

Moody Matters



e-Bulletin – September 14, 2022

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community.

Students are in classes, building community and surviving their first full week back for the 2022-2023 school year. Already the energy from our staff and students this year displays hope and optimism for a promising school year ahead. Our first few weeks of activities in the classroom are spent building school and classroom community and focussing on some of 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 in the first few weeks and beyond. Please ask your children to share our core values with you at home and remind them how important it is to consider daily how we **Take Care of Ourselves, Take Care of Others and Take Care of the Environment!** Over the first few days, students and staff have been participating in activities that support our vision as an Arts infused school and our focus this year on Global Citizenship and Community. We will continue to promote our school wide message and develop some plans to showcase our learning with our larger community.

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 including our Vice Principal, Lindsay Goodridge, who comes to us with several years experience as a VP at École Pitt River Middle School. I would like to officially introduce our other new staff to you.

Mr. Nat Zenone is back with us this year and will be working with our Wind Pod teaching Div. 8

Mr. Renn Manners has come off the hill at Eagle Mountain to rejoin Our Moody Middle Staff and will be teaching in Water Pod Div. 15.

Ms. Mariana Gujinovic has joined us from Summit Middle School and will be working with Water Pod teaching Div. 13.

Robyn Sutherland has also joined Wind Pod and will be the teacher for Div. 7 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, until the return of Mrs. Domingo from maternity leave.

Mr. Zubin Sundar is joining us in Student Services with Wind Pod and will be teaching Div. 7 on Thursdays.

Ms. Savannah Howard is joining Wind Pod teaching Div. 5 this year.

Mme Brittany Suchynsky has returned to EMMSOTA and will be joining Earth Pod and teaching Div. 3.

Ms. Carole Paquette has moved downstairs to Wind Pod this year teaching Div. 6.

Ms. Brenda Reeves will be in the front office as our Head Secretary.

We also have some new Education Assistants this year: **Ms. Darby Huffman, Ms. Rhiannon Marrington, Ms. Cynthia Mountain, and Ms. Haley Mieke.**

We are looking forward to getting to know our new staff members and reacquainting with our other colleagues as the year progresses. You will all have the chance to meet our new and returning staff at our **in person, Welcome Back Meet the Staff Open House on Tuesday September 27th at 6:30 PM.** Please be sure to reach out to anyone on staff if you have any questions or concerns. A list of our entire staff and email contacts are updated on our school website.

Our staff and students will continue our focus on their own health and wellbeing as we look outwards to who we are as global citizens. We will move forward with a curricular goal focussing on Numeracy and leaning more into the concepts around **STEAM** (Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). Our First Peoples Principals of Learning will continue to guide us in our practice daily as we integrate Indigenous ways of knowing into our learning. As a school of the Arts, ***Imagination and Creativity infuses who we are and how we learn.*** Stay tuned for the unveiling of our visioning process from last year and our amazing Vision Board created at the end of June by Kat Thorsen. Our staff professional growth opportunities will again line up with these goals and our collaboration is as always, rich and rewarding when learning together as colleagues.

We are immensely appreciative of the support we have received over the past couple of years, and we look forward to inviting our parent community into our building more this 2022-2023 school year. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day!

Cheers, À Bientôt

Mark Clay Lindsay Goodridge
Principal Vice Principal



IMPORTANT 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
OCTOBER	
7	Terry Fox Run
10	Thanksgiving – Schools not in session
17	Photo Day Re-takes
21	Pro-D Day (Provincial) – Schools not in session
NOVEMBER	
10	Remembrance Day Assembly
11	Remembrance Day – Schools not in session
22-24	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
28	Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #1
DECEMBER	
8	Winter Concert
15	Report Cards are published
19-Jan 2	Winter Vacation – Schools not in session
JANUARY	
3	Schools re-open after Winter Vacation
30	Focus Day Pro-D Day – School not in session
FEBRUARY	
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	
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

Bell Schedule 2022-2023

Monday – Thursday		Friday	
Band 7:50 – 8:35		Band / Choir 8:15 – 9:00	
Daily Art	🔔 8:35	Daily Art	🔔 9:00
1	8:40 – 9:30	1	9:05 – 10:35
2	9:30 – 10:20		
<i>Nutrition Break</i> 10:20 – 10:30 🔔		<i>Nutrition Break</i> 10:35 – 10:50 🔔	
3	10:35 – 11:25	2	10:55 – 12:25
4	11:25 – 12:15	BRICK	
<i>Lunch</i> 12:15 – 12:50 🔔		<i>Lunch</i> 12:25 – 1:00 🔔	
5	12:55- 1:45	3	1:05 – 3:00
6	1:45 – 3:00		

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

Attendance, (including lates & early dismissals)

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

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 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.

Picture Day

Photo Day – Wednesday September 14th

The school photographer will be at Moody Middle, with appropriate Covid-19 safety measures in place. Picture re-take day will be **October 17.**

To order, parents can simply go to our [website \(mountainwest.ca\)](http://mountainwest.ca) and click on "View + Order". After entering the web code found on the flyer provided to each student, you can view all the photos taken and purchase prints or digital downloads.

The other option is to scan the QR code found on the web code flyer provided after the photo sessions and it will also take you directly to the ordering site.

You can also find [detailed instructions on our website](#) that cover all details of preparing for photo day and the ordering process.

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 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. Our Pods and classes are now in place, and we will not be making any further changes. Thank you for your support of this process.

Supplies

School supplies purchased from School Start have arrived at École Moody Middle and were distributed directly to students last week. Please ensure all supplies are labelled as they bring them to school. Please have your student ask their teacher what to bring and when, as lockers will rolling out in the next couple of weeks. You can review our school supply list on our website here: [School Supplies](#).

Student Activity Fees and Athletic Fees

School Activity Fees will be posted to School Cash Online later this week. SD43 authorizes charges for optional curricular and extra-curricular activities, or other goods and services provided by the school and district in order to enrich curricula 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.

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 3784.

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 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. 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.

EMMSOTA PAC

PAC MEETING: MONDAY OCOTBER 3, 6:30-8:30 PM – Learning Library Commons

Dear Parents,

Please join us at the first PAC meeting of the new school year at 6:30pm on Monday, October 3rd. PAC meetings are a great way for parents and guardians to find out more about what's happening in the school, to ask questions, participate in school learning activities and help enrich their childrens' 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!

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!

[Download](#) the Twitter app



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](#)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Fall Recreation for Youth

Pro-D Day Mountain Biking	Standard 1 st Aid & CPR-C/AED	Pickleball
Pomo Chefs	Babysitter Training	Yoga



RAD Nights - Out-trips

For
youth
in grades
6-12

Bowling	Laser Tag	Lights at Lafarge Lake	Swimming
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Drop-in Breakdancing

for youth ages 16 and up

Fridays, starting Sep 9 6-9pm

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register.