

# COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL

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## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Collingwood Families,

As the school year comes to a close I am reflecting on how much our students have learned and grown over the past 10 months. When our Kindergarteners came into school for the first time and when our returning students were reunited with friends after summer break...in a snapshot they have learned to cut and paste, read harder books, solve problems with classmates and do Bollywood dancing. Through events like the Terry Fox Run, the Winter Concert, and Sports Day we were able to come together as a community and celebrate. We are hoping events like these will be more frequent next school year as we focus on building community and belonging at Collingwood. We are planning on having school-wide assemblies on a regular basis which will provide an opportunity to be in community through song and celebration.

But we aren't done this year yet! Teachers are continuing to embrace the teachings of Indigenous history, culture and Principles of Learning on our path to reconciliation. Some classes are involved in weaving projects while others are writing their own scripts and performance.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out during the school year! Your time and energy have helped make Collingwood a better place to learn.

I wish you all a safe couple of months and look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,  
Susan Worthington, Vice Principal

## Office Updates

Next year's school calendar has been approved and is posted on our website. School fees for 2023-2024 will remain at \$41.00.

**Are you moving?** We are asking families to contact the office if you know you will not be attending Collingwood in the Fall. It is very helpful for us to know before September if you are leaving so we can offer a space to those families on our waitlist.

**The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.** This is a full day; school will be in session from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Year End written reports will go home on this day as well. If your family will be leaving school early, we will hold their report card to be picked up in September. We are not able to mail report cards or give them to anyone but the legal parent or guardian of the student.

**The first day of school in September is Tuesday, September 5, 2023.** If students are not planning to return to school on Sept. 5, please fill out the Notice of Late Return Form that can be found on our school website. Please note, on the first day of school students attend from 9:00am-10:00am.

## Good-Byes

Change happens! Every year we welcome new members to our community and say good-bye to others. If you are leaving the Collingwood community we wish you all the best. A special

farewell to Principal Karen at Graham Bruce, to our PAC Chair Deepak Verma, to our TEIR students and to all of our Grade 3s. Thank you for your contributions to our school. Come back for a visit when you can, we'd love to see you!

## **PAC News**

Thank you to the PAC for your work this year. The Body Science presentations were an important addition to our learning community. Sarah, our presenter, was impressed with the engagement and positivity of both our families and our students. The picnic lunch, ice cream sandwiches and bunnies on Sports Day were a success and much enjoyed by all who attended.

Many of our families supported Graham Bruce's annual BBQ and joined in the fun. Our partnership is an important one so please come participate again next June!

The PAC supports school programs and initiatives and is always looking for more parents to join our monthly meetings. We will be looking for a new PAC Chair as Mr. Verma will be moving on. Thank you Deepak for your leadership, time and commitment to Collingwood Neighbourhood School.

PAC meetings take place the **first Tuesday** of the month in the school library as well as on-line. To help communicate, PAC has a WhatsApp group for anyone who wants to stay up to date and in touch with other PAC members. Regular updates are posted here. The code to join is...  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BadDS5RCz2tHTxiQoLBgnA>

Collingwood PAC's email address is [collingwoodschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:collingwoodschoolpac@gmail.com). Please reach out at any time.

## **Public Library Summer Reading Club**

[BC Summer Reading Club](#) is a free literacy program designed to engage children, ages 5-12, with libraries and reading, throughout the summer. Our

local library is the [Collingwood branch](#). It's a program complete with stickers, medals and, of course, fantastic featured books. They are eager to see you soon!

**Registration will begin on June 19!**

This year's BC Summer Reading Club theme is **Journey Through Time!** It features artwork by Vancouver-based illustrator and artist [Jeni Chen](#).

BC Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the [British Columbia Library Association](#) with the generous assistance of [Public Libraries Branch](#), [Ministry of Municipal Affairs](#), and [CUPE BC](#).

## **School Library Update**

THANK YOU for looking high, low, over and under for any overdue library books! We have had many returns and should be able to start September with a complete collection.

Overdue notices will be sent out once more before the end of June. Please note that the computer system isn't perfect and returned books can get missed. If your child is certain they have returned overdue books please have them come to the library and Ms. Worthington will check the shelves with them. If you have any questions or concerns about the notices please contact us.

## **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 22** – Kindergarten Intake Session for incoming Ks

**June 29** – last day of class for students

**June 30** – administrative day for staff. Students do not attend.

**September 5** – first day of school. Students attend for 1 hour.