

ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



Newsletter #2—15/16

October 2015

Principally Speaking

Welcome to October at our busy, creative and student focused learning community. I hope everyone is feeling at home here at our small, but MIGHTY school that is about to enter a widely anticipated transformation. Construction is here! So far the fence defining the construction area has been put in place and soon more equipment will be rolling in. The first activity to begin will be the demolition of D Building. Students (and the community) are asked to stay away from the construction zone fencing. To keep up to date on the progress and special construction announcements please use the [construction updates](#) button on our [home page](#)

Other highlights from the first two months include team-building activities with our pods, the school-wide read of *Walking Home* and preparations for author (Eric Walters) visit next week, as well as, getting our fall teams and clubs up and running. Our Terry Fox Run and donation campaign has created quite the unique challenge of 'shave or save the mustache'. Please ask your child how this campaign is helping us meet our goal of raising \$6000 for Cancer research! All of these activities build student connections and sense of service and community, especially important during the middle years. As we enter mid-October a good gauge of how connected your child is feeling to middle school is the number of excited comments that may include "I'm joining Band, I'm in the Choir, and the Volleyball/Swimming/Field Hockey/X-Country team, or I spend lunch on the swings/in the Student Lounge/playing basketball with my friends". Middle Schools were created to provide more opportunities for students at a younger age. Thanks to our wonderful and professional staff and the extra time they put into providing activities for our students; there should be something for every student to get involved in over the course of the year. Our web site is your one stop for up to the minute information about all things Moody. Please book mark us at www.moodymiddle.ca Another great place to keep an eye on our school life is on Twitter [@43moody](https://twitter.com/@43moody)

At the same time, learning is well underway in all classes at École Moody Middle. Your child should be developing some routines to remember their schedules, their teachers and when their assignments or projects are due. Teachers are actively assessing your child's learning and are keeping records of every student's progress. Your child will be bringing home his/her first interim report on October 22. We hope that both you and your child are pleased with this first indicator of work habits and achievement. We want to work together to get every student off to their very best start this year, so if you have questions about the first interim, please be in touch with your child's teacher.

ATTENDANCE:

To report a student missing or late, please call the office at 604-461-7384 or email

MoodyMiddleSecretary@sd43.bc.ca

Please provide the student's name, teacher's name or division and the reason for the absence.

- Thank you!

Our school-wide goal this year is again focused on improving learning for every student through inquiry-based learning while integrating and innovating through the arts. This focus on deepening students' engagement in learning will roll-out across all subjects and grades. Core concepts will be addressed, along with 21st century skills (collaboration, problem solving, inquiry and investigation, utilizing technology).

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for checking our website regularly.

Kind regards,
Mr. T. Kolkea, Principal



Construction zone fencing

Moody Athletics

Fall sports is well underway with our students participating in many different teams. Both the girls and boys volleyball teams have played league games and are fine tuning their skills for the district playoffs. The cross country team practices weekly and the members have already ran in two mini-meets. Our girls' field hockey team is combined with the girls of Eagle Mountain Middle and they continue to improve each week. The ultimate team is growing to be one of our largest teams at Moody and they are learning all types of disc throws. The swimming team has wrapped up their season with the district meet last week. Three of our swimmers, came first in their heats and competed well in district standings. Please consult our school website for playoff dates as they become available.

Thank you to all of our parent drivers and volunteers. Moody athletics would not be possible without your help driving, setting up, score keeping, and cheering on our athletes.

Alex Abello, Athletics Director
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Terry Fox run



Earth Pod Grade 6 French Immersion celebrating completing their Math projects!

Me to We

Our 2015 Me to We Club is off to a great start this year! We have 40 passionate members and lots of great local and global projects planned. We are the change makers and our mission to improve the lives of others begins with the following **October events**:

- **We Scare Hunger - A We Day Initiative** (non-perishable food collection on Halloween night for our Port Moody food bank)
- **Concession Stand Fundraiser @ the Halloween Dance** - All proceeds will go to Eric Walter's *Creation of Hope Charity* (supporting of the Mbooni Region in Kenya)

We look forward to seeing you, the parents and the community get involved and help us with our mission throughout the year!



Let's Scare away Hunger, together

POD & Division news

News from Division 1, Fire Pod

What does HOME mean to you? Division 1 students are making a difference in their community, by taking part—along with other students from across Canada—in the Meaning of Home writing contest. The contest is focused on developing students' engagement in their local community and their awareness of important issues facing many Canadians, such as the lack of affordable housing. For each entry, Genworth Canada donates five dollars to the Habitat for Humanity organization. The money raised will help build a Habitat home for one family. The students in division 1 are in the process of adding the final touch to their compositions. They are hoping that their efforts will make a difference in one family's life and will encourage others to build "a community of care".

Fire Pod

The teachers and students of Fire Pod have had an exciting and eventful start to the year. In Science, some of our students were able to create Hydrogen gas and ignite the gas in spectacular fashion. In Humanities, all students have been practicing their reading and writing while taking part in the school wide read. In Math, the students have reviewed basic operations with whole numbers and will look forward to learning about fractions in the coming month. We have also been learning about Canadian government and about the upcoming election.

In two weeks, Fire Pod will be going ice skating at the nearby ice rink. Parent volunteers will be needed for this trip so please send a message to your child's teacher or indicate on the permission form if you are able to help. Thanks very much.

An October Message from Earth Pod!

Parents please ask to see the letter that was sent home last week, there are many interesting items in it that you won't want to miss. As we move into our second month of learning, we are beginning a new project in our BRICK groups that will allow students to focus on our school-wide theme of *WATER* and explore the art form of stenciling. Stay tuned for a brief progress report as Interims go home on October 22. Think ahead to Halloween and prepare those costumes for our annual activity afternoon!



Fire Pod Science

PAC Contacts

2015-2016 PAC Executive is as follows:

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Treasurer:

Tina Muma

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Colette Brown

DPAC:

Connie Caldwell

School-wide Coral Reef Crochet project

Our school will soon be working on a school-wide project, creating a crocheted coral reef. Students will learn how to crochet and their individual pieces will fill the foyer of the school as one large coral reef.

Donations of crochet hooks and/or yarn are much appreciated.

If any parents would like to volunteer to help teach crochet skills, during the day, please contact

Mrs. Reichert

MReichert@sd43.bc.ca

PAC News

Come to **Family Movie Night**, sponsored by your PAC. This fun event will take place on **Friday October 16 at 7pm –in our cafeteria** - doors open at 6:30pm. **Minions** is a pre-released movie and is covered by our school district's movie license. Admission will be \$4 and a concession will be available. Immediate family are welcome but we are not able to allow friends who do not attend EMMSOTA.

PAC **treat day** will take place on **Wednesday October 28** at lunch time.

Watch for the following **fundraisers** to come home:

- Quinoa Pops (Soon)
- Devry Poinsettia (November)
- Purdy's Chocolates (November)
- 50:50 and concession at Winter Concert (December)

If you have any fun ideas for a possible fundraiser, let us know. We are always looking for new and exciting ways to support our school.

Upcoming PAC meeting dates:

November 16, 2015

January 11, 2016

February 29, 2016

All parents are welcome at the meetings, which take place in the school library at 7pm. If you require a babysitter for younger children please contact Jen at jennifer.m.peltier@gmail.com

Counsellor's Corner

Welcome to October! In the next month, we will be working to support students in many ways. Ms. Armstrong will have a friendship/connections group that will run until Christmas break and in the New Year we will be starting some new groups. We will update you in our future newsletters.

We continue to invite students to join us at nutrition break and lunch for games in the Youth Lounge (Room 108). This is a drop-in opportunity to make some new connections and meet students from others pods. We hope that you will encourage your child to stop by and see us if they are looking for something to do during the breaks.

We have a group of students who will be participating in an after school program called Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. It is run by the Big Sisters and it runs until the first week of December. Two clubs offered after school are Project Change, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the Chess Club on Mondays, beginning Oct. 19.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's well-being at school or at home please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

Happy October,

Ms. Armstrong marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca

Christine McLellan cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca

Gifted Program

Our gifted education teacher, Mrs. Andersen, would like to direct the families of our gifted students to check out her website on our school website to stay informed about all things gifted within our school, our community and beyond. Each month she will post a newsletter detailing notices of events, articles and topics of interest to those of your with gifted children. If you ever have something you would like to share or post on the subject, please feel free to contact her at pandersen@sd43.bc.ca

Keep Writing & Reading

November is National Novel Writing Month (or **NaNoWriMo** for short) and we are excited to have the opportunity to be a part of it!

So what is NaNoWriMo? From 12:01 am November 1st to 11:59 pm November 30th, NaNoWriMo is active. Participating students pick a word goal (word count) and spend the month writing their story, striving to meet (or surpass) that word goal. Every written word counts towards the word goal...no editing is allowed for the month! Meet the word goal by 11:59 pm on November 30th, and you win! Last year 90,000 Young Writers participated worldwide. This is a great opportunity for those who enjoy writing stories.

And what do they win? Once the story is finished and edited (done from December to June), they get a free printed copy of their book.

There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at lunch for anyone wanting to check it out and to get a permission form with more exciting information and important dates.

Want to find out more? For the Young Writers Program portion of NaNoWriMo, please visit: <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/> If there is an adult in the family who enjoys creative writing and would like to participate on their own, feel free to check out www.nanowrimo.org

Caroline Parker, EA

Bookfair coming soon

Our Bookfair is coming just in time for gift-giving. Remember that teachers love to receive books for their classrooms too!

Dates: Monday November 30 to Friday December 4

2014-15 Yearbooks still available...

If you missed out on purchasing one of our yearbooks last year, there's still time to pick one up at a reduced cost. Our remaining yearbooks are now only \$10

Drop Everything and Read—Oct 26

All classes will be participating in this literacy awareness activity

Contact us:

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Read to lead :)



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Community Corner

We have many community related activities posted on our website. Check for the latest information on art programs, babysitting classes, athletic clubs, community news, Parks & Recreation activities/dances, and more...

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/moody/Pages/publications.aspx>

WellAhead Summary for BC Pilot Districts

IMAGINE IF WE UNLEASHED ALL SCHOOLS' FULL POTENTIAL TO FOSTER THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

Apart from the home, schools are the most influential setting for child and youth development. Adding wellbeing to an already packed schedule can be a challenge, so school communities are looking to find new and creative ways to integrate wellbeing within their existing daily practice.

How to Get Involved

Over the next few months, there will be multiple opportunities for parents, educators, youth, administrators, and community partners to be involved in the co-design phase:

Share your insights on wellbeing in schools or the WellAhead process (ongoing)

Join an information session (Sept 2015)

Join a brainstorming event (Oct 2015):

Session #1: Tues, October 20 7pm-9pm Winslow Centre, Gallery Room

Register: [click here](#)



WellAhead

Enjoy After School Art Classes @ École Moody Middle, taught in conjunction with Port Moody Arts Centre—see the permission and registration form on our website -

Creating Landscapes and Florals in Acrylics – Kimberly Blackstone (professional artist) – (Room 304, Art room) - Young artists will explore painting in realistic and representational ways using still life and photographs for reference. All supplies included.

Early Fall Session

Friday October 9, 16, 30 (no class on Oct. 23-Pro D Day) 3:15-4:30pm 3 classes \$61.25

Late Fall Session

Friday November 6, 13, 27 (no class on Nov. 20-Pro D Day) 3:15-4:30pm 3 classes \$61.25

Hand Building Clay – Pauline Doyle (professional ceramicist). All supplies included (Room 304, Art room)

Monday, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 3:00-4:30pm 4 classes \$75.00

Improvisation – with Graham Myers (Room 306, Drama Room)

Tuesdays, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 3:15-4:45pm 4 classes \$75.00

Red Cross Babysitting Course

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Moody Middle, Nov.20th, 2015, 8:30-3:30

11+Yrs

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>