

e-Bulletin - October 28, 2022

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community.

We have finally said goodbye to our extended summer and quickly met with our monsoon climate and most recent atmospheric river. Life on the "Wet Coast" is always full of surprises...just like living and learning in a middle school community. We are busier than ever and learning to be together again in large groups and for activities outside the classroom. Building our community back is a process indeed and we are heading in the right direction with much to feel good about and more to look forward to.

This year isn't quite business as usual for all of our Halloween activities, so there will be NO DANCE or School-wide activities in the afternoon, but some special activities our student leaders have planned. The **Leadership Team** will be judging a **Costume Contest**, **Door Decorating Contest** and have the ever-popular **Halloween Guessing Jar & Kahoot** ready for your enjoyment!

We might even have music playing in the Amphitheatre to encourage MONSTER MASHING...

We have lots of activities in our afterschool ports teams with volleyball in full swing and swimming and cross country running just recently wrapping up. Thanks goodness the rain held off until the final cross country meet of the year...and then our students really learned what "cross country" running was all about! Congratulations to our runners and swimmers for their great seasons and for our volleyball teams heading into their final games of the year.

Our EMMSOTA PAC is still wanting to get everyone up and on our parent portal platform. This is the parent hub for information regarding fundraising, school updates, hot lunch ordering and more. You will also find information for our PAC meetings like agendas and meeting minutes. It's a one-stop shop for all things PAC. Please be sure to register using the instructions found in the newsletter below. Thanks to our amazing EMMSOTA PAC for getting some fundraising already up and going with the global coffee fundraiser and our first hot lunch of the year. Stay tuned for more opportunities to support the PAC and our school.

We continue to build our EMMSOTA community early in the year and regularly review our core values; integrating the arts, nurturing global citizens, and creating a safe and caring learning environment for all. Our R-E-S-P-E-C-T; Responsible, Educated, Supportive, Positive, Empathetic, Creative, Tenacious, acronym continues to be at the forefront of our culture building and each day we *Take Care of Ourselves, Take Care of Others and Take Care of the Environment*! We invite you to join us at our next EMMSOTA PAC meeting of the year November 14th, at 6:30 PM in the Library Learning Commons.

Cheers, À Bientôt

Mark Clay Lindsay Goodridge Principal Vice Principal

IMPORTANT EMMSOTA DATES – 2022-2023

SEPTEMBER					
14	Photo Day				
19	National Holiday Honouring Queen Elizabeth II				
23	Pro-D Day (District) – Schools not in session				
27	Parent and Student Orientation/Open House 6:30 GYM				
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – Schools not in session				
30	Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters				
	Orange Shirt Day - Every Chilly Matters				
OCTOBER 7	Town Cov. Dun				
	Terry Fox Run Thanksgiving Schools not in session				
10	Thanksgiving – Schools not in session				
17 21	Photo Day Re-takes Pro D Day (Provincial) Schools not in session				
NOVEMBER	Pro-D Day (Provincial) – Schools not in session				
10	Pamamhranca Day Assembly				
	Remembrance Day Assembly Remembrance Day - Schools not in session				
11 15-17	Remembrance Day – Schools not in session Communicating Student Learning 2 way conformed				
28	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #1				
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8	Winter Concert				
15	Report Cards are published				
19-Jan 2	Winter Vacation – Schools not in session				
JANUARY	Willter Vacation – Schools not in session				
3	Schools re-open after Winter Vacation				
30	Focus Day Pro-D Day – School not in session				
FEBRUARY	Tocus Day TTO D Day School Hot III session				
20	Family Day – Schools not in session				
22	Pink Shirt Day				
24	Pro D Day (District) – Schools not in session				
21-23	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences				
MARCH	communicating student Ecurring 5 way conferences				
9	Report Cards are published				
10	Last day of school before Spring Break				
13-24	Spring Break – Schools not in session				
27	Schools re-open after Spring Break				
APRIL					
6	Photo Day (class/pod/school)				
7/10	Good Friday & Easter Monday – Schools not in session				
21	Pro-D Day (District) – Schools not in session				
25-27	Spring Drama Performance				
MAY					
22	Victoria Day – Schools not in session				
25	Presentation of Learning Event Tentative				
31	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #2				
JUNE					
5	Pro-D Day (School-Based) – School not in session				
8	Year-End Music Concert				
29	Last School Day / Report Cards are published				
29	Year-End Recognition Assembly/Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony				
30	Administrative Day – Schools not in session				

NOTE: TITLES IN RED ARE NEW OR UPDATED ITEMS

Student Activity Fees

Reminder to please sign into School Cash Online and pay your student activity fees.

SD43 authorizes charges for optional curricular and extra-curricular activities, or other good and services provided by the school and district in order to enrich curricular and school life for students. Student Activity Fees will be charged for student agendas, student leadership activities, clubs, cultural performances and special events, extra art supplies and opportunities to support projects that enhance learning through the arts and other student activities organized by the school. Families unable to pay any fees will be offered options to pay in installments or have the fees waived if necessary. No student shall be denied participation in any activity should they be unable to pay.

We understand everyone may be in a different place at times and may need some support for fees or other items at given times in a year. Families needing fees waived or any other support for food, supplies, certain clothes for certain weather. Please do not hesitate to let your child's teacher know or confidentially contact the Principal, Mark Clay at mclay@sd43.bc.ca or call the school directly at 604-461-3784.

Bus Transportation

We have been responding to our community concerns about student safety when using public transit. Larger numbers of students are taking the bus and we need to work together to ensure students are safe and respectful when using transit. We need to work together to remind our children how to line up single file and several feet away from the curb. When loading the bus there should be no pushing and we always use respectful language. If your children are using transit, please take the time to review safety expectations and what respect looks like getting on and off the bus and during their ride. These are community services, and it is important that we share them mindfully with our larger community.

Water Pod field trip

On Thursday, October 6th, Water Pod went on a public transit adventure to Granville Island in Vancouver! All four classes rode the Skytrain and bus to Granville Island, where we split into smaller groups to explore the sights and shops and have lunch. After lunch, we came back together to watch a play called Frozen River/nîkwatin sîpiy which told a story of friendship, reconciliation, and promises broken and eventually made right. All in all, it was a fun day and a great first field trip of the year!







Grade 6 Immunizations

School immunizations for grade 6 students are scheduled for **November 28, 2022** and **May 31, 2023**. More information will be provided as we get closer to the dates. For your reference, under the 'Community Information' section below you will find information about programs and services offered by the Tricities School and Wellness Program Nursing Team. If you have a question for a Public Health Nurse, you can email them at SchoolNurseTricities@fraserhealth.ca or call them directly at 604-949-7251.

Picture Day

Photos are available for viewing at https://weborders.mountainwest.ca/signin.

- 1. Login codes are printed on the Student ID/QR code Flyer that was given to your child on photo day.
- 2. Any active email address can be used along with the login code
- 3. To find out more about ordering, <u>Click Here</u> for support.
- 4. Orders will be shipped directly to the family's shipping address.

Picture re-take day was on October 17.

Rainbow Club! We are excited and happy to be here!

Rainbow Club is an inclusive space for all queer and trans students and allies. Its structure is largely student-directed: as of now, most students seem to be seeking a safer space where they can chill and just exist as they are without fear of judgement. Right now this looks like playing board games, colouring, crafting, and connecting with each other. We are very open to supporting passion projects of students, though.

Rainbow Club meets in the library on Mondays at Lunch.

Fall Sports Schedule

Our Fall sports schedule will be updated on our website as often as is possible if there are changes.

- ** Grade 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball will be playing their games on Wednesdays after school starting October 12th.
- ** Grade 7 Girls play their games on Tuesdays starting October 11th. And Practice Friday after school

- ** Grade 6 Volleyball is running at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. End of season jamboree information will come later in October.
- ** Badminton Club and Soccer Club will start up shortly depending on Gym times.

École Moody Middle School Library Learning Commons

Our collection of books in the Library Learning Commons here at EMMSOTA continues to grow and evolve. We have graphic novels, picture books, e-books, as well as non-fiction and fiction books in both English and French. Our collection is suitable for students ranging in age from 8 through 14+. As such, there are some fiction materials in our collection that may be suitable for more mature students only; these books are marked with a "TEEN" or "Mature Read" sticker. We recognize that age does not necessarily convert to maturity, so we have decided not to restrict students from taking out "TEEN" books if they choose to do so. However, we want to make our school community aware of the denotation of "TEEN" and what it may mean about what your child chooses to read from our Library. If you are concerned about your child taking out a book too mature for them, please have a discussion with your child about not taking out "TEEN" books until you feel they are ready to do so. Here is what you need to know about Middle Grade and Young Adult distinctions in literature. (Source: https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-middle-grade-and-young-adult.html)

Middle Grade Books:

• Ages: 8-11 years

• Grades: 3-6

• Length: 30-50K words

- Characters: Protagonist (main character) is around the age of the reader, 8-11 years old or younger
- Topics: friendship, family, the character's life and world, external conflict vs internal
- Point of View: often third-person, meaning the narrator is outside the story looking in
- Content restrictions: no profanity, graphic violence, or sexuality permitted Examples: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, *Sisters* (by Raina Telgemeier), *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Wonder* (by R.J. Palacio)

Young Adult Books:

• Ages: 12-18 years

• Grades: 7-12

• Length: 50-75K words

• Characters: Protagonist is older, 12-18 years old

- Topics: self-reflection, internal conflict vs external, analyzing life and its meaning
- Point of View: often first-person, meaning the narrator is telling the story about himself or herself
- Content restrictions: profanity, violence, romance and sexual situations permitted

Examples: The *Divergent* Trilogy, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *The Hunger Games*

Now, these guidelines are just that—guidelines. Often the lines may be blurry in some books, which makes categorizing them difficult. If you are ever confused or concerned or want to learn more, read the book yourself to see if it is a good fit for your child. You are the best gauge, as the parent. You know best what your child can and cannot handle.

EMMSOTA PAC

Next PAC Meetings (save the dates):

- Monday, November 14 at 6:30pm
- Monday, December 12 at 6:30pm

Both meetings will be in the library at school.

We are working on having parents also join by ZOOM if they are unable to attend in person. If joining by ZOOM would work for you, please email emmsotapac@gmail.com. We'd like to get an idea if there is interest in having a combined meeting.

Upcoming PAC fundraisers:

- <u>Christmas Purdy's Chocolates</u> look for more information and catalogs coming next month. This is an annual fundraiser and a favourite!
- Hot Lunch Winter Session starting in January 2023
- More are in the works stay tuned!

Year-Round fundraisers – Please refer to the poster at the end of this newsletter for fund-raisers that you can participate in all year.

The Parent Council Site is the EMMSOTA PAC's Communication platform. This is the parent hub for information regarding fundraising, school updates, hot lunch ordering and more. You will also find information for our PAC meetings like agendas and meeting minutes. It's a one-stop shop for all things PAC. On-line Registration is currently open and hot lunch ordering has begun for the school year.

Registering is easy – here's how:

- 1. Go to emmsota.parentcouncil.net
- 2. Click the "**REGISTER**" menu at the top right-hand corner to sign up. Our school code is **EMMSOTA1** (needs to be in ALL CAPS).
- 3. Enter your name, email address and phone, then a user id that you will use for access to the parent council site. Enter a password and then enter it again to verify that it is correct.
- 4. Once registered, you will be logged into the website.
- 5. Please add your students by clicking on the "STUDENTS" button below or the "PROFILE" menu tab to proceed. Once your child(ren) has been added to the system, you will be able to place lunch orders immediately by clicking the "Order" button below each child's name.

Not participating in hot lunch? We encourage you to register even if your child does not participate so that you are able to receive emails and reminders from the PAC, as well as receive information on any events happening at EMMSOTA.

If you have any questions about the Parent Council site, please email us at emmsotahotlunch@gmail.com

Questions about the PAC? Our email is emmsotapac@gmail.com
And please join our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC



Student Activity Fees and Athletic Fees

Athletic Fees are a one-time fee of \$15 for any students participating in any EMMSOTA athletics during the school year. The one-time fee allows students to participate in as many sports as they would like to try throughout the year and supports costs related to replenishing uniforms, paying for refs, and supplementing other team supplies and activities.

Families unable to pay any fees will be offered options to pay in installments or have the fees waived if necessary. No student shall be denied participation in any activity should they be unable to pay. Families needing fees waived should contact the Principal, Mark Clay at mclay@sd43.bc.ca or call the school directly 604-461-7384.

Attendance, (including lates & early dismissals)

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.

Parents/guardians are asked to report all absences, including daily, ongoing absences, lates or early dismissals, using our online Absence Report form – click here: <u>Absence Report</u>

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.

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. PLEASE be respectful of our neighbours and their driveways. There should never be a time when any parents dropping off or picking up are blocking any residential driveways or access. It is important we promote solid community relations around our school for the health and safety of our children.

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.

Lunches

Please send your child with a litter-less snack, lunch and refillable water bottle each day. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE ANY CUTLERY THAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED FOR THEIR LUNCH** as we do not have any to hand out. We do not have microwaves or hot water (kettles) available for student use at this time and we will be moving to making some microwaves available later in September early October. 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. If you do need to drop off something at the office, please call ahead and clearly label any items so we can easily identify the student's name and their division. Please ensure your child has all their belongings for the day when they leave in the morning, establishing these routines early in the year helps our children gain independence supports positive learning practices.

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. Throughout the year we will be distributing on-line notices regarding mandatory student fees and forms that need to be completed, fees for athletics, field trips, yearbooks and other items. 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.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.

Welcome to **SchoolCashOnline**



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

How to Register

- 1. Go to https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/ and click on Register.
- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications
- 2. A confirmation email will be sent to you
- · Check spam
- 3. Follow the instructions in the email. Your email is used as your username in your profile.



How to Add a Student

- 1. Sign In to School Cash Online
- 2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
- 3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
- 4. Click to add a student.
 - a. Type in your School Board Name

 - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
 - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

How to Make a Payment

- 1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
- 2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
- 3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

Payment Types Accepted

☐ Credit Cards

myWallet

- Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.
- Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.

Pay required fees any time, any

Students no longer risk carrying cash and checks to school in their backpacks.

FAQs I've forgotten my password. Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account. How secure are my purchases? KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy. What if I can't find my student? Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records. What if I can't see any items? Each school creates their own items for

Need Help?

Go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com



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EMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page:

purchase and assigns them to students.

Once assigned, they will appear online under

"Like" our page to receive updates on events, meetings and fundraising initiatives: https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC/

Follow us on Twitter

the student tab.

Twitter name – @43moody

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

<u>Download</u> the Twitter app

were available to purchase. Items are creat-

ed by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

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



2022/2023 PAC Year-Round Fundraisers



COBS Bread Suter Brook Village

When you visit COBS Bread in Suter Brook Village, please mention Moody Middle when you make a purchase, and COBS will donate 5% back to our PAC.



Return-It Express

(104 - 2560 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam)

No sorting required, and 5% from your returnables comes back to Moody Middle PAC. Bag your returns in see-through plastic bags and drop off at the address above or **ANY** Encore Return-It Express location. Enter the school's phone number —(604) 461-7384— at the Express kiosk, print out the label(s) and place one on each bag you return.





Port Moody Liquor Store (2929 St. John's Street (near 7-11).

Mention "Moody Middle" when you make a purchase at Port Moody Liquor Store or online (put 'Moody Middle' in the "notes" when checking out), and 5% will come back to the PAC.



This is our newest year-round fundraiser. Purchase **Tru Earth** laundry products through our PAC online store to donate 20% of your purchase to the PAC. Keep watch on our PAC Facebook page and Parent Portal for sales throughout the year. https://fundraising.tru.earth/moodymiddle

If you have any questions, please email us at emmsotapac@gmail.com

Join us on the Parent Portal - PAC's Communication Hub: http://emmsota.parentcouncil.net/ Click "register". School Code: EMMSOTA1

Request to join our PAC's Facebook Page so you can stay updated all year round!

Thank you!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



School & Wellness Nursing Team

Our team operates at the individual school level. Elementary Schools and Secondary School in a neighbourhood are assigned to School and Wellness Public Health Nurse/s.

What we do

1. Immunization and Communicable Disease

- Immunize children against vaccine-preventable diseases
- · Respond to outbreaks of disease/s

2. General Health Consultations

 Support students, families, and school staff access health resources

3. Health Education/Capacity Building

- Support school staff in accessing resources to teach health based curricula
- Provide online resources for school staff to support students with medical conditions such as anaphylaxis, seizures, and diabetes

4. Health Promotion Messaging

· Provide health promotion messaging

School Health Resource

Visit our School Health web resource for: Health Information for students 5 to 18 years old, Tips for parents and school staff.





Scan the QR code or visit fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth

Healthlink BC

Health questions? Call 8-1-1 anytime 24/7 or visit www.healthlinkbc.ca for free access to non-emergency health information and advice from a nurse, dietician, exercise

professional or pharmacist.



Contact Us

You can contact your Public Health School and Wellness Nursing team via phone or email:

Email: schoolnursetricities @fraserhealth.ca

Abbotsford	Agassiz	Burnaby	Chilliwack	Cloverdale, Surrey	Guildford, Surrey
Tel: 604-864-3400	Tel: 604-793-7160	Tel: 604-918-7605	Tel: 604-702-4900	Tel: 604-575-5100	Tel: 604-587-4750
Hope	Langley	Maple Ridge	Mission	New Westminster	Tri-Cities, Port Moody
Tel: 604-860-7630	Tel: 604-539-2900	Tel: 604-476-7000	Tel: 604-814-5500	Tel: 604-777-6740	Tel: 604-949-7200
Newton, Surrey	North Delta	North Surrey	South Delta	White Rock	fraserhealth
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