

ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



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Principally Speaking

Evidence of Caring & Learning
Celebrating Caring & Learning

RAC (Real Acts of Caring) Week has provided a real recognition and celebration of kindness at our school this past week. Each day we have had about 50 entries to our RAC draw box. This is where staff and students have shared an act of kindness they have experienced from another person. We have drawn, and then read a number of these entries over the announcements each day and given each person mentioned a special prize. This has been a great introduction to Anti Bullying Day coming up on February 24th.

This term each student in our school is using our water theme to develop an inquiry and work toward a presentation of learning that will be showcased on March 9th. On Wednesday, March 9th students in every division will be prepared to talk about their learning with a parent or guardian during our Presentation of Learning (POL) event. Teachers will be sending home information about this event in the next week so that parents/guardians can book times to attend. To facilitate this event there will be an early dismissal at 1:50 pm on March 9th. Parents as participants in their children's learning takes time and effort but supports growth, engagement and deepens learning. On behalf of all the staff at EMMSOTA, thank you for taking time to come to our POL and continuing to be involved in our school.

Another school-wide learning opportunity is coming when we return after March Break. Through our ArtStarts grant of \$10,000 we will be bringing an artist to each classroom to partner with the students and staff to create an art installation. This collaborative and creative process will enhance our building and extend our water theme even further. One of our goals as a school of the arts is to partner with community artists to help students connect the arts to their learning. Our artists are photographer and multimedia artist Adrian Walker and multimedia artist Marisa Pahl. Along with EMMSOTA staff, Adrian and Marisa will be helping guide students along a creative learning journey while leaving a legacy.

École Moody Middle School of the Arts continues to be a vibrant, dynamic learning community and our students and staff continue to create a wonderful place to learn in a culture of care.

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!



Chinese New Year pastel artwork
created by our EAL and International Students

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are still on sale! The price for yearbooks is now \$35— limited copies are available. **Order now to ensure you get a copy. Our order form is on our website:**

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

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. Very few remain at *only \$10*

Follow us on Twitter @43moody! If you don't already follow us on Twitter here are a few posts you have missed:

Today's construction action. pic.twitter.com/tkdro0GbuG

Real Acts of Caring Week is a chance to recognize one another [@43moody](https://twitter.com/@43moody) for being kinder than necessary. pic.twitter.com/bvYNNZeTTI

Seymour skiing with EMMSOTA. Amazing views tonight. Good times!! [@43moody](https://twitter.com/@43moody) pic.twitter.com/kzTk2xXTIR



Peter Sklar, Director
Ed. M. Harvard University

Peter Sklar, Ed. M. Harvard University, is pleased to be making his Broadway producing debut with his new musical, *The Kid Who Played the Palace*, (Director, Bill Martin, Broadway's *The Lieutenant*: five-time Tony nominee).

He is a nationally-known speaker, educator, author, talent scout and producer with three decades of experience discovering and working behind-the-scenes with young performers



Peter Sklar visiting and speaking — Feb 25th — 6:30pm

As a School of the Arts we have been given a special opportunity to host a well-known expert and speaker Peter Sklar. Peter is a New York-based lecturer, educator and talent scout. The founder of Beginnings Workshop, Sklar has lectured throughout North America on child development, education, and the arts

Please see the press release for more information on this event.

RSVP required 604.461.7384

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/moody/Publications/Peter Sklar](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/moody/Publications/Peter%20Sklar)

Gifted Program

Our gifted education teacher, Mrs. Andersen, would like to direct the families of our gifted students to check out her website [Moody Middle Mrs. Andersen](http://www.moodymiddlemrsandersen.com) 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 you 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

MOODY ATHLETICS

Moody Athletics

Basketball season is in full swing. End of season playoffs will be held on the following dates:

Friday, Feb 26 – Grade 6 Maverick Basketball
The Gr. 6 District Basketball Tournament is on **Friday, Feb 26th**. Coach Kolkea has sent home information with players today about next Friday's tournament.

Monday, March 7 – Grade 7/8 Girls bball
(@ Como Lake Middle School)

Monday, March 7 – Grade 7/8 Boys bball
(@ Maillard Middle School)

Ski & Snowboard Club

Our ski & snowboard club has been having a great time up Mount Seymour! We've now enjoyed 3 out of our 4 lessons. One more great day of skiing and boarding to go...



Baking Bread in Science labs

MOODY MIDDLE IS...



Construction: In case you haven't visited our Construction Update button on our website, just click:

[Construction Updates](#) here



View from today...
foundation concrete is well under way!

Tech Ed String Art



Students in Tech Ed have started to get creative with their String Art Projects. There are many examples of students working on their skills with hammers, nails, and tying those dreaded knots!



Counselor / Youth Worker Corner

For our Grade 8 students there is lots happening to get them ready to transition on to Secondary School. The counsellors from Port Moody Secondary and Gleneagle high schools have met with students in those catchment schools and reviewed the program selection process. The course selection sheets should already have been returned to us; if you haven't yet seen and signed it, you can get it to us on Monday, February 22nd.

For those students heading to one of our other secondary schools, the course selection sheets are also due at this time.

In April, the Grade 8 teachers will meet with the Secondary Counsellors of our main Secondary Schools to talk about each student's academic and social-emotional needs. If there is something that you feel is important for us to share at that meeting, please contact Ms. Armstrong before April 15th so that it may be included at those meetings.

As our Grade 8 students are thinking about moving on to Secondary School, we are noticing that some students are experiencing increased anxiety. If you are concerned about your child, please contact us so we can look at some extra ways to help support them during this time.

If you are looking for some activities during spring break, please see the link below:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/porter/Publications/Port%20Moody%20Arts%20Centre%20-%20Spring%20Break%20Camps.pdf>

M. Armstrong marmstrong@sd43.bc.ca

Our Recycled Plastic bottle cap art project by Project Change is finished and on display!

PROJECT CHANGE:

We have been very busy this past month in Project Change. We've been working on our recycled bottle cap art project, which we have now finished. We have started filling some of the cans we collected with soil for our gardening project, but we still need more cans and two litre bottles for our mini hydroponic gardens to make this project successful. We have sent \$60 from our Moody Market to the Wildlife Rescue Association. We would like to donate more, but we need more donated items for the market to earn more money!

We'll soon be making some planters out of old desks that were no longer useable and we're planning another Shoreline Cleanup with another POD!

Donation requests: Clothing for youth, games, cards, stationary, books. Anything Middle School kids might like.

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FSA Testing

Gr. 7 students have now completed the FSA testing. Results will be sent home to parents when they become available in April.

PAC News & Events

EVENT REMINDERS:
MOVIE NIGHT - Thursday, Feb 18:

- Moody Middle PAC is hosting Movie Night featuring Ant-Man, a Marvel superhero movie (note - Ant-Man is rated PG)
- doors open @ 6:30 – show starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Admission is \$4.00 per person
- This is a family friendly event, so bring your whole family and enjoy it together! We look forward to seeing you there.
- Concession available, including popcorn, chips, chocolate bars, drinks, and more!

PAC TREAT & HOTDOG/HAMBURGER DAY - Friday February 26 at noon hour.
The menu will include:

Treats such as Quinoa Pops and more	\$.50-1.50
Drinks	\$ 1-2.00
Fruit	\$ 1.00
Hot Dogs	\$ 2.00
Hamburger	\$ 3.00
Special Valentine Treats	\$ 1-\$ 2

BOOK FAIR:

École Moody Middle will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair **February 29 to March 4** with an additional day on **Wednesday March 9**. The hours are as follows:

Monday Feb 29 - Noon hour
Tuesday March 1 - 8:00-8:30am
Wednesday March 2 - Noon hour and 2:50-3:30pm
Thursday March 3 - 8:00-8:30 and Noon hour
Friday March 4 - Noon hour
Wednesday March 9 - 1:45-4:00pm (Presentations of Learning, early dismissal day)

PAC Meetings:

Our next scheduled PAC meeting on Feb 29 is cancelled.
The next meeting will be on Monday, April 4 at 7 pm in the library.

Upcoming Events/Notices to watch for are:

Raffle Basket Donations: Please watch for the spring fair raffle basket donation notice to come home. Please keep in mind if you have any actual baskets to donate, that would be greatly appreciated. The raffle baskets will be raffled off at the spring play.

Staff Appreciation Notice: Will be sent home at the same time as the raffle basket notice. These notices will be sent home after Spring Break.

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/WinterWeatherNotice>

Contact us:

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Visit us on the web at www.moodymiddle.ca

Community Corner

We have many community related activities posted on our website. Check for the latest information on art programs, sport programs, community 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—the next page includes our most current events

<http://Moody Middle Calendar>

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École Moody Middle School of the Arts upcoming IMPORTANT DATES...

Every Friday is Spirit Wear day—students are encouraged to wear any 'Moody Middle Wear' - spot prizes are given out each Friday!

February

- Fri Feb 19—ProD—schools not in session
- Tues Feb 23—Ski & Snowboard club
- Wed Feb 24—French Author visit to LFI classes
- Wed Feb 24—Moody Middle B.Ball playoffs (Gr 7/8)
- Thurs Feb 25—Peter Sklar presentation @ Moody Middle (RSVP required)
- Fri Feb 26—Moody Middle B.Ball playoffs (Gr 6)
- Fri Feb 26—PAC Treat Day

March

- Mar 1—4—Scholastic Book Fair
- Tues Mar 1—Moody Sr. Band @ PMSS Spring Concert
- Thurs Mar 3—Jr. Achievement Dollars & Sense program—Gr 7/8
- Mon Mar 7—Gr 7/8 Basketball Playoffs
- Wed Mar 9—Scholastic Book Fair
- Wed Mar 9—Early Dismissal @ 1:50
- Wed Mar 9—Presentations of Learning—1:30-4:30pm
- Fri Mar 11—last day of classes before Spring Break
- Fri Mar 11—2nd Formal report card (Term 2 ends)
- Mon Mar 14—Thurs Mar 24—Spring Break
- Fri Mar 25—Good Friday (Schools not in session)
- Mon Mar 28—Easter Monday (Schools not in session)
- Tuesday Mar 29—school reopens after Spring Break
- Tuesday Mar 29—Term 3 begins