

COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL

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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Vice-Principal of Collingwood Neighbourhood School. It is an honor to join this wonderful community and I am excited to embark on this journey with all of you.

As we step into a new academic year, we look forward to a time filled with learning, growth and new opportunities. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment where every student can thrive.

Please remember to regularly check your emails and our school website for important information throughout September and the rest of the year. Effective communication will be key to your child's success this year, and we want to ensure everyone stays informed and connected.

Together, let's make this year a memorable one full of achievements and positive experiences. I am eager to work with each of you to ensure a successful and fulfilling year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at ssahota@vsb.bc.ca

Warm regards,

Sharon Sahota
Vice-Principal

The First Week...

If your child is unable to attend the first days of school, please call the office to let them know – 604-713-5340 as soon as possible.

Please refer to the email sent out for specific details outlining procedures for the first week for new and returning students.

Important School Information

Absences/Lates

- Please call the Safe Arrival at 604-713-5159 EXT. 20# if your child will be absent or late. This information is important for the safety of students. Students arriving late (after teachers have taken attendance), must sign in the office. If you are taking your child to an appointment, please sign your child out of the school through the office.

Emergency Preparedness

- We regularly practice three types of safety drills: fire drills, earthquake drills and lockdown drills. Fire drills involve exiting the building in an efficient and orderly manner to assemble outside the school and quietly await further instructions. Earthquake drills involve, "Drop, Cover and Hold" protocols as well as evacuating the building. A lockdown drill involves locking all the interior and exterior doors and remaining quiet. All our drills are taught in the context of being safe and prepared and are discussed in an age appropriate manner.

Field Trips

- Your child may attend field trips this year as part of their learning. Parents/guardians are advised in advance with a form sent home to parents. Students will not be denied an opportunity to participate in field trips due to financial reasons; parents can confidentially speak to the school principal.

Outdoor Time

- Students are expected to be outside daily at recess and lunch for fresh air and movement. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Money Collection: School Cash Online

- School Cash Online is the online fee payment used by the Vancouver School Board to pay for all student fes and ALL school items. If you have not registered, please do so online. Please not that if you already have an account but have a new student entering the school you need only add the student to the existing account. Please click on this link: <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> Step 2: Register by selecting the “Get Started Now” and following the steps. Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the “click here” option, log in and add each of your children to your household account. If you have any troubles connecting, please contact the school office.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

Hey Parents, want an opportunity to find out what is happening in Collingwood school? Want a voice in fundraising initiatives? PAC meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. As a parent you are automatically a member of the PAC, so no special form or paperwork is needed, however there is a PAC form included in the September opening package. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a legally recognized voice of parents at the school level. A school PAC advises the school board, principal, vice-principal and staff of the school regarding *any* matter relating to the school. All parents are welcome to and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

Stay tuned for info and details about the first PAC meeting for this school year in the first week of September.

School Growth Plan

Collingwood’s two school goals for the next couple of years are creating belonging through Structured Literacy and Positive Behaviour Interventions & Supports

Collingwood is also committed to our district’s goal of supporting Truth and Reconciliation.

During the first weeks of school we will be taking some time to review and teach the school Code of Conduct – Taking care of ourselves, Taking care of others, Taking care of our community. Reviewing expectations found in the Code of Conduct with your child will greatly support the efforts of staff.

Farewells/Welcome

Goodbye Mr. Jit!

Thank you to Mr. Jitender Narayan, our Supervision Aide for the last 21 years with the Collingwood School Community. We thank him for all of his years of dedication and service. The students and staff will miss him dearly.

Welcome!

Welcome to Ms. Sydney Trotter, our new Music teacher. Ms. Trotter is new to the Vancouver School Board and has extensive training in music and even worked with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra’s School of Music. We look forward to working with Ms. Trotter.

Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday, September 3rd

- First day of School, 9am-10 am

Wednesday, September 4th

- First full day of school for Grades 1-3 9:00 am-2:58 pm

Wednesday, September 11th

- First full day of school for Kindergartens

Friday, September 27th

- Professional Day, **no school for students**

Monday, September 30th

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, **no school**

Please refer to our school's website for any information in regards to our school as it is updated regularly.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/collingwood-neighbourhood-bruce-annex>

Have a wonderful start to the school year!

Sharon Sahota
Vice-Principal

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7meshÚxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation)