



MOODY MATTERS NEWSLETTER

November 9th, 2023

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

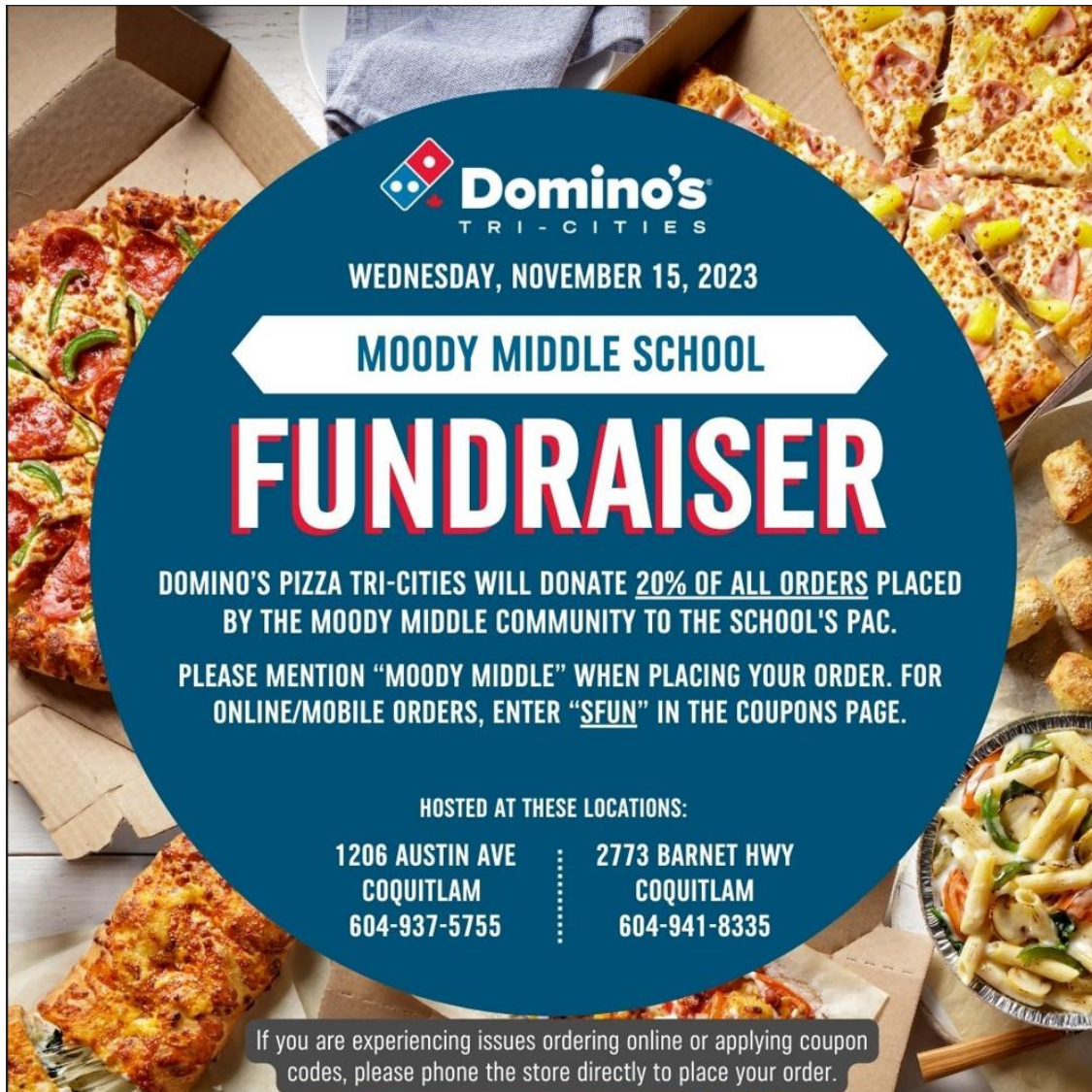
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Next 2 Weeks At A Glance November

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC meeting via ZOOM Scholastic book fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys and Girls B Volleyball Tournament PAC Domino's Fundraiser (see below for details) Scholastic book fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1 Explorations End Boys and Girls B Volleyball Tournament Scholastic book fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic book fair
Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 Explorations Start 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Lunch – Red Robin (must preorder online) Fruit & Veggie Day (mandarin oranges) Boys and Girls A Volleyball Tournament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys and Girls A Volleyball Tournament 	

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.

PAC DOMINO'S FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15

A circular graphic with a blue background is centered over a background image of various pizzas and a salad. The graphic contains the Domino's logo, the date Wednesday, November 15, 2023, the school name Moody Middle School, and the word 'FUNDRAISER' in large, bold, white letters with a red outline. Below this, it states that Domino's will donate 20% of all orders placed by the school community to the school's PAC. It also provides instructions for mentioning the school name and using a coupon code 'SFUN'. At the bottom, it lists two store locations in Coquitlam with their addresses and phone numbers. A small note at the very bottom of the graphic advises customers to call the store if they have trouble with online orders or coupon codes.

Domino's
TRI-CITIES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER

DOMINO'S PIZZA TRI-CITIES WILL DONATE 20% OF ALL ORDERS PLACED BY THE MOODY MIDDLE COMMUNITY TO THE SCHOOL'S PAC.

PLEASE MENTION "MOODY MIDDLE" WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER. FOR ONLINE/MOBILE ORDERS, ENTER "SFUN" IN THE COUPONS PAGE.

HOSTED AT THESE LOCATIONS:

1206 AUSTIN AVE COQUITLAM 604-937-5755	2773 BARNET HWY COQUITLAM 604-941-8335
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If you are experiencing issues ordering online or applying coupon codes, please phone the store directly to place your order.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS ARE ON YOUR FAMILY PORTAL FOR REVIEW AND VERIFICATION

Your student's MyEd BC Student Verification Form is now available to view on the Parent Portal. **These forms will be available until November 30th for your review – please log in as soon as possible if you have not done so already.**

This information is based on current demographic information within MyEd BC.

Link to Parent Portal: [MyEducation BC: Log On \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://myeducationbc.ca)

If there are no changes to the information - No further action is required

If changes to the information are required - please print and make the changes on the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

We had approximately 80 students submit confirmation of interest forms for Ski and Snowboard Club this year, and a draw was used to select the lucky 50 who will be participating. The list is posted outside the office and outside Ms. Turje's room for any students who haven't yet checked if they were selected. We're looking forward to five evenings of fun with the 50 students selected! Please refer to the first page of the information package for more information, as well as looking for an email from Ms. Turje soon with some of the same details. If your child was selected but will not be able to participate after all, please let Ms. Turje know ASAP (DTurje@sd43.bc.ca) so your child's space can be offered to another student.

Parents of selected students will need to complete the school permission form and payment in School Cash Online by November 23rd (notification for that should have gone out earlier this week), and the Mt Seymour lesson/rental registration by December 1st (use the link in the School Cash Online info). If those deadlines are not met, students will be removed from the Ski and Snowboard Club list and their space will be given to a student from the waiting list. After December 6th, refunds will not be possible for students who withdraw from the club (except for medical reasons with a doctor's note).

The waiting list has also been organized through a draw. If spaces become available, Ms Turje will contact parents by email (and try to connect with students at school) to offer up the open spot to the next student on the waiting list. As we get closer to December, the turnaround time for waitlist acceptance will become quite short so please respond promptly!

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE TO-DO

Please check your SchoolCash Online account for required fees and forms to be completed.

New items that have been added to SchoolCash Online:

- [Water Pod Rock Climbing Field Trip \(Nov 29 and 30\)](#)
- [Water Pod Skating Field Trip Forms \(Dec 6 and 13\)](#)
- [Fire Pos Skating Field Trip Forms \(Dec 13 and 20\)](#)
- [Music T-shirts for band and choir members](#)
- [Ski & Snowboard Club](#)

Don't forget about these required items to be completed as soon as possible:

- District School Policies
- Student Activity Fees
- Yearbooks
- Volunteer Application and Driver forms
- Student Athletic Fees and Registration

If you have not yet registered for a SchoolCash Online account, please see below.

School District 43 uses the KEV School Cash Online payment system to allow parents to view and pay for their child's student fees, year books, t-shirts, field trips, and other things safely and conveniently online.

If you don't already have an account, we encourage you to register your account online now by clicking on the link below and following these easy instructions. If you do have an account you can use the link to easily log into your account.

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>
2. Click on "Get Started Today"
3. Create your account

- Enter first and last name; click continue
- Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue
- Choose a password and security question
- Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

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

STREAM OF DREAMS

Students had the unique experience of working with Stream of Dreams last week. Through this initiative, students were able to learn more about the ecosystem of Dallas Creek that runs through the back property of the school. They were able to find evidence of a healthy stream as well as rainbow trout! Students were introduced to salmon and their lifecycle and ecosystems before completing a painted salmon. Parents were then invited to come to the school and help hang them on the back fence. The vision is that it looks like the salmon are swimming towards the creek! If you have a moment with your child this weekend I invite you to come and look at the installation and then have them try to find the salmon that they created! Thank you to our parent volunteers that helped to hang the installation!





LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS – DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sites like ChatGPT are becoming increasingly common in our everyday lives. As a parent, it's natural to want to protect your child from the potential risks and dangers of technology, particularly because of the rapid rate these new technologies are being introduced to children – frequently and without safeguards in place. Check out the links below to learn more and start a conversation with your child about their knowledge and use of these new technologies.

<https://protectyoungeyes.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-ai-and-chatgpt-for-parents/>

<https://www.waynedenner.com/blog/chat-gpt-parents-guide-part-1/>

https://www.commonensemedia.org/articles/helping-kids-navigate-the-world-of-artificial-intelligence?j=9370283&sfmc_sub=239348369&l=2048712_HTML&u=218692439&mid=6409703&jb=96&utm_source=media_fm_20230609+-+B&utm_medium=email

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/what-is-the-metaverse/>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – SAVE THE DATE

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
All prices include tax.

NEW! **THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB**
GRAPHIC NOVEL
The Baby-Sitters take on NYC, but will the Big City pull the group apart?
\$17.75

NEW! **THE GREAT BEAR**
GRAPHIC NOVEL
The second book in the Native-inspired Indigenous fantasy series
\$13.50

NEW! **SCHOOL TRIP**
GRAPHIC NOVEL
Cody must disappear 15 times to go on a school trip to Paris!
\$18.00

NEW! **MIXED UP**
GORDON KORMAN
Two middle school boys, unknown to each other, start trading memories and losing their own.
Hardcover Retail \$24.99
PAPERBACK \$10.50

NEW! **ZOMBIE SEASON!**
ZACH WINTER
Every scorching summer brings predictable disaster. Because every summer, zombie season arrives.
Hardcover Retail \$24.99
PAPERBACK \$12.50

NEW! **NUGLY**
M.C. ROSS
As Nugget learns to navigate his new life, searching for a new family to love... will he learn to love himself, too?
\$10.50

ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!
schol.ca/9C

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school so save the date! Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place November 14 – 17. Times will be posted around the school but will include before and after school, Nut Break and Lunchtime.

Watch some [Book Trailers](#) for exciting new titles that will be available at our Scholastic Book Fair!
Happy Reading!

CHESS CLUB

As of Monday November 6th we still have 6-7 spots available for Thursday Chess Club. If your child is interested, please have them see Mina for a permission form. All they need is to show up and bring their positive attitudes to the club! No experience necessary.

WATER POD SCIENCE

Water pod students are using hands on techniques to investigate different properties of matter. Last week, students were applying the Kinetic Molecular theory to different mixtures to research its effects on different types of solutions. In upcoming experiments, students will work with mixture separation techniques and chromatography.



ATHLETICS



Current Sports Underway: Volleyball

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>

PAC PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Hi, EMMSOTA families!

With Christmas just around the corner (hard to believe, right?), it means it's time for PAC's annual **Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser!**



Look for Purdys mini catalogues that will come home with your child next week.

If you'd like to start shopping NOW -- the campaign is LIVE and runs until November 26. Order pickup will be during the first full week of December. More details to come.

Moody Middle's unique link is:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1393979-108398>

Use "marketplace" to see all the amazing items available this year.

The Christmas Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser is one of PAC's biggest of each school year, and this year our sales goal is the same. AND .. 25% of all sales comes back to PAC!!

Please pass along the link to family and friends as well! Once you've either opened a new account or logged back in as a returning customer, you will see a unique link that you can email to others. Any orders made under that link will go under your name when sorted.

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

On behalf of the Moody Middle PAC team, thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Have a great long weekend!

--Kerry LeCorre, PAC Communications Coordinator

MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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#/=>

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.

[Home - École Moody Middle School of the Arts \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd43.bc.ca)

When accessing our school website from a laptop or desktop computer, the link to the absence/late/early dismissal report can be found on the right side of the page under "Quick Links".

When accessing our school website from a smart phone, scroll all the way down to the bottom of the home page to find the "Quick Links" section.

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.

BYOD – BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Technology, along with 21st Century skills, plays an important role in the lives of students today. Our school is committed to improve student learning in the use of computer technology through its integration in all subject areas. Our teachers encourage their students to use technology tools available in our school and, particularly, to use them to present ideas, enhance creativity, organize thoughts and communicate effectively in a variety of ways. Students who are attending École Moody Middle School of the Arts are invited to send a device to school each day to be used in learning activities. Our BYOD Guide refers to the practice of "Bring Your Own Device," which is technology that is parent-owned but used by students at school for learning.

More BYOD information and the application form can be found on the Moody Middle website under Programs & Services > Technology.

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.

LOCKERS

Students have been assigned their lockers. Please remind your student to ensure they close and lock their locker each time they use it, and that they only use the lock provided by the school. There is a \$5 replacement fee for students that lose their locks so please ensure students are LOCKING their lock on their locker every time they use it.

EMMSOTA PAC

The graphic features the EMMSOTA PAC logo in the top left, the text "FALL 2023 HOT LUNCH NOW OPEN!" in red, and "Order Now" in blue script in the top right. Below this, the schedule is organized by month:

- OCTOBER**
 - WED 11 Subway** Last day to order: October 3 (Logos: SUBWAY, tcbv)
 - WED 25 A&W** Last day to order: October 17 (Logos: tcbv, A&W)
- NOVEMBER**
 - WED 8 Chopped Leaf** Last day to order: October 31 (Logos: THE CHOPPED LEAF, tcbv)
 - WED 22 Red Robin** Last day to order: November 14 (Logos: tcbv, RED ROBIN)
- DECEMBER**
 - WED 6 Subway** Last day to order: November 28 (Logos: SUBWAY, tcbv)
 - WED 20 A&W** Last day to order: December 12 (Logos: tcbv, A&W)

The next EMMSOTA PAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 14th at 6:30 pm via ZOOM. ZOOM link will be provided on Tuesday.

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>
"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

Kinsight

Parent Information Sessions



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

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.



Questions regarding general *erase* training may be emailed to: erase@gov.bc.ca

Training Offering	Dates	Delivery	Registration Link
Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome! 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.	November 8, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator
	November 28, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator
	November 30, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator



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.

**Moody
Middle**

Register
Tuesday,
Oct 3
8am

For youth in grades 6-8

Exploring the Arts

You will explore with a variety of mediums such as painting, clay, canvas and nature art.

37064 Tuesday, Oct 17-Dec 5 3:10-4:25pm

Cooking

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

37063 Thursday, Oct 19-Dec 7 3:10-4:25pm

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register.





Youth Skate

\$2.25
per youth

Starting Friday, October 13

8-9:15pm Arena 2

Grades 6-12 (must show go-card at door)

NEW Advance registration required,
no drop-ins permitted, no exceptions.

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register.



 @pomoyouth | portmoody.ca/Youth | 604.469.4556

PORT MOODY
CITY OF THE ARTS

Fraser Health's Topic for November is: Respiratory Season and Fall Immunizations

Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick. There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to get immunized. The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWe50PYIYC>

