

ÉCOLE MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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Dear Parents and Students;

Welcome to École Moody Middle School of the Arts! I am excited to publish this letter for you as we prepare for our new year ahead. We look forward to reconnecting with your family and seeing how much our returning students have grown over the summer. I would also like to welcome those who are new to our school and invite you to get involved in the many opportunities that are available to our students and their parents.

New Student Orientation/Tours

If you are new to EMMSOTA and have not had a chance to see our learning spaces, or you would like to visit us to feel ready for next Tuesday, please join us on Thursday September 1st at 10:00 am. Mr. Kolkea and Ms. Armstrong will spend time helping you navigate your way around so you know where to go and what to expect on your first day coming up next week. If you registered over the summer, missed our spring open house, grade 6 visits, or simply want to feel more comfortable for day one, please plan to join us on Thursday.

Timely Arrival

Please assist your child in arriving to school on time. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a student's development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin promptly at 8:30 am. If your child will be late or absent please contact the school office by phone, 604-461-7384, or e-mail moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca. Our secretary "call back" is in place to help ensure the safety of our children and we call all contact numbers in priority sequence if a child is not accounted for. Please assist us by ensuring that you have called in to report your child's absence.

Parking and Transportation

Parking is very limited at Moody Middle during construction. In fact, we currently do not have enough parking to accommodate all of our staff members. Keeping this in mind, please take a moment to review our Transportation Safety memo on our website at the following link: <https://TransportationSafety@Moody>

First Day of School

Preparations have been made for an exciting year and we look forward to greeting all our students, new and experienced! Students are to arrive by 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 6th for registration and attendance, which will be completed by 10:00 am. It is very important that all children attend—if your child will be attending École Moody Middle School of the Arts in 2016-17, but cannot make it to school on the first day, please let us know by contacting the school office by phone, 604-461-7384, or e-mail moodymiddlesecretary@sd43.bc.ca

When students arrive Tuesday morning they will find their name on a pod list posted in our front foyer in 'A' Building. The list is composed of students in grades 6, 7 & 8. There are three meeting locations for the three pod groups. All of this information will be posted in 'A' Building and there will be many leaders on hand to help with any questions students may have.

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Class Placement

It is our goal to have classes formed by Friday, September 9th. However, September frequently brings surprises with changes in enrolment so it is possible that students will continue to meet in pods or teams for the duration of the first week of classes. During this time, students and teachers will begin to develop school and pod spirit and get to know each other. They will learn about school expectations for personal and social responsibility in all areas of the school and learn what it means to be MIGHTY at École Moody Middle School of the Arts.

Supplies

Students will be told on Tuesday what supplies they will need to bring over the course of the week. School supplies purchased from Creative Children will soon arrive at École Moody Middle and will be distributed directly to students by their teacher. You can review our school supply list on our website here:

<https://CreativeChildrenschoolsorderform2016-17.pdf>

Lunches

Students will not require a lunch on the first day (Tuesday), but beginning on Wednesday September 7th, please send your child with a snack, lunch and refillable water bottle in the morning. If for some reason you need to drop off a lunch for your child it can be left at the office for your child to pick up during their non-instructional times.

Communication

Announcements that are made each morning at the school are posted on our website daily to facilitate shared communication between the classrooms and our school community.

Parents with messages for their children are asked to contact the office. Notifications of these messages will be passed on to the student during nut break, lunch time or at the end of the day. As we are protective of the learning environment of all our students, we cannot relay messages to students during class time concerning social arrangements.

Early Dismissal

Please whenever possible, make appointments for your child outside of school hours. If you do need to pick up your child early, we ask that you advise the office, your child, and your child's teacher in advance so that the student is ready to leave without interrupting their classmates. All students must sign out in person from the office before leaving school property.

Construction

Our new school building is on schedule to be completed for the fall of 2017. It is a very impressive structure that boasts three floors and is nestled along the forest and ravine on the edge of our property. While under construction, students are asked to stay away from the construction fencing and work zone. Parents and students are reminded to watch for increased traffic as the crew work to complete our new school.

We trust that you and are looking forward to new school beginnings with us at École Moody Middle School of the Arts. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday Sep 6!

Trevor Kolkea, **Principal**

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2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR MAGNET

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Schools Open – 9:00-10:00 only
- 7-9 First full days, Maverick Week
- 12 Exploration Classes begin
- 15 Student Photo Day
- 15 Newsletter #1
- 21 Parent Orientation/Open House evening
- 23 District Non-Instructional Day

OCTOBER

- 10 Thanksgiving Day
- 13 Newsletter #2
- 19 Student Photo Re-takes
- 21 Provincial Non-Instructional Day

NOVEMBER

- 7 Grade 6 Immunizations
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 14 Curriculum Day - Schools Not in Session
- 16 Student Led conferences – early dismissal @ 1:50
- 17 Grade 6 Immunizations – catch-up
- 17 Newsletter #3
- 21 Exploration 2 begins

DECEMBER

- 5 Term 2 begins
- 7 Christmas Concert
- 15 Newsletter #4
- 16 1st Formal Report Cards – last day before break
- Dec 19/16-Jan 2/17 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2017

- 3 School reopens after Winter Vacation
- 19 Newsletter #5
- 25 EMMSOTA Info Night
- 30 School based non instructional day

FEBRUARY

- 6 Exploration 3 begins
- 13 BC Family Day
- 16 Newsletter #6
- 22 Presentation of Learning – early dismissal @ 1:50
- 24 Non-Instructional Day

MARCH

- 6 Term 3 begins
- 9 Newsletter # 7
- 10 2nd Formal Report Cards – last day before break
- 13-24 Spring Vacation Period
- 27 School reopens after Spring Vacation
- 27 Term 3 begins
- 30 Class photos

APRIL

- 4-6 Spring Musical – evening shows
- 13 Newsletter #8
- 14 Good Friday
- 17 Easter Monday
- 21 Non-Instructional Day
- 24 Exploration #4 begins

MAY

- 18 Newsletter #9
- 19 School Based Non-Instructional Day
- 22 Victoria Day – schools not in session
- 25 Grade 6 Immunizations #2

JUNE

- 1 Grade 6 Immunizations – catch-up
- 14 Year-end concert
- 26 Year-end recognition/awards ceremony
- 29 3rd/Final Formal Report Cards
- 29 Last Day of School for all Students