

ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



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May 2016

Principally Speaking

“Welcome to the busy month of May: Every hour of every day at middle school is a busy and active time, for students and staff alike. Some months, however, seem to present us with even more opportunities to work and learn together with friends and colleagues. Since May and June are just like that, we encourage all families to find time to read through this newsletter and make note of some important calendar dates. We also highly recommend that you become, or continue to be, a regular visitor to our website: www.moodymiddle.ca for calendar updates and developing plans for next year. We don't want anyone to miss out on an opportunity to be involved in your child's time at École Moody Middle.

Integrating and Innovating Learning Through the Arts: Our learning journey through the arts has been greatly enhanced with our ArtStarts grant which has allowed each pod to collaborate with a professional artist for over 32 hours. The installations resulting from this work are nearing their presentation stage. On May 26th each pod will be revealing their installation which is grounded in our theme of water. Photography, paper-mâché, crocheting and painting are just some of the mediums that have been explored by our students and staff.

Finishing With Your Best: We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage parents and caregivers to have conversations with your young adolescents about finishing strong. At this time of year, with more sunshine, longer daylight hours and lots of activities and friends, some students forget to give their learning equal attention. These last two months are important times of learning and academic growth, not to mention neural growth in their rapidly developing brains. Partner up with our 'school adults' and encourage your child to finish with their best.

Thank you for the continued privilege of working with your children – they are an amazing group of young people.

Thank you for reading our newsletters, visiting our website or communicating with your child's teacher to keep up to date with all things Moody.

Mr. Trevor Kolkea, Principal
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2016-17 School Organization

We have been busy getting to know our incoming grade 5s and preparing our grade 8s for their move to secondary school. At this time we are expecting an enrolment of approximately 290 grade 6-8 students at École Moody Middle next year, organized into three pods. We have increased our enrolment for the coming year in both our Late French Immersion program, as well as, our English speaking classes. All our pods will include students from grade 6 to 8. We have added a third late French immersion class, so we will have the opportunity to have a full pod of grade 6, 7 and 8 students in one pod. This will encourage and promote more learning and collaborating opportunities for our French language learners. It also means there will be more student movement to different pods for next year.

Our goal in your child's 30 months of middle school is to help grow adult connections, peer relationships and reduce transitions while learning at EMMSOTA. With this in mind, we are doing our very best to create balanced classes and place your child in a class that is best for their learning and social development.

Enrolment is still fluctuating on a daily basis so a firm organization is not yet possible. Here is our planning to date to help keep you informed.

Fire Pod – four divisions; two divisions of grade 6/7 and two divisions of 7/8

Wind Pod – three divisions; one division of grade 6 and two divisions of 7/8

Earth Pod – three divisions; one division of grade 6, one division of grade 7, one division of grade 8

We will have more updates on our school organization in the coming weeks.



ATHLETICS:

Congrats to the Moody Middle Track & Field team!

We had an excellent day at the district track meet and had so many students place at the meet that we can't name them all! Here are some highlights:

Rodneil O—1st—Shot Put

Trinity W & Emma L—2nd-High Jump

Evan R—3rd—800m

SoJin L—3rd-Shotput

Steven H—2nd-discus

Joshua L—3rd—100m

Sophia G—2nd Shotput and 1st discus for the third year in a row!!

Congrats to all our participants and thanks from all your Track & Field coaches!



MOODY MIDDLE IS...



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

[Construction Updates](#)



Picture from this past week...
Construction continues on the foundation and walls!

Counsellor's Corner

SD43's Coquitlam Summer Learning offers students from grades 1 through 12 a variety of learning opportunities. All courses are FREE! **Registration** for Elementary, Middle & Secondary Skill Building, Remedial and Grade 10 & 11 High School (Advance) Credit/Online Fast Track is now open. Grade 12 High School (Advance Credit/Online Fast Track) opens May 25. For more information please see visit www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

If you are looking for **leisure activities**, please read on to see the 2 summer recreation passes available in our community.

Port Moody: On sale now at the Rec Complex. Keep the kids active and having fun over summer break, without breaking the bank! For only \$20.00, a Summer Child & Youth Pass will provide unlimited access to all drop-in activities in Port Moody, including swimming at outdoor pools, gymnasium drop-in programs, fitness classes and youth drop-in activities from June 20 to September 5, 2016.

For more information, see: <http://www.portmoody.ca/index.aspx?page=1401>

Coquitlam also has a similar pass, please go to the following link for more information: <http://www.coquitlam.ca/parks-recreation-and-culture/sport-and-recreation/one-pass/summerchildandyouthpass.aspx>

Parents are encouraged to register now for 'School Cash Online' - our new on-line payment system at Moody!

We have introduced a new online payment system that will allow you to view and pay you child's student fees safely and conveniently online.

In future, we will be using this system for all forms of payments, as well as signing permission forms! Field trips, school activity fees, spirit wear, art class registration, etc will all be available online

Here's how to get started:

Go to: <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>

Click on "Get Started Today"

Create your account

Enter first and last name; click continue

Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue



SchoolCashOnline

Need help with
online payments?



Contact Parent Help Desk
1(866)961-1803

Visit <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>

Project Change

We have some plants growing in our indoor garden centre! We hope to get our small hydroponic plants growing soon as well.

We are nearing completion of 3 outdoor planters that we made out of an old desk that was no longer functional. We appreciate any donations of outdoor flowers that we can put in our planters, and in some of the gardens we have created within our school grounds.

In early June we will be teaming up with a few divisions for another shoreline cleanup of Dallas Creek.

Contact Christine about anything to do with Project Change cmclellan@sd43.bc.ca



CONGRATS TO TWO OF MOODY'S STUDENTS...

Kaia G is representing the PacWest Performing Arts Festival at Provincials in the 14 and under Voice/Musical Theatre category. Most of the competitors in this category are now 15 and have much more mature voices, so it will be a great experience with 3 performances, a high level of adjudication and a number of workshops.

Muzzammil T won gold medal and became our 2016 Pommel Horse Western Canadian Champion; thereby Best of the West on this event. Also, team BC placed second and were decorated with a silver medal.

There were 1800 participating gymnasts, making this year's Western Canadian Championship the biggest in Canada's history.

Wishing all the best to every athlete in every area of sports and all the kids in their like.

From Muzzammil's parents

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

Today every student in our school contributed to local artist Sara Graham's Mood Map of Port Moody <https://twitter.com/43moody/status/730135699475697664>

Local heroes honored in their own art piece. Congrats to 2 of our EMMSOTA staff. You are our heroes!

<https://twitter.com/43moody/status/729364807397220352>



Annual Bookmark Design Contest

All students are welcome to enter.

Entry forms are available in the library or from homeroom teachers.

The deadline is Friday, June 3

Winners will have their design professionally printed and distributed to staff and students.

Here is an example of one of last year's winners.



Write-On Writers...

NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)... It is quickly coming up to the deadline to enter our edited copy in to the publishing website. We must have it done, including cover, by Tuesday, May 31st. That leaves the one meeting on the 31st as the absolute last opportunity to make it to the Novel Writing Finish Line! Parents, please encourage your child to push through the last bit of their novel. They have been working hard on the rough draft and this last little bit of editing is the toughest part of it all. Please encourage them, let them know that their story is unique and their own masterpiece, even if they aren't overly happy with how the story unfolded. They may never open the book themselves once they receive their copy, but to have a copy of a book that you wrote, with your name as the author, is something very inspiring to have on any bookshelf. It is something that they can later see there and know that no matter what life challenges they face, like writing that book, they can do it and see the challenge to the end. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Caroline Parker at CParker@sd43.bc.ca

Earth Pod ArtStarts Sessions with Marisa Pahl

Earth Pod had an eventful four weeks in April and May! The images you see here are from our ArtStarts experience. Guest artist, Marisa Pahl helped students to design a **Daily Art Challenge** to suit their individual interests and incorporate our **Water** theme. Many methods were practiced and introduced and then each student chose or created their own **20 Day Art Challenge**. This Wednesday was Marisa's last day with the Pod, and it was spent putting together a video that we will get to share with the school during our **Art Presentations on May 26th**!

ArtStart Student Reflections:

"I loved ArtStarts and working with Marisa. She taught me different styles of art and textures. I hope next year she will come back!" Laticia

"I enjoyed this five minute 20 day challenge because it lets me express myself and if I need a break, it is right here." Dyson

"ArtStarts was new and unique for me. I thought it was fun and a tiny bit challenging to make something new every day!" Kai

"I love ArtStarts, it is very creative and I enjoy it very much." Bobo

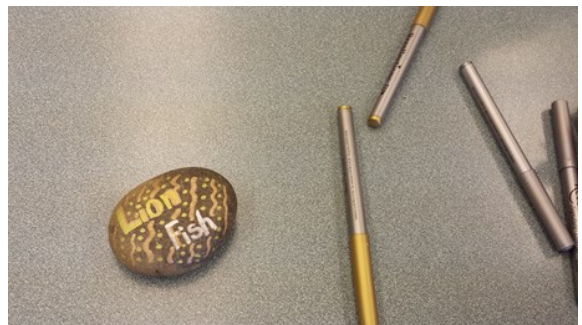
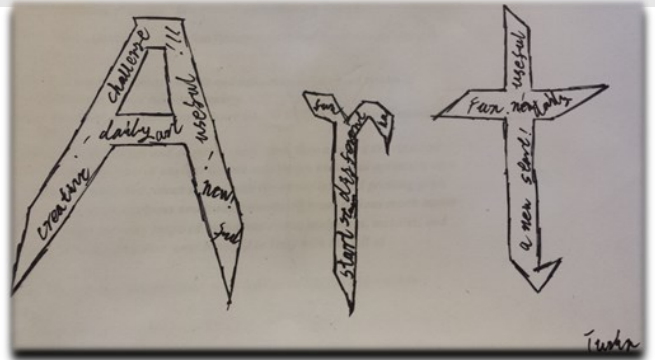
"I really enjoyed this project because there are endless possibilities to what you can do." Unknown

"ArtStarts was very simple and made my creativity burst. It was fun and calming. I liked how it was silent while we were doing it. It also made me more interested in art." Julie

"I really loved this art project because I could choose what I wanted to do and I had infinite choices." Logan

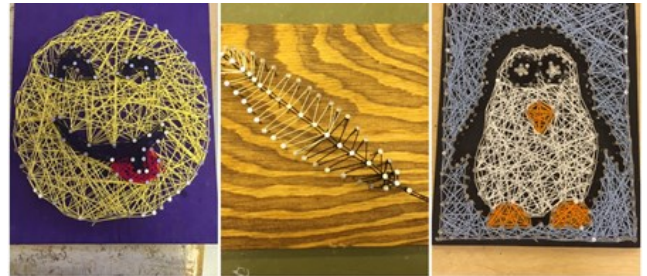
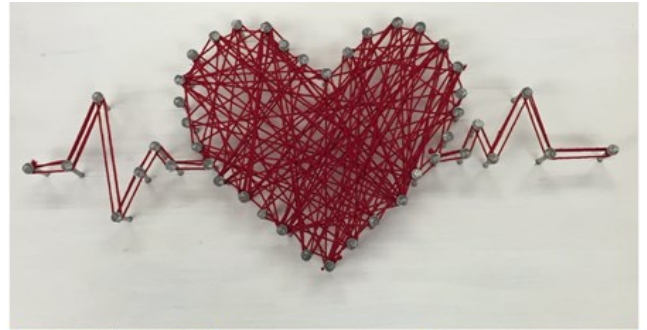
"I loved it, it was entertaining for me to create something new out of random chance. Random generators are amazing!" Laura

"I liked doing blackout poetry, it is just cool how many different things you can come up with in just one page." Brena



Tech Ed

String Art has taken off in TechEd. Students have become more creative with the designs and these are some of the latest masterpieces!



Fire Pod...

Fire Pod students have been super busy this last month. We have been learning about the solar system in science. I have been enjoying this because we get to do lots of hands on activities and we are creating 3D models of all the planets. Our switch class is painting ceiling tiles to show the planets to scale.

Fire Pod has also been working with this amazing artist named Adrian Walker. He has been teaching us how to take professional pictures by using the principles and elements of design in photography. We are also learning to use a program called Photoshop Elements to edit our pictures. We will be using our final pictures to produce our pod art installation. This has been such a great experience.

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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!

May

- Thurs May 19—Creative Pack order forms due to office
- Thurs May 19—Newsletter #9
- Fri May 20—Pro D—schools not in session
- Mon May 23—Victoria Day—schools not in session
- May 24—Mossom Creek Hatchery visits (Div 4,6 a.m. / Div 5,10 p.m.)
- May 25—Badminton Tourmanent—Gr 7 @ Charles Best Secondary School
- May 26—ArtStarts Installation
- May 26—Mossom Creek Hatchery visits (Div 7,9 a.m.)
- May 27—Mossom Creek Hatchery visits (Div 1,8 a.m. / Div 2,3 p.m.)
- Thurs May 26—Grd 6 Immunizations
- Mon May 30—Vancouver Art Gallery field trips (Div 8,10)
- Tues May 31—Vancouver Art Gallery field trips (Div 1,7)
- Tues May 31—Badminton tournament—Gr 8 @ Charles Best Secondary School

June

- June 1-3—Grade 8 Camp @ Loon Lake
- June 2—Grade 6 Immunizations catch-up
- June 3—Rocky Point Activity Day—Gr 6 & 7
- June 10—Cultus Lake Field trip—Gr 6 & 7
- June 13—PAC Meeting in the Library
- June 15—After School Art Class with Lili Masbough
- June 15—Year End Concert—Jr/Sr Band & Choir
- June 22—After School Art Class with Lili Masbough
- June 27—Locker & room clean-up
- June 27 @ 10:20—Awards Ceremony
- June 27 @ 5:30—Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
- June 28—Year-end Activity Day @ Rocky Point
- June 29—Last day of school for all students—report card pick-up
- June 30—Administrative Day—schools not in session

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday June 27th
Awards and Year End Assembly Celebration.
Begins at 10:30

Monday June 27th
Gr. 8 Leaving Ceremony. Begins at 5:30

Shooting Stars Performing Arts Camp

Where: Moody Middle

When: July 25-29 & August 1-5

drop-off 8am/pick-up 3pm

Ages 5-12 join us for two weeks of performing arts
and outdoor adventures!

For more information check out
SHOOTING STARS CAMP on Facebook
or contact us at

StarsArtsCamp@gmail.com
(604)754.2324

STAT holiday drop-ins available
for campers and non-campers!