



# MOODY MATTERS NEWSLETTER

September 12, 2024

## WELCOME

### BACK TO SCHOOL



#### Moody Middle School Website

Please check our website regularly for current announcements, important dates, school sports & clubs and other important information.

School Supply lists can be found under *Parents > School Supplies*.

If you have any questions about what is required, please contact your student's teacher.

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

#### BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

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.

More BYOD information and the application form can be found on the Moody Middle website under *Publications > Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information*

#### Student Absences, Lates or Early Dismissals

Please complete the 'Absence/Late/Early Dismissal' online form available on the Moody Middle website home page under 'Quick Links' or call the office at **604-461-7384**.

#### 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 a nutrition break and lunch.*

#### Chess Club

EMMSOTA will be running a Chess Club again this year. We are aiming to start with our first session on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Space is limited so if your child is interested and willing to participate in some healthy brain exercises, have them apply as soon as possible. All they need is to show up and bring their positive attitudes to the club! *No experience necessary.*

*Please have your child see our Youth Worker Mina for a permission form and return it as soon as possible as it will be first come, first served*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 20 – Pro D Day (District)**  
*School not in session*

**Sept 25 – Early Dismissal**  
*1:45pm, Welcoming  
Conversations*

**Mrs. Banks**  
**Principal**

**Mr. Sclater**  
**Vice Principal**

**Office: 604-461-7384**



### **Current Items Available**

- Student Activity Fee
- Student Athletic Registration
- Volunteer Driver Applications
- School Volunteer Applications

### **PLEASE NOTE**

It is best to access SchoolCash Online using a laptop or desktop computer to avoid any errors or issues.

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>

## SchoolCash Online

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

## Library Learning Commons

Welcome to a new year at the Moody Library. 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.

Please note, 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.

### **Middle Grade Books**

- Ages: 8-11 years
- Grade: 3-6
- Length: 30-50K Words
- Characters: Protagonist (*main character*), around the readers age, 8-11 years or younger.
- Topics: Friendship, Family, character's life & world, external conflict vs internal
- Point of View: Third person
- Content Restrictions: no profanity, graphic violence or sexuality permitted.  
*Ex, Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Wonder (by R.J Palacio), Sisters (by Raina Telgemeier)*

### **Young Adult Books**

- Ages: 12-18 Years
- Grade: 7-12
- Length: 50-75K Words
- Characters: Protagonist *12-18 years old*
- Topics: Self-reflection, internal conflict vs internal, analyzing life & its meaning
- Point of View: First person
- Content Restrictions: profanity, violence, romance, sexual situations.  
*Ex, The Divergent Trilogy, The Fault in Our Stars, The Hunger Games.*

## Community Information



### Fall Programs for Youth

Programs begin the week of September 16

Standard First Aid Training	Yoga	For youth in grades 6-12
Pickleball	Pomo Chefs - Simple Desserts	
	Pomo Chefs - 30-minute Meals	

### Holiday Camps for Youth

December 23-27  
Monday, Tuesday and Friday

December 30-January 3  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

For ages  
11-15  
years

Visit [portmoody.ca/signmeup](https://portmoody.ca/signmeup) to register NOW!

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### 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  
TODAY!

#### Food Lab

You will gain basic kitchen skills and enjoy yummy food while exploring how science and cooking are intertwined.

43538 Tue, Sep 17-Nov 19 3:10-4:25pm

#### Bake Boss

Discover the world of baking and learn new skills while creating delicious masterpieces.

43539 Thu, Sep 19-Nov 21 3:10-4:25pm

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### Mayor's Youth Summit

**October 25, 2024 • 8:30am–3:15pm**  
**Inlet Theatre, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody**

Join us at the 2024 Mayor's Youth Summit and make your voice heard! Discuss critical issues, connect with peers, and shape the future of your community.

**Register now – open to all Tri-City youth!**



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OF VOLUNTEER  
TIME!**

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