

ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



Newsletter #4—15/16

December 2015

Principally Speaking

Welcome to December at École Moody Middle! The first term is over, fall sports are complete, and last week we enjoyed the musical talents of our École Moody Middle Junior and Senior Band, Choir, as well as the dramatic talents of our fall theatre group. As we look forward to 2016, Ski/Snowboard Club is preparing for their outings on Seymour Mountain, the Spring Musical will begin auditions and basketball season along with other winter sports and clubs will be very busy after Christmas.

Displaying gratitude and service are important aspects of our middle school all year long, beginning with collecting for the Terry Fox Foundation, collecting for SHARE's food bank for the community's less fortunate, and then continuing on with other projects selected by our Me to We students. December is a great month, filled with even more opportunities to practice those habits that serve us well for our lifetime. Thank you for your support and encouraging your children to find ways to give back to our community.

After Christmas you will begin to hear and see a growing evidence of students developing an inquiry. Building background information through our water theme will help classes and individuals make connections and explore a variety of areas of interest. On March 9th our school community will come together for a celebration of learning with a school-wide presentation of learning in our gym.

DONATIONS: Last week we had the wonderful opportunity to take a photo together with TD Canada Trust members who donated to our music program when they heard about our need for more music risers. Eric Kim, the Branch Manager in Port Coquitlam supported us with a financial donation, along with a donation from David Alves, Branch Manager of the Como Lake branch. These donations were then matched with a personal contribution by a TD Bank employee.

The total donation of \$1000 allowed us to purchase two new risers to help hold our bursting choir of 80 students.

Construction: In case you haven't visited our Construction Update button on our website, just click: [Construction Updates](#) here.

Moving to Secondary School: Yesterday Ms. Armstrong brought all our grade 8's together to begin sharing information with our students about moving on to grade 9. All grade 8's were given a handout with dates to plan for in January and February. You can find this information and more in our Publications section under [Moving to Secondary School](#)

Wishing you and your families a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year!

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!



Mrs. Reichert & Mr. Kolkea receiving a generous financial donation for our new Band & Choir risers (seen behind the group), from members of the TD Bank.



Twitter: If you don't already follow us on Twitter here are a few posts you have missed:

No animals were harmed in the creative process of making our foyer reflect our school wide water theme.
pic.twitter.com/PV9M5x8jL9

A beautiful piece of art to honour our school wide read. More responses to the book coming soon
[@EricRWalters](https://twitter.com/EricRWalters) pic.twitter.com/yvCvZeHOkZ

Our Choir is preparing to sing this Saturday at the CP Holiday Train. Celebrating the season and the arts.
pic.twitter.com/g8ThCvEhet

Foundation Skills Assessment

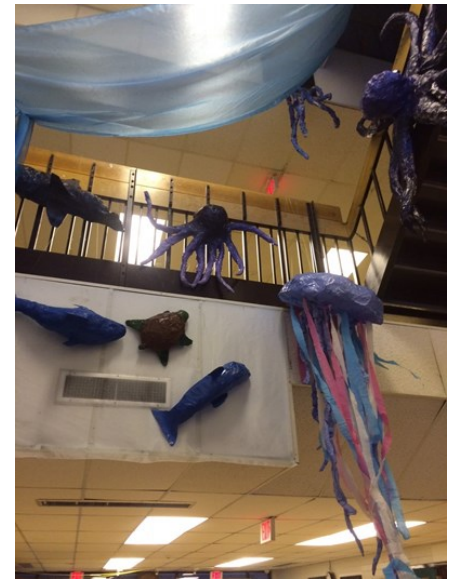
FSA: Today we emailed an FSA Letter to our grade 7 parents and guardians. This annual assessment for Grade 7's will take place in January. A copy of this letter can also be found on our website under [Publications](#)

Artstarts Support EMMSOTA with \$10,000:

Our vision of integrating and innovating learning through the arts includes the opportunity of having artists in our classrooms. In September, EMMSOTA staff used their Professional Learning Day to write a grant application to Artstarts. This week we learned that our application was one of the successful bids and we have been awarded \$10,000 to develop an art installation, or presentation of learning with each classroom in cooperation with a professional artist.

The project will include two phases: (1) two full days of school-wide art-making workshops, and then (2) planning, designing and guiding a project or project(s) for a Presentation of Learning (POL) to express and celebrate the inquiry process. This POL may include art installations, live events, and/or interventions in the school and outdoor environment that highlight or raise questions about our personal, environmental and cultural connection to water. The second phase connects each artist with one pod for approximately 32 hours of contact time over four to six weeks.

The artists that will be part of this learning journey are Marisa Pahl, Interdisciplinary Visual and Community Artist and Adrian Walker, Interdisciplinary and Visual Artist.



Our 'water theme' paper mache on display in the foyer

These are our guiding principles that are driving our school planning:

Integrating the arts into our learning: Drama, Dance, Digital Arts, Media Arts, Visual Arts, Music, and Technical Arts.

Community art connections and partnerships: enriching our learning experiences beyond the walls of our school.

Extension of art opportunities: providing students with additional art experiences.

Portfolios of Learning: An ongoing collection of Presentations of Learning including personal reflections on 30 months of middle school.

Learning through the arts: engaging students and sparking a passion for learning.

Late French Immersion: a growing new program, now with grade six and seven.

Continued focus on literacy and numeracy: providing the structures and supports to have students grow their basic skills.

Personalized learning for every student: each student is known by significant adults in the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. It is a powerful way to be informed and involved in your child's school.



**Construction continues
— earth removal is now the major project**

Project Change

Our school’s environmental group had a few things on the go this past month. We had the Moody Market open, and a very successful hot chocolate sale last week. We once again raised money for the Wildlife Rescue Association. In January we are going to start preparing for growing plants in our indoor greenhouse. Eventually our flowers will decorate our outside spaces. We appreciate donations of tin cans to use as growing containers (398ml or larger), as well as donations for the Moody Market. Items such as youth clothing, accessories, books, games are appreciated—Anything youth might enjoy.

For more information please contact Christine McLellan at cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca



Hot chocolate sale

Spring Musical to be announced tomorrow...

Tomorrow we will officially announce that our Spring Musical will be... a water themed event!!

All students are invited to join in the fun as we learn scripts, songs and dances, and although there will be tryouts for lead roles there will be parts for everyone who participates. Rehearsals will run on Tuesdays and Fridays after school (3:00 - 4:30) and Fridays at lunch, starting the second week back to school. Show dates are the week of April 18-21, 2016.

More information to follow.

Mrs. Jane Ono, Drama Teacher



Our water themed musical—coming soon!



Beluga show at the Aquarium

POD & Division news

Fire Pod

Fun at the Aquarium!

Stanley Park is the biggest park in the lower mainland. Inside Stanley Park is the Vancouver Aquarium. We were all fortunate enough to be able to go there for a visit. Some highlights were seeing Scuba Claus swimming with fish, all the different types of jellyfish and the beluga show. Another highlight was that we all got to go to the Wet Lab to touch and learn about sea life. We all had a great time and hope to go again.

By Mikayla B and Maddy H

Shoreline Cleanup

Moody Middle participates in the shoreline cleanup

Each year, classes around the province participate in the shoreline clean-up. A shoreline clean-up is where anyone can volunteer to help cleanup their community. This year, Division 3 from Moody Middle participated at the shoreline cleanup at Old Orchard Park. They spent time removing garbage such as: cigarette butts, plastic, bottle caps, etc. from our local shoreline. They also spent time removing invasive species from the area such as: English ivy, Himalayan blackberries, and Periwinkle. These plants were taking away nutrients, sunlight, and water from local species until students from Moody Middle removed them from the area. So if you ever get the chance to volunteer, do it! It can really change your communities and it will help plants and animals.

By Heaton C and Nicole S



Students from Division 3 participating in the Shoreline Clean-up



What does a shark eat with peanut butter?
JELLYFISH!!

PAC Contacts

2015-2016
PAC Executive is as follows:

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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

The first week back at school in January, watch for a Quinoa Pops flyer to come home with your child. A special promotion gives you a free box of quinoa cereal! Forms and payment will be due back on Jan 13.

Upcoming PAC meeting dates—7pm in the Library:

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

School-wide participation in Shoreline Cleanup:

Please see the article on the Lower Mainland Green Team website when Moody helped clean up the shore and remove weeds. We dug up the roots and all!

http://The-Lower-Mainland-Green-Team/Dec_1_2015/

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

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are still on sale for the early bird price of \$30 — order by Jan 31, 2016 to receive the early bird price!

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*

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/Pages/publications.aspx>

Winter Weather Notice:

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

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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, and more...

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



IMPORTANT DATES:

Please see all our upcoming important dates on our website calendar:

<http://Moody Middle Calendar>

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Happy Holidays to Everyone!
Here are some pics of Earth Pod's Door Decorating Festivities!
Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy and happy New Year :)