



MOODY MATTERS NEWSLETTER

December 8th, 2023

**** 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

Next 2 Weeks At A Glance December

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Pod Field Trip to Vancouver (all day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Concert (7 pm start) Water Pod Div 12/13 Skating Field Trip (morning) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twin Day! Catchment letters sent out to Grade 8's (in the afternoon)
Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red, Green and all that Glitters Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crazy Christmas Sweater Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter White Wednesday Hot Lunch – A&W (must preorder online) Fire Pod Div 10/11 Skating Field Trip (afternoon) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Accessories & Hats Day Term 1 Reports published (in the afternoon) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pajama Day Last Day of school before Winter Vacation: 3:00 dismissal <p>(school re-opens on Monday January 8)</p>

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#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

REMINDER – PLEASE COMPLETE SCHOOL POLICIES AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

As a reminder, all parents/guardians should have completed the following two items on SchoolCash Online by now:

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

If you have not done so, please do as soon as possible.

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

BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

Hello Moody Middle community! Do you have an interest in youth sports? Perhaps you played basketball in school many years ago? I am hoping to recruit community volunteers to help as coaches and assistant coaches for each of the teams. The sports are offered to boys and girls of all grades. No previous coaching experience is needed. Mr. Abello will pair all community volunteers with a Moody teacher to help guide and give you ideas. The general commitment is just one practice per week, then when games start, it will be one game plus one practice per week. As gym time permits, we may allow the grade 8 teams to hold 2 practices per week. Practices can take place before school, during the lunch hour, or after school. All community adult volunteers will need to fill out the school district's forms for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Abello (aabello@sd43.bc.ca). Thank you!

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://www.sd43.bc.ca)


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

Please help us collect non-perishable food items (with expiry dates past Jan. 2024)
If you prefer to donate online, use this link: <https://sharesociety.ca/donate-to-share>

	<p>Most Needed Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Canned Diced TomatoesCanned FruitsCanned MeatsPasta – 900g or smallerInstant Oatmeal & Cereal (single servings)Chunky Tomato SauceCanned VegetablesCanned Fish & MeatsExtra Virgin Olive Oil (1L or smaller)
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FIRE POD SKATING TRIP (DIV 8 AND 9)

Divisions 8 and 9 went skating at Port Moody Rec Centre on November 30th and had a great time!





DIVISION 12 ROCK CLIMBING FIELD TRIP

Division 12 had a great field trip on November 30th to the Hive rock climbing gym in PoCo! Students had a great time climbing, and almost as much fun riding public transit there and back (and running into a “celebrity” filming outside the A&W around the corner from the climbing gym!). Big thanks to Mr. Bennett for doing most of the organization of this field trip for all of Water Pod!





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.

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

FALL 2023 HOT LUNCH NOW OPEN! Order Now

OCTOBER

WED 11	Subway	Subway	tcbj	Last day to order: October 3
WED 25	A&W	tcbj	A&W	Last day to order: October 17

NOVEMBER

WED 8	Chopped Leaf	Chopped Leaf	tcbj	Last day to order: October 31
WED 22	Red Robin	tcbj	Red Robin	Last day to order: November 14

DECEMBER

WED 6	Subway	Subway	tcbj	Last day to order: November 28
WED 20	A&W	tcbj	A&W	Last day to order: December 12

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

ERASE/SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER – FAMILY SESSION ADDED

Family Sessions: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way 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/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

December 13, 2023 - 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (online) JUST ADDED

1. [Family Session: Establish Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities. Click here to register.](#)

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/IMPj50PWBCZ>

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.

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