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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Collingwood Families,

May has arrived and we are still waiting for that sunshine to join us, however the showers and cooler weather are not stopping us from learning through play outside.

The students recently participated in a Day of Play organized by their teachers. A lot of fun was had in classrooms playing board and card games, in the gym learning new ball games such as California Kickball and outside on the field participating in wide games. The focus in all activities was on turn-taking, fair play and sportsmanship. Currently, students are involved in a school-wide project where they design their own board game.

As you may have noticed, the large chain-link fence protecting the public sidewalk and our school property from Gaston Park has now been completely replaced. Grade 2s and 3s are thoroughly enjoying having the opportunity to use the field again. Vancouver Parks' Board reinforced the fence which will hopefully keep the large trees lining the walkway from pulling the fence down in future windstorms! Thank you to the teachers who organized and supervised "Gym Lunch Games" for the past couple of months while our field was unavailable.

It was an honour to open our doors to families for student-led conferences. Thank you for making the time to celebrate your child(ren)'s growth and successes. We hope that students were able to reflect on where they started and the progress they have made this year as well as begin new

conversations around setting goals for the remainder of the year.

We are thrilled to welcome two new staff! Ms. Margaret and Ms. Marlyn are joining us in the SSW role.

May and June often have a few additional activities happening. Information about any activity will be sent via your child's planner/agenda and email. If you have any questions, please stop by the office or give us a call. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Susan Worthington
Vice-Principal

Office Updates: District Communications

The latest VSB podcast is titled *District programs, mini schools, annexes and more*. In this 8th episode you will hear three Directors of Instruction define the term "district programs," review the district programs VSB offers and the benefit to their students. Speculation in the news about closing annexes, the move of the Ideal Mini program and public access to board meetings will also be covered. Click [HERE](#) to listen!

Episodes are released on the last Thursday of every month. Please listen, follow and rate it on Apple podcasts, Spotify, or anywhere you get your podcasts.

Office Updates: Earthquake Drill

Thursday May 5th is the VSB's annual district-wide Earthquake Drill. Students and staff will be practicing the Duck-Cover-Hold On process as well as how to evacuate the school and what to do afterwards in the event of an earthquake.

Aren't all drills the same? Actually, all emergency drills we practice are different. One way an earthquake drill is different from a fire drill is that students are given some time to gather all their personal belongings before leaving the school.

Practicing emergency drills increases student confidence, knowledge and execution of emergency response actions and allows us to identify any weaknesses in our current emergency system.

PAC News

A **HUGE** thank you to Collingwood PAC for funding an incredible week of learning, laughing and dancing! There are a few photos at the end of this newsletter for you to enjoy.

No doubt you heard your child refer to Mr. S, our dance leader, from Shiamak Davar's Vancouver location. His energy, positivity, and teaching techniques to learn the coreography were outstanding. You can find out all they offer by checking out their website.

<https://www.shiamak.ca/vancouver/>

PAC is currently planning a fundraising event to co-inside with Collingwood's Sports Day. The next PAC meeting will be tonight, Tuesday May 2nd at 6:30pm.

A recent change....The meetings now 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. Please reach out at any time.

Welcome To Kindergarten

We are excited to be meeting next year Kindergarten students and their families on the morning of May 17th.

A series of stations will be organized with information and personnel from community organizations such as Vancouver Coastal Health and Vancouver Public Library and our very own Strong Start program.

VSBC Summer Learning

Registration for summer learning has begun! With 8 locations around the city, VSB offers a wide-variety of courses from July 5-21. Please visit summer.vsb.bc.ca for registration information.

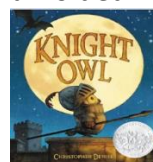
A few of the titles include: *Animals, Art and Science, Get Outdoors – Fun with Writing, Math Games, Puzzles and Art, Super Science and Getting Ready for Grade 4*. The full course catalogue can be found [HERE](#)

Library Update

The second annual Collingwood Reads book competition has concluded!

Knight Owl by Christopher Denise received the most votes though *Farmhouse, Gibberish, Blue and The Year I Learned to Fly* all received their fair share of votes.

The students enjoyed the timeless theme of unlikely friendship, the beautiful colourful illustrations and the unexpected events that unfolded in this, our winning story.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 2- PAC Meeting at 6:30pm

May 22 – Victoria Day – school closed

June 9 – Sports Day - more info to come

June 29 – Last day of school for students

June 30 – Administration Day – no school for students

A Few Bollywood Photos



Ms. Worthington has many more photos! If you are interested in a photo of your child, please email the office to schedule a time to meet.