



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

## e-Bulletin – September 29, 2022

Greetings École Moody Middle School of the Arts Community.

Can you believe we are almost at the end of September? Our staff and students are settling into their classes and routines, and we have begun to introduce our Fall Sports and Clubs. It has been a very busy start up with students and staff quickly getting up to speed with new faces and adjusting to the rapid pace of our new school year.

Our Staff Professional Development Day last Friday September 23 was a great day as we focussed on Curricular activities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) and spent our afternoon working with an artist from the Robert Bateman Foundation on nature sketching and how to bring nature art inside the classroom and to spend more time outdoors appreciating what nature has to offer. We are fortunate to have many nature spaces to enjoy right in our own backyard. Our recently completed vision board will be unveiled and displayed in the school very soon. Throughout it you will see our connection to the Arts, the land and the diverse and unique community where we live, work and play.

Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> is the second official Day of Truth and Reconciliation. ***“The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.”*** It is also Orange Shirt Day, an Indigenous-led grassroots movement promoting “Every Child Matters”. We hope you are able to take some time Friday, to be mindful of lives lost and how many indigenous families are impacted by our nation’s dark history around residential schools. It is also important as we seek to understand the truth, that we also appreciate all that we have in our great nation and the work we will continue to do to reconcile the past. Get outdoors and enjoy all the beauty that Mother Earth has to offer. Enjoy your family and friends in the spirit of building a kinder more caring community and country.

Recently I 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.

We are building our EMMSOTA 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 and each day we **Take Care of Ourselves, Take Care of Others and Take Care of the Environment!** We will look forward to seeing many of you at our first EMMSOTA PAC meeting of the year October 3, at 6:30 PM in the Library Learning Commons.

Cheers, À Bientôt

Mark Clay      Lindsay Goodridge  
Principal      Vice Principal

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## IMPORTANT EMMSOTA DATES – 2022-2023

|                  |  |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |  |
| 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                 |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |  |
| 7                | Terry Fox Run  |
| 10               | Thanksgiving – Schools not in session                  |
| 17               | Photo Day Re-takes                                     |
| 21               | Pro-D Day (Provincial) – Schools not in session        |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |  |
| 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                       |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |  |
| 8                | Winter Concert   |
| 15               | Report Cards are published                             |
| 19-Jan 2         | Winter Vacation – Schools not in session               |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |  |
| 3                | Schools re-open after Winter Vacation                  |
| 30               | Focus Day Pro-D Day – School not in session            |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |  |
| 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       |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |  |
| 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                     |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |  |
| 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                               |
| <b>MAY</b>       |  |
| 22               | Victoria Day – Schools not in session                  |
| 25               | Presentation of Learning Event Tentative               |
| 31               | Grade 6 Immunizations – Blitz #2                       |
| <b>JUNE</b>      |  |
| 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            |

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## NOTE: TITLES IN RED ARE NEW OR UPDATED ITEMS

### 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](mailto:SchoolNurseTricities@fraserhealth.ca) or call them directly at 604-949-7251.

### Picture Day

Photos are now 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, [Click Here](#) for support.
4. Orders will be shipped directly to the family's shipping address.

Picture re-take day will be **October 17**.

### 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 afterschool starting October 12<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* Grade 7 Girls and Boys will be playing their games on Tuesdays starting October 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* Grade 6 Volleyball is running at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. End of season jamboree information will come later in October.

\*\* Cross Country running, and swimming are currently practicing afterschool on Thursdays and information regarding meets will be coming out shortly.

\*\* Field Hockey may not happen as we were unable to secure a coach.

\*\* 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**

### **PAC Meeting: Monday October 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!

## **Student Activity Fees and Athletic Fees**

**School Activity Fees are now available on School Cash Online.** 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](mailto: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: [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 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.

## 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](#)

## 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.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.**

## 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 activities
- ✓ 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
  - b. Select School Name from the list.
  - 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.

*You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.*

### Payment Types Accepted



Credit Cards



eCheck



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.supportschoolcashionline.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 purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

## Need Help?

Go to [helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com](https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com)



School District 43 Coquitlam



Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

How To Make Online Payments  
for Your Student Fees using

SchoolCashOnline

Powered by KEVGROUP

Fast, safe, convenient.

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

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



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

These classes will be happening at Moody Middle!



# Moody Middle Youth Club

## Cooking

**29601** Monday, Oct 17-Dec 5 3:10-4:25pm

**29615** Wednesday, Oct 19-Dec 7 3:10-4:25pm

You will learn new skills in the kitchen, kitchen safety and make tasty recipes.

For youth  
in grades  
6-8

## Fitness Infusion for Girls

**29602** Thursday, Oct 20-Dec 8 3:10-4:25pm

Each week, you will engage in a new type of workout as well as discussions on healthy lifestyles and body positivity. Get ready to sweat and have fun!

Visit [portmoody.ca/signmeup](http://portmoody.ca/signmeup) to register on  
Thursday, Sep 29 at 8am



# 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](https://fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth)

## Healthlink BC

Health questions? Call 8-1-1 anytime 24/7 or visit [www.healthlinkbc.ca](https://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](mailto:schoolnursetricities@fraserhealth.ca)

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| <b>Abbotsford</b><br>Tel: 604-864-3400     | <b>Agassiz</b><br>Tel: 604-793-7160     | <b>Burnaby</b><br>Tel: 604-918-7605      | <b>Chilliwack</b><br>Tel: 604-702-4900  | <b>Cloverdale, Surrey</b><br>Tel: 604-575-5100 | <b>Guildford, Surrey</b><br>Tel: 604-587-4750      |
| <b>Hope</b><br>Tel: 604-860-7630           | <b>Langley</b><br>Tel: 604-539-2900     | <b>Maple Ridge</b><br>Tel: 604-476-7000  | <b>Mission</b><br>Tel: 604-814-5500     | <b>New Westminster</b><br>Tel: 604-777-6740    | <b>Tri-Cities, Port Moody</b><br>Tel: 604-949-7200 |
| <b>Newton, Surrey</b><br>Tel: 604-592-2000 | <b>North Delta</b><br>Tel: 604-507-5400 | <b>North Surrey</b><br>Tel: 604-587-7900 | <b>South Delta</b><br>Tel: 604-952-3550 | <b>White Rock</b><br>Tel: 604-542-4000         |  |



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