefully in the next week or two we will start having classes back to the Library.

Stay safe, stay healthy and keep on reading,  
Ms. Leonard  
Teacher-Librarian

### **PAC**

#### **PAC MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 6:30PM – ZOOM INVITATION TO COME...**

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. 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!

\*\*\*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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*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](mailto:moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca)

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



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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.