

ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



Newsletter #3—15/16

November 2015

Principally Speaking

Welcome to the frosty month of November!

This month is a time for reflection and thoughts of peace. Last week our school engaged in a wonderful ceremony to honour Remembrance Day. It included student performances from our choir, senior band and drama class Division 10. Our assembly was also enriched by having our emcees include both French and English languages. November is a month where we have to remember where our 'winter weather' gear is and it is also a month of productive learning for students, leading up to the first formal report cards that will be sent home with every student on December 12th.

As middle level educators, we know that our expectations for school learning and homework have to be balanced with equal amounts of positive connections and lots of opportunities for action. November is also a busy time of band and choir practices, volleyball tournaments, other fall sport wrap-ups, POD activities and the planning for service/charity work in December. No day at middle school is ever ordinary, nor should it be!

As the new year approaches we will continue to update you on the construction plans for our new building. At this time plans are still on track for us to become a construction zone in early 2015. I personally had the opportunity to review the final building plans last week and was very excited with the innovative and beautiful building design.

The excitement also continues for us as we deepen the engagement in learning for 260 great Moody students, through inquiry based learning, project based learning and 21st century learning strategies. It is rewarding watching our students grow, mature (step by step as it is a process), take responsibility for their learning and take such good care of each other. It has also been an incredible term at our new school where the arts have been showcased and woven into our classes through lessons and extended learning opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Being informed is a powerful way to be involved in your son/daughter's school life. We look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming school events.

Kind regards,
Mr. Trevor Kolkea,
Principal

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!



Construction zone—D building is gone!

Project Change

We have been busy this past month. We continue to have the Moody Market every Friday at lunch. We are presently raising money for the Wildlife Rescue Association. We always appreciate donations, items such as youth sized clothing, accessories, games, books, and stationary. Items that youth enjoy or can use.

We participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline this past Wednesday. Earth pod joined us for this one. Fire and Wind will be helping us with more cleanups later this school year.

We are currently working on making outdoor planters, repurposing a couple of discarded desks. In January we plan on growing plants and flowers using our indoor greenhouse.

Our research students are studying endangered species and plastic.

For more information about project change contact

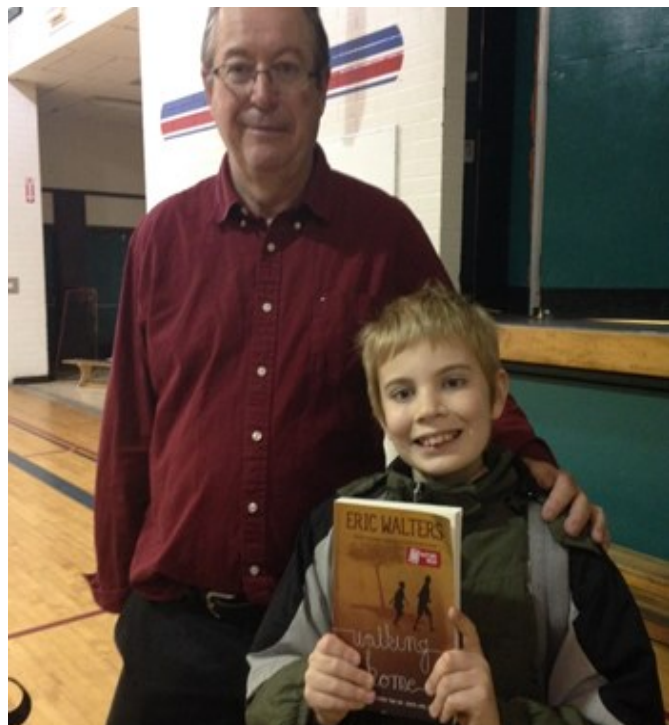
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Walking Home — school wide read

On October 20th, we had a wonderful visit from the author of our school wide read: Walking Home. Eric Walters shared many of his inspiring stories about Africa. He also talked about his struggles and successes as a writer. Students have enjoyed listening to his novel and were fortunate to meet this author and ask him some of the many questions inspired by his book.

We encourage you to look at the Walking Home 'string' that travels throughout our school, connecting our Pods, our students and our staff. Also please have a look at the Eric Walters book display in our Front Foyer.



Karen Ferguson, Librarian

Eric Walters with Student Cameron T



Earth Pod—Rube Goldberg machine

POD & Division news

Fire Pod

The students of Fire Pod have used their science laboratory skills in many interesting chemistry experiments this month. They studied buoyancy by making model boats, density by taking direct measurements of mystery objects, and mixtures/solutions by testing concentrations of Kool Aid. In Humanities, divisions 2 and 3 studied units in Early Man, time zones, timelines, and World studies. The pod continued their school wide read of "Walking Home" and learned about inferring, questioning, and predicting.

On Dec. 4, Fire Pod will be going to the Vancouver Aquarium to see the many exhibits there. Please sign and return the field trip form to your child's homeroom teacher. Student planners are an excellent way for all students to keep up to date with important dates and homework assignments. Please continue to check your child's planners regularly to support good organization skills.

Earth Pod—Late French Immersion

French classes are taking part in a special French performance by Hélène Nicole next week.

We will also be joining other French classes from around the district for the French film festival during the first week of

Art

As Term 1 is coming to an end, we had a fantastic time making paper maché creatures. Students have worked long hours sculpting, macheing, painting, and shellacing their projects. Many projects have been put on display around the school. Please come and see these amazing works of art!

Art Club—is still in session. We have Art Club every lunch hour, and all students are welcome to attend. Students work independently, on whatever their creative hearts desire.

After School Art Programs - our Art programs are well under way, in fact we have only one week left to finish up this session. Stay tuned for the Spring Session information.



Shark Attack with paper maché

PAC Contacts

2015-2016 PAC Executive is as follows:

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Secretary:

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

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PAC News

Come to our **Scholastic Book Fair**, sponsored by your PAC. Great timing for Christmas presents or teachers gifts - Please come out and support EMMSOTA.

Monday, Nov 30 Lunch and after school until 3:30

Tuesday, Dec 1 Before school and at lunch

Wednesday, Dec 2 Early dismissal until 7:00

Thursday, Dec 3 Before school and at lunch

Friday, Dec 4 Before school and at lunch

Purdy's and Poinsettia orders will be ready for pick-up on **Wednesday Dec 9 after school in the office conference room.**

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- 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:

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

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

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**

Counsellor's Corner

As we move through November, our students have had a chance to settle in, make new connections, and understand work expectations. For those who have found this time a little more stressful and need additional support, we have been able to provide some small group sessions, encourage development of new friendships through lunch activities and provide some one on one counselling support.

Christine the Youth Worker also runs a Chess Club on Mondays after school. No experience is necessary - there are students at all levels so this is another great opportunity for connection.

Currently, we are running a group called Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, a mentoring program for girls, designed to encourage physical activity participation, healthy eating choices, and the development of a positive self-image.

As students juggle their school, home, and community commitments, some might experience increased anxiety that impacts upon their capacity to cope. Fortunately there are a variety of resources out there that can help them through times like this. We would like to highlight two of these.

Anxiety BC has a great website and has developed an app for teens called Mind-Shift (<http://www.anxietybc.com/resources/mindshift-app>). It has simple strategies for helping to deal with friendship concerns, test anxiety, social anxiety, conflict and range of other topics. If they have a cell phone, they can download this free of charge.

Check out a webinar session presented by Dr. Lynn Miller, called Worries and Woes – Identifying and Preventing Anxiety in Children. This can be found on the FORCE society for kids' mental health website (www.forcesociety.com) by going to the "In the Know" section and looking at the library. While there, you can also see some of the ways that the FORCE society supports families with children with mental health issues.

Anxiety is something that we all experience, but during these middle school years, some children struggle with ways to manage. If you are concerned about your child, encourage them to stop by the counselling office and talk with one of us or contact us directly by email or phone. There will be a group starting soon that will focus on how to cope with stress so if you think that your child would benefit from this, please email me at marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca

Special programs for Elite Performers

Is your child involved in performing at a provincial, national or international level in the domain(s) of athletics, theatre, music, dance or modelling? As these students reach Middle School, the demands on their time often increase and they may require assistance balancing their personal and school worlds.

The purpose of the SD43 Elite Performers Program is to facilitate families and schools working in partnership to ensure that these students are able to build educational programs that maximize success as they transition to Secondary School, work towards meeting Graduation Program requirements, post-secondary goals, and achieving their potential in their discipline. If you would like more information about this program, you can visit the school district website; if you have questions, feel free to contact Ms. Armstrong or Mr. Kolkea.

M. Armstrong & C. McLellan



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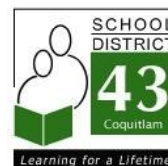
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Important Notices

Please see an important announcement regarding 2 Additional Non-Instructional Days added to this year's calendar.

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

Winter Weather Notice:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/moody/Publications/Winter%20Weather%20Information%20October%202015.pdf>

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, and more...

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

Moody Middle plants trees in Africa

Our yearbook company, FutureBook, will plant one tree for every yearbook bought at Moody Middle this year, through Trees for the Future. Since our school has already made a payment for our yearbooks, they have begun planting trees as you read this notice! The trees that are being planted on our school's behalf effectively replace one hundred times the number of trees consumed by the production of your yearbook. This is a very significant action that provides both an environmental and economic catalyst in some of the world's most deforested and impoverished countries. Please note that Trees for the Future now focuses all of their efforts in Africa, ensuring the most cost-efficient and environmentally sound programming for their organization.

Yearbooks will be going on sale starting in December for an early bird price of \$30. On Feb. 1, the cost of the yearbooks will go to the regular price of \$35.



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>