



MOODY ELEMENTARY



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY

- 1st – 4th Kindergarten Registration continues
- 8th PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- 15th BC Family Day (School not in session)
- 16th Informal Reports go home
- 24th Pink Shirt Day
- 26th District Pro-D (school not in session).

(New) Principal's Message

Hello, Moody Elementary families!

It is such an honour for me to join you all and continue the wonderful work Deidre has led and supported. I have heard of this school's positive reputation and can feel this good energy in the school itself. During uncertain times as these, I want to assure you that Deidre and I are communicating regularly in order for a smooth transition. It is clear how well-loved Ms. James is in this community and we wish her all the best on her retirement!

I am excited to get to know your children in the coming weeks. I hope to meet each of you in person as well. Until then, I wanted to share a little bit about me. I am a proud Port Moody resident and mom. My family is so grateful to live on this beautiful land, the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples. You will often find me running in the many trails, in awe of the nature that surrounds us. I am looking forward to learning more about the history of these lands.

I have been an educator for over 20 years in a variety of roles: classroom teacher; Neighbourhood Learning Coordinator; Faculty Associate and Coordinator with SFU's teacher education program, as well as an administrator in Burnaby. I am passionate about community building & learning, mental health education for all and diversity as the strong foundation of our society.

This month is all about family, love and kindness, a perfect month to join you. I look forward to serving this community. Please introduce yourself (I will be the one wearing a bright pink vest outside)!

Sheila Rawnsley (she/her)
srawnsley@sd43.bc.ca

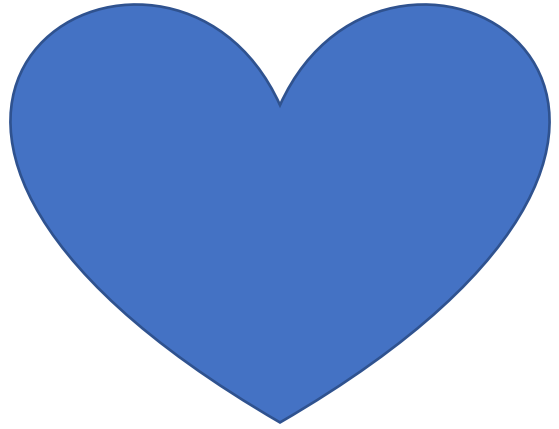


THANK YOU to our PAC & COACH MARCUS

Once again, this year Moody students participated in 7 days of tennis lessons with Coach Marcus. This has been a big hit every year at Moody and we would like to again thank our PAC for paying for the entire cost for each student. We would also like to thank Marcus for his work and dedication to our students.

We would like to acknowledge that School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) is on the core territory of the k^wik^wəłəm (Kwikwetlem)(Kwee-kwet-lem) First Nation and lies within the shared traditional territories of the Tsleil-Waututh(Slay-wa-tuth), Katzie(Kate-zee), x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Quay Quayt(Key-Kite) First Nation and Sto:lo Nation.

Happy Retirement, Ms. James!
We will all miss you!!





Please observe ROAD and PEDESTRIAN SAFETY when dropping off and picking up students. We continue to have a few drivers double parking and blocking traffic, contributing to safety concerns for our all of students and families. As well please take extra precaution when crossing the road, including at marked crosswalks.

With colder weather coming and shorter daylight at this time of year, it can be difficult for drivers to see pedestrians step out.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our student safe!!



From the Port Moody Public Library



HOMESCHOOL HELP

Online Zoom Meeting

Need a hand with your homework? Work with a teen volunteer over Zoom to get your homework finished. Come prepared with your questions about work from any class. This is a five-week program and will take place every Friday, from January 29 to February 26.

Registered

Grades 1-6

Fridays Jan 29 - Feb 26 4-5pm



Register online at portmoodylibrary.ca, by phone 604.469.4577, or in person. A link to join program on Zoom will be emailed to all registrants.



BOOK BUDDIES

Online Zoom Meeting

REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 8 AT 10AM. FOR KIDS GRADES 1 - 5. Need extra time to practice reading? Children can work with a teen volunteer over Zoom to improve their reading skills. This is a five-week program.

Tuesdays, Jan 26-Feb 23

4:00-4:50pm

Saturdays, Jan 30-Feb 27

9:00-9:50am

Saturdays, Jan 30-Feb 27

10:00-10:50am



Register online at portmoodylibrary.ca, by phone 604.469.4577, or in person. A link to join program on Zoom will be emailed to all registrants.

Planet Protector Academy: Home Edition

Fully funded (FREE) for kids & families thanks to TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, the weekly interactive live webcasts include:

- Fun interactive sessions with arts and game-based learning activities
- Lessons in science, arts, language, and social studies
- Tips and tools to help your kids navigate COVID-19

Programs on climate, waste, and water - [Full details and sign-up info!](#)

Want to know more? Check out the [one-minute video](#) for a quick overview!

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is dedicated to the ongoing support and mentorship of the children in our community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they have continued to provide support to children and youth through mentorship. Having an additional caring mentor in a child's life builds towards a child's confidence, encourages the growth of peer connections, and helps prevent issues like bullying or peer pressure.

Their Site Based programs, typically offered in schools and community spaces, are now virtual and they support male, female, transgender, and non-binary students to meet with a volunteer teen or adult mentor online from home. The new Virtual Mentoring program matches a student "Little Buddy" in elementary school with a gr. 9-12 teen or adult "Big Buddy", in a group setting over Zoom.

Big and Littles participate in fun group activities and meet 1:1 in breakout rooms to get to know each other better, talk about their interests, and complete activities together. Meeting consistently once a week throughout the school year, enables the Bigs and Littles to build a bond and form a natural mentorship. The focus of the program is to enhance the Little Buddy's self-esteem and confidence, while the teen mentors also benefit from improved leadership skills and their interest in volunteerism.

As the pandemic continues, the hope is to provide children with a steady and consistent friend and mentor.

Applications are online <https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com//get-involved/find-a-mentor/> and they may also provide PDF applications for printing if preferred.



35 spots are open
right now in
GREATER VANCOUVER

After School Virtual Mentoring

- Students in Grades 1-7 are matched with a Big Buddy to connect through mentorship!
- Do fun-based activities together on Zoom!
- Develop new skills, share your interests, and connect with a mentor who cares!
- 1 hour once a week, throughout the school year.

Sessions are offered Monday - Thursday starting at 3:30 or 4:00PM
Learn more today: annie.pham@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
Register your child at: BigBrothersVancouver.com

 **Big Brothers**
OF GREATER VANCOUVER