

# EMMSOTA Newsletter

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## École Moody Middle School of the Arts

### Principally Speaking

Newsletter – 2015

Welcome to our new year of learning and growing at École Moody Middle School of the Arts. We hope this year at EMMSOTA is full of positive connections, rigorous learning, and opportunities to be involved in the many activities that make up the busy middle school years. Your child is on their own 30 months of middle school learning journey but they are also part of our school community with important contributions to make to this 2015-16 school year.

École Moody Middle School of the Arts enrolls a student population of 293 students, supported by a teaching and support staff of 30. That represents a wonderful youthful energy in one location, and a great group of dedicated, caring hardworking staff. École Moody Middle enjoys a positive reputation as a middle school responsive to the nature and needs of young adolescents, and I am honoured to continue to contribute to the leadership of this school.

Effective home/school communication is always important, but especially so at middle school when students are so busy making sense of their world, while growing so fast. EMMSOTA is an energized place full of arts, activities, clubs, sports, and teams, so there often is a lot to remember for active, growing brains. We encourage all families to bookmark our [website](#) and to check it regularly. Newsletters are emailed home once a month. Please take the time to read these and discuss relevant information with your son/daughter, and please make sure we have your correct email at all times. From your end, please call us or email teachers, counsellors, or myself at any time with questions or concerns. Parent participation at middle school, as your children mature and look for independence, does look different, but staying informed and involved in your child's school and education is a vital gift that you give to them.

We are looking forward to a creative and productive year of learning, adventure and fun with your children. The staff of École Moody Middle is once again to be commended for the range of athletics and activities that they volunteer to organize and coach, and the countless hours they spend guiding your children through the transformative middle years. We invite parents to join us as partners in creating conditions for young adolescents to learn and thrive.

We are off to a great start and know that we have an amazing year ahead of us!

Mark your calendar: We are looking forward to welcoming our learning community next Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 for our annual Open House and Parent Orientation to all things Moody. I will be making an announcement about the construction of our new building after a year of delay. If you cannot make it, please visit our website under [News and Announcements](#) later in the week. Updates about EMMSOTA can also be followed on Twitter [@43moody](#)

Kind regards, Mr. T. Kolkea, Principal

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**ATTENDANCE:**

To report a student missing or late, please call the office at 604-461-7384 or email [MoodyMiddleSecretary@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:MoodyMiddleSecretary@sd43.bc.ca) Please provide the student's name, teacher's name or division and reason for absence.

**Your office team:**

Mr. T Kolkea	Principal
Ms. M Armstrong	Counsellor
Christine McLellan	Youth Worker
Ms. K Taylor-Hill	Head Secretary
Mrs. L VanStrien	Student Records Secretary

**In the World of Art:**

Welcome to another exciting year for Art class in C building room 304! Students taking art with Ms Chan in Term 1

will need to bring a pencil (non mechanical), an eraser and a sketchbook. For students who attended EMMSOTA in 2014-15, they are encouraged to use their sketchbooks from last year.

Our first week of class is focused on understanding the Elements and Principles of Art and Design through an investigative process while using a variety of media. In the following weeks, students will learn the process of paper maché to create a creature of their choice.

The Art Room is opened for all students to have their lunch or to dabble in some lunchtime art. Open on Mondays-Thursday from 12:02-12:40

**School Staff:**

Div 1	Gr. 6 Core Exploration – Music	Mrs. M Reichert
Div 1	Gr. 6 Core Student Services - Fire	Mrs. E Baboi
Div 2	Gr. 7-8 Core	Mr. C Welch
Div 3	Gr. 7-8 Core	Mr. A Abello
Div 4	Gr. 6 Core	Mr. F Sousa
Div 5	Gr. 7-8 Core Explorations - Drama	Mrs. J Ono
Div 5	Gr 7-8 Core Student Services – Wind	Mrs. C Jones
Div 5	Gr 7-8 Core Student Services – Wind	Ms. G Martens
Div 6	Gr. 7-8 Core	Mr. C Zimmer
Div 7	LFI Gr. 6	Mr. L Letourneau
Div 8	LFI Gr. 7	Mr. S Pillsbury / Ms. A. Clausen
Div 9	Gr. 7-8 Core	Ms. S Egelstad
Div 10	Gr. 7-8 Core Exploration – Tech Ed	Mr. F Abdulla
Div 10	Gr. 7-8 Core Student Services – Earth	Ms. C Magnusson
	Exploration - Art	Ms. R Chan
	Student Services – International Ed/EAL	Mrs. P Andersen
	Student Services – International Ed/EAL	Mrs. N. Harder
	Library	Ms. K Ferguson
	Educational Assistant	Ms. M Hurtubise
	Educational Assistant	Ms. C Parker
	Educational Assistant	
	Custodian	Virgil Salindong
	Custodian	Steve Lambright
	Noon Hour	Lisa Murphy
	Noon Hour	Marie O'Sullivan
	StrongStart facilitator	Rayna Guevara

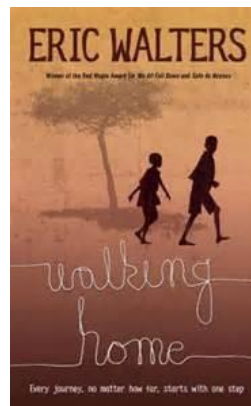
New staff names are Highlighted

## One School, One book

The school wide read this year is Walking Home by Canadian children's author Eric Walters. Teachers will read this aloud to their classes and the whole school will share the experience of this transforming story. It retells the journey of two orphans who undertake an almost impossible quest: to walk over 150 km across

Kenya to find their last remaining family. The story touches on many relevant themes such as hope, family, politics, war, hunger and courage.

To learn more, visit the web page: [www.ericwalterswalkinghome.com](http://www.ericwalterswalkinghome.com)



## Athletics

Athletics sign-ups have started this week. Team meetings and practices will be starting next week. Further information about practice and game times will be published to our website next week, and will be printed/posted around the school.

## Grade 6 Stay Active

This program has been developed to promote youth involvement in physical activity. It is available to all of our students who have home addresses in the Tri-Cities, Anmore and Belcarra. Thank you to the Cities for this great program! The letter is available on our school website, under publications. [moodymiddle/publications](http://moodymiddle/publications)

## MAVERICK WEAR

Coming soon: Students and staff will have the opportunity to order EMMSOTA Maverick wear. We will soon have full colour order forms and samples of sizes to facilitate your orders

## Terry Fox Run

The rich tradition of honouring Terry Fox is about to kick into gear next week. Terry strived to raise one dollar per Canadian. At École Moody, in 2015, we are hoping to get a 100% participation rate where every student makes the effort to donate at least a twoonie. Go Moody! Let's make this our best year ever! Our Terry Fox run will take place on Sep 24 from 1-3pm



**PAC** will be holding their first meeting on Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school library. Parents to welcome to attend this first meeting, as we will be discussing the direction and collaborative work for the year. By coming to the meeting, you are not obligated to join or attend on a regular basis – please come out and join our conversations and get information about 2015-16 first hand. Topics to be discussed include:

- Address empty executive positions
- Movie night budget
- Prepare for budget meeting
- Fundraising ideas

If anyone is needing a babysitter for the meeting please contact Jen at [jennifer.m.peltier@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.m.peltier@gmail.com)

Coming soon to École Moody Middle....THE MINIONS. Everyone is invited on Friday October 9th to our Moody Movie Night featuring MINIONS. Watch for posters with more info...

## DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council)

DPAC is hosting a PAC 101 Orientation Night on Wednesday, Sep 30, 2015. Registration by Sep 28. Please see the details and agenda by looking at the attachments on our website.

[moodymiddle/DPAC info](#)

## Counsellor's Corner

Welcome back students, parents and guardians to what we feel will be an exciting year at École Moody Middle. As with our new students, we are experiencing some changes within our counselling support team and would like to introduce ourselves and how we can support your child.

There are 2 of us working very closely together. Ms. M. Armstrong ([marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca)) has been at our school for 5 years and will be the contact counsellor for the school during her 2 days (Monday and Wednesday). Christine McLellan ([cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca)), our Youth Worker, is well-known by our school community having been here for over 10 years. Christine is at École Moody Middle every day.

Over the last few days we have been meeting students to let them know how we might help them. We see students for a variety of reasons like developing and maintaining friendships, adjusting to new routines and increased work expectations, getting involved in school activities, balancing busy schedules, coping with family challenges and many others. We also offer opportunities for students to participate in small groups such as building confidence, creating and maintaining relationships, dealing with anxiety and dealing with grief/loss/family changes.

We work closely with our teachers to ensure that your child is adjusting to the new school year and to identify any students who might need some additional support. As a parent you can also assist us by letting us know when we can provide some help.

We look forward to working with you and your children to provide them a memorable year here at Mighty Moody!

Ms. Armstrong [marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca)

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## From the Youth Lounge:

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program kicked off this week. Students and staff enjoyed some BC grown strawberries. Coming up next will be blue grapes on September 28. Information about the BCFVNP can be found at [www.sfvnp.ca](http://www.sfvnp.ca). If you have any questions contact Christine McLellan at [cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca)

## Grade 6 Immunizations

Immunization forms will be sent home with our grade six students later in October. It is very important that all parents read, understand the options and have their child return the form to their teacher. If you have questions about the immunizations and the forms please Contact Cheryl Sanchez, Public Health Nurse, at TriCities Public Health, if you have any concerns or questions, 604-949-7200.

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### IMPORTANT DATES – 2015-2016

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- Sep 18 – School based ProD – no classes
- Sep 21 – PAC Meeting - 6:30
- Sep 21 – Squeak & Squawk – 6:30
- Sep 23 – Parent Orientation/Open House
- Sep 24 – Terry Fox Run and campaign kick-off
- Sep 25 – District ProD – no classes
- Oct 9 – PAC Movie Night ‘Minions’
- Oct 12 – Thanksgiving – Schools closed
- Oct 13 – Picture retake day
- Oct 15 – Newsletter #2
- Oct 19 – Fruit & Veggie program delivery (carrots)
- Oct 20 – Eric Walters ‘book talk’ for all students
- Oct 23 – Provincial ProD – no classes
- Oct 30 – Halloween activities and photos

We're on the Web!

<http://www.moodymiddle.ca>

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## Community News

- Pedestrian Safety – We always want to ensure our students and their families are safe. Please see the attached brochure regarding pedestrian awareness and safety enforcement:  
[moodymiddle/publications](http://moodymiddle/publications)
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