Dear Families,

March went by very quickly for everyone at school! We hope you enjoyed your spring break and are ready for the fast pace of the spring term.

April will start with report cards and parent/student/teacher conferences on Wed. April 5 and Thurs. April 6. These are important meetings for you to hear from the teacher about how your child is doing and to ask questions about their progress. Teacher’s schedule meetings throughout the two days so please be on time for the spot that has been reserved for you. **A reminder that students will be dismissed at 2:00pm both conference days.**

With spring upon us we are looking forward to getting outside more for walks to Central park and beginning work in our school garden.

Thank you to everyone who has sent the forms and fees back for the Axe Capoeira program. We still plan on having a student performance on **Thursday April 13 at 2:15 in the gym.** We hope you can make it, the students will enjoy demonstrating what they have learnt.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in materials for our found object design project. If you still wish to contribute **we are asking all students to collect clean recycled cardboard tubes, plastics, containers, etc. and bring them to school.**

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a great way to get involved in the school and learn more about programs. In the past we have had regular monthly meetings right after school. At the meetings we discussed issues related to the school and of interest to parents. This past year we have focused more on special projects and limited our meetings to specific times. PAC can take on many forms depending on who becomes involved. **We will be needing a new PAC chair** as Victor will be moving and cannot continue next year. If you are interested in becoming more involved, I would be more than happy to discuss it further with you. Please contact me at the school or through email.

Finally, a reminder to like us on Facebook. The web address is **www.facebook.com/collingwoodneighbourhoodschool.** Collingwood is on Twitter @collingwoodVSB. All forms of communication will be regularly updated as much as possible along with our school website (collingwood.vsb.bc.ca).

I hope you have a great month!

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Levine
Vice principal
STUDENT PERFORMANCE
THURSDAY APRIL 13 @ 2:15 IN THE GYM

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES
Conferences will be held on Wednesday April 5 and Thursday April 6 from 2-6 pm. (Early dismissal both days at 2:00pm)

Please be on time for your conference.

READY SET LEARN
APRIL 12, 19, & 26
This year, our Collingwood Ready, Set, Learn event will consist of three workshops, scheduled on three consecutive Wednesdays in April. The workshops will be facilitated by Evina Mak, our Strong Start Coordinator.

Evina will be leading the students through fun and meaningful learning experiences so that the three and four-year old children and their parents may become acquainted with the readiness skills needed for a successful entry into Kindergarten.

The workshops will be on April 12, 19, & 26. Each workshop will run from 1pm to 2:15pm. Attendees are expected to attend all three sessions and will receive a school readiness bag of supplies after the third session. We are looking forward to seeing many families.

Please RSVP at the office or call 604 713 5340.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14
EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 17
NO SCHOOL

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN
WEDNESDAY MAY 24
Our “Welcome to Kindergarten” event will be held on Wednesday May 24 from 10:30 -12:00. If your child is registered for Kindergarten at Collingwood for the 2016-17 school year you are invited to attend this event. Registration begins at 10:30 with the program starting at 11:00am in the gym. Please contact the office to RSVP.

PAC NEWS
Parent representatives will meet again in April to discuss details around organizing the Movie in the Park” event planned for Friday June 16. This is an event jointly planned with the Neighbourhood House, Community Policing
Office, and the school. If you would like to become involved, please let the office know.

Parental Involvement
Parent Advisory Councils

A REMINDER THAT IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD IT SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE BINS OUTSIDE THE LUNCHROOM AND NOT IN YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM.

AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD PICK-UP POLICY

As a reminder, please be advised Vancouver School Board policy states that students must be picked up as close to 3pm as possible, as student supervision ends at 3:15pm each day. Please ensure that your child is picked up from school prior to that time every day.

If on any day you cannot pick up your child before 3:15pm, please make arrangements with a family member, or trusted friend or neighbour. It is also crucial that you provide the office with updated contact information because we do call if children are left after 3:15.

COLLINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Collingwood branch of the public library has several programs available for adults and children. Fun, literacy-based programs at the Collingwood Branch Library, 2985 Kingsway. Call 604-665-3953 for information or registration. Visit vpl.ca/events

STUDENT BOOK REVIEWS

The Dictionary of Ordinary Extraordinary Animals by Lisa McGuinness and Leslie Jonath

This is a nonfiction book about the extraordinary behaviour and talent of the ordinary animals. I found this book very educational as I feel the authors have done an excellent job in describing each animal as unique and special in their own way. For example did you know that a Tasmanian devil’s ears turn red and it produces a stinky smell when it’s about to fight. Also salamanders have the ability to regrow any of their body parts if they lose them in an injury. Moreover Iguanas have a spot on their heads which allows them to locate light. This book is packed with amazing facts such as female swordfish can...
lay more than 25 million eggs in one season, this book is a must read for animal lovers. **By Ayaan Div. 2**

**Magic Tree House #40 – Eve of the Emperor Penguin** by Mary Pope Osborne

In the Magic Tree House series the characters are Jack and Annie. They went to find the last secret of happiness, and they are going to Antarctica in the magic tree house. When they get out of the magic tree house they see a group of penguins and save them from a vulture. I like this book because there is a cute penguin named Penny, who Jack and Annie gave to Merlin. You should read this book because they find the last secret of happiness. (P.S. You might know the last secret of happiness if you read the other magic tree house books.) **By Cameron Div. 3**

**Editor’s note:** Thank you to Ayaan and Cameron for submitting these reviews. If any other Collingwood student would like to contribute a writing piece for this newsletter they are more than welcome to submit their work to Mr. Levine before the end of the month.