



MOODY MATTERS NEWSLETTER

December 22nd, 2023



Dear EMMSOTA Community

We hope this finds you and your family in good health and high spirits leading into the holiday season. As we wrap up the last day of school before the break, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continuous support and collaboration in your child's education. Your involvement has played an essential role in enriching their learning experience, and we are truly thankful for that!

Mrs. Banks, and Ms. Goodridge would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season.

As we bid farewell to 2023, let us also embrace anticipation for the new year. Here's to a fresh start and the promise of exciting educational endeavors. We are eager to continue working alongside you and your child in 2024, fostering growth and providing valuable learning experiences.

Please remember that we are here to support both you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to share any updates about your child's progress or well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2024!

Best regards,

Mrs. Banks and Ms. Goodridge



**** Please note: New and changed items are in Red ****

**You can find past copies of the Moody Matters Newsletter
on our school website under About > Newsletters**

Early January At A Glance

Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School re-opens after Winter Break 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Pod Div 6 & 7 Skating Field Trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program of Choice application process begins at 9 am Wind Pod Div 4 & 5 Skating Field Trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Excellence Day
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm (in person and via ZOOM) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit & Veggie Day Program of Choice application process ends at 4:00 pm First Ski & Snowboard Club trip to Mt Seymour 		

PLEASE NOTE: The Important Dates 2023-2024 calendar that was included in our September 8th newsletter has had some changes. Please always refer to the calendar on our Moody Middle website or the newest version of Moody Matters for updated information.

Please check our website regularly for current announcements, important dates, school sports and clubs, teacher email addresses and other important information. The website address is:

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

REMINDER – PLEASE COMPLETE SCHOOL POLICIES AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

While you are relaxing over the holidays, if you have not done so already, please complete the following on SchoolCash Online:

- District School Policies Form 23-24
- Student Activity Fees

To log in, go to this website and click the blue Sign In button: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://SchoolCashOnline.com)

If the student activity fees present a financial hardship, please contact our principal Mrs. Banks.

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE TO-DO

Please check your SchoolCash Online account for required fees and forms to be completed and permission forms for upcoming field trips.

PLEASE NOTE – it is best to access SchoolCash Online using a laptop or desktop computer to avoid any errors or issues.

2024 REGISTRATION / PROGRAMS OF CHOICE / CROSS CATCHMENT

It is that time of year when families may be thinking about Programs of Choice and/or applying for cross catchment. Information regarding the various K-12 opportunities throughout the district can be found by clicking on the links below. Deadlines arrive quickly; please make sure to be aware of all upcoming deadlines regarding these programs.

Programs: [Programs - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\) \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://sd43.bc.ca)

Cross-Catchment: [CROSS CATCHMENT - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\) \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://sd43.bc.ca)

Parents should:

- ensure that any changes to student data, especially address changes, are in the current school's student record system.
- ensure they have the correct information to be listed as their child's "catchment" school by utilizing the school district school locator using their current address, which should be the address on file with the student's current school
- ensure they have their child's personal education number (PEN) which is required on both the Programs of Choice and the Cross Catchment applications. The PEN number can be located on their child's report card or by accessing their MyEd parent portal.

LEADERSHIP Initiative

The 12 Days of Giving – Food Drive for SHARE

THANK YOU to our Moody Community for your generous donations this year!

We collected just over 1,000 non-perishable food items,

which were picked up by our **local Fire Department** and take to **SHARE** 😊

If you missed this event and would like to donate, please use this link: <https://sharesociety.ca/donate-to-share>



WATER POD COMMUNITY WORK

Water Pod students made holiday/winter cards to be distributed to local senior citizens through a grassroots organization called Love Our Seniors. Students wrote messages of well-wishes and were encouraged to write about things they like to do in winter or during the holiday season. The decorating elves of Division 12 also created and put up the decorations for the winter concert. 'Tis the season to spread holiday cheer!



ART EXPO WORK

Students in Art Expo were busy this past term creating a stunning array of Black and White Portraits, as well as original Album Cover designs. Popular Culture was an overarching theme for both assignments which used two completely different mediums.

The Portraits were created using pencil and a variety of black ink markers, whilst the Album Covers started initially as a pencil sketch that developed beautifully into a painting in tempera and water colour.

Both projects provided ample opportunity for students to delve into their creative side, allowing their hand eye coordination skills to develop as their imaginations flourished.

Well done, Art Expo!





ATHLETICS



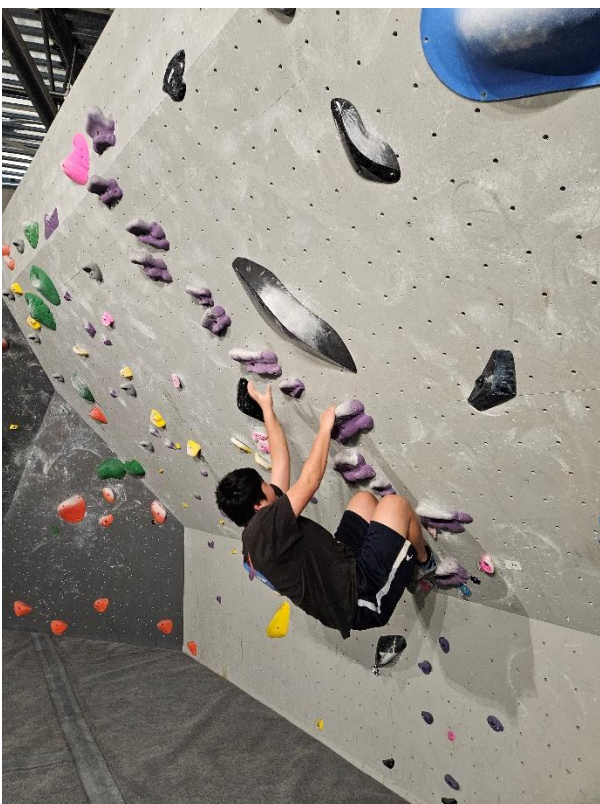
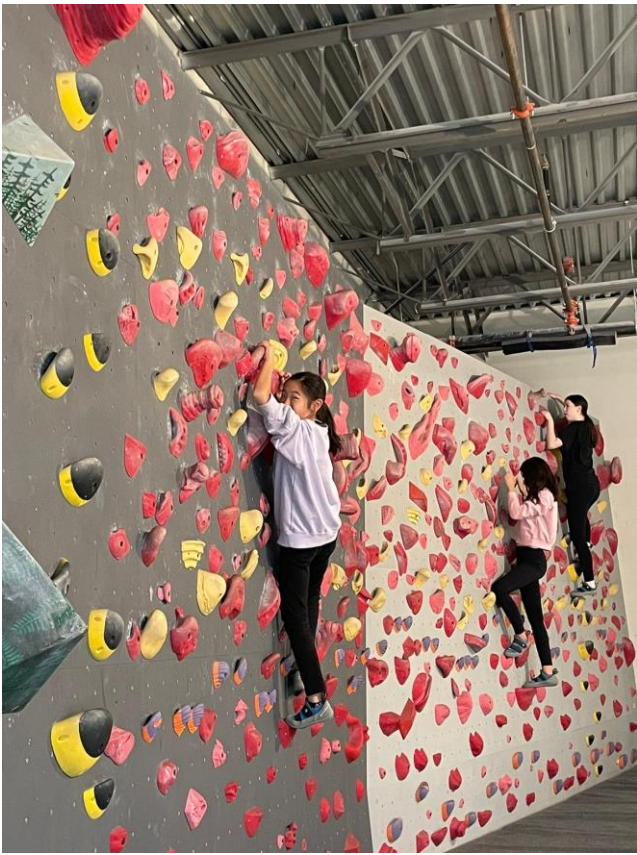
Current sports: Wrestling and Basketball

Please check the school website under Programs & Services > Sports/Athletics for practice schedules.

If your child is participating in athletics, please be sure to log into your SchoolCash Online account and complete the "Student Athletic Fees and Registration" item. If you do not complete this item, your student will not be able to participate. If the fees present a hardship for your family, please contact the principal, Mrs. Banks.

WATER POD ROCK CLIMBING – MORE PHOTOS!

This month, the classes from water pod went to the Hive in Port Coquitlam for a rock-climbing field trip. They received a lesson learning the basics of bouldering and were given a chance to practice their skills. Students had an amazing time and divisions 12 and 13 even got to meet a local Canadian "celebrity"!"



DIV 12 & 13 SKATING TRIP

On December 13th, Division 12 and 13 went skating at Port Moody Rec Centre. Our experienced figure skaters and hockey players got to show off their moves, our less experienced skaters got a chance to practice their skills, and much fun was had by all!



WINTER WEATHER AHEAD

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: **www.sd43.bc.ca**

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

STUDENT ABSENCES / LATES / EARLY DISMISSALS

If your student is going to be absent, please complete the 'Absence/Late/Early Dismissal' online form available on Moody Middle's website home page under 'Quick Links' or call the office at 604-461-7384. If submitting an online form for an early dismissal, please remember to include the time that the student will be leaving. Please remind your students that when they are feeling ill or want to go home, they should go to the office to have staff call home for parent permission to leave. Students should not be calling or texting parents directly as the office staff must speak with a parent or caregiver.

PHONES AT SCHOOL

Cell phones are important tools of communication. They are not, however, necessary for the day-to-day happenings at school. To help minimize distractions during learning and school time, EMMSOTA school policy asks students to leave their phones safely tucked in their lockers during school hours. This includes the morning nutrition break and lunch.

EMMSOTA PAC

WINTER 2024 HOT LUNCH DATES!



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order NOW

JANUARY

WED 10	Dominos Pizza Last day to order: Jan 2	tcbuy	Domino's
WED 24	Subway Last day to order: Jan 16	SUBWAY	tcbuy

FEBRUARY

WED 7	A&W Last day to order: Jan 30	tcbuy	A&W
WED 21	Chopped Leaf Last day to order: Feb 13	CHOPPED LEAF	tcbuy

MARCH

WED 6	Red Robin Last day to order: Feb 27	tcbuy	RED ROBIN
WED 13	Subway Last day to order: Mar 5	SUBWAY	tcbuy

PLACE ORDERS: emmsota.parentcouncil.net

The next EMMSOTA PAC Meeting will be held on Monday January 15th, 2024 at 6:30 pm in person and via ZOOM. ZOOM link will be provided prior to the meeting.

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.

To register for the PAC website, visit the Moody Middle website, click on the PARENTS link and then the PAC link – full instructions are available there.

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



2023/2024 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)
Or at any Return-It Express Kiosk

No sorting required, and **ALL** money 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.



Purchase **Tru Earth** laundry products through our PAC online store and 20% of your purchase comes back to the PAC. Keep watch on our PAC Facebook page and Parent Portal for sales throughout the year.
tru-earth.sjv.io/MoodyMiddle

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

Join us on the Parent Portal - PAC's Communication Hub and where to order Hot Lunch:
<http://emmsota.parentcouncil.net/>
To create a new account: Click "register". School Code: EMMSOTA1

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

Moody Middle PAC Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC>

Thank you!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



SAFER
SCHOOLS
TOGETHER



Erase/Safer Schools Together are pleased to announce that they have opened registration for four more 60-minute Social Media Awareness Family sessions through the Ministry of Educations' erase strategy in January and February 2024. All sessions are online.

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome!
Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding the use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Upcoming Dates:

January 17
January 23
February 7
February 28

Please click on the link below to register:
[erase Family Sessions](#)

GRADE 6 STAY ACTIVE PASS

The Grade 6 Stay Active! Pass provides 12 free admissions to either drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium-based activities in the cities of Coquitlam, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam. These passes are valid Sept. 5, 2023 – Sept. 2, 2024 for the 2023/24 school year.



For Coquitlam residents, read more: <https://ow.ly/IMPi50PWBCZ>
Apply for Grade 6 Passes online here (for Coquitlam residents only): <https://ow.ly/4eIF50PU1tz>
For Port Moody residents, read more: <https://ow.ly/1ICx50PU2ef>
For Port Coquitlam residents, read more: <https://ow.ly/JUtE50PU2eA>
NOTE – You can get the Moody Middle registration letter from the Moody Middle office.



Youth Club

The City of Port Moody's **Community Services** and **School District 43** are excited to team up to offer great programs! Meet new friends, stay active and have fun.

For youth in grades 6-8

**Moody
Middle**

**Register
NOW!**



Home Ec Club

A skills-based club where you will explore activities in money matters, leadership, health and nutrition, as well as life skills such as sewing and other household tasks.

37814 Tuesday, Jan 16-Mar 12 3:10-4:25pm

Cooking - Dreamy Desserts

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

37815 Thursday, Jan 18-Mar 14 3:10-4:25pm

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register.



portmoody.ca | 604.469.4556

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Holiday Camp for Youth



Wednesday-Friday, Dec 27-29

Tuesday-Friday, Jan 2-5

9am-3pm Recreation Complex

Activities may include:

For youth
ages 11-15
years

Laser tag	Rock Climbing	Swimming
Bowling	Baking	Snowtubing

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register NOW!

 @pomoyouth | portmoody.ca/Youth | 604.469.4556

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Creating Effective Partnerships – November 7th

School District 43 in partnership with Kinsight Family & Individual Support Program, invites parents and caregivers of children who have developmental delays, disabilities or diverse learning needs to join us for an information session highlighting the various district supports and services available. Meaningful inclusive practices, programming, collaborative IEP development, and the importance of building an effective partnership between school, and the home team will be reviewed.

Planning for the Future – November 16th

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of high school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session intended to help families think about, and plan for the transition from high school to adult life. This presentation will include a panel of guest speakers representing school district 43 programs, inclusive post-secondary institutes, employment supports, government agencies, and community supports. Entering adulthood is an important milestone, therefore taking action early will help create a smooth and successful transition plan for the future.

Transition into Kindergarten – January 11th

The Learning Services Zone Coordinators and other school personnel from School District # 43 invite parents and caregivers of children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session to discuss what to expect when your child enters kindergarten. We will also discuss how you can be involved to help make the transition successful for your child as they embark on their educational journey.

Stepping Up to Secondary School – February 6th

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of middle school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session focusing on how Secondary School can provide meaningful educational opportunities that support the student's development, maturity and progress towards future goals. A successful transition to Secondary School means that students have access to classes and school experiences that prepare them for what comes after high school – post-secondary education, employment, and full participation in all aspects of community life.

Time to Talk About Middle School – March 5th

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of elementary school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session discussing the differences between Elementary and Middle School. We will focus on the transition process, Middle School culture and routines, structures to support student success, and the benefits of meaningful collaboration to develop the student's program.

When: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

**Location: Education Learning Center - Room B103/B104
1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam**

Questions? Please contact Colleen Lambert at colambert@sd43.bc.ca

Please note, registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register