Dear Families,

One more month to go before we finish our school year and June is shaping up to be another busy month for students and staff.

During the month of May we had our “Big One at Two” Earthquake drill. Thank you to those parents who participated. One important thing to remember is that in the event of a real emergency, school staff must record who picks up each child. This will most likely be a stressful and scary time for everyone. Keep in mind our primary concern is the safety of the children and reuniting them with a registered contact person, in an orderly manner, is extremely important.

On Thursday June 15th we will be hosting a volunteer tea at 2:00pm followed by our weekly school sharing and singing. If you have volunteered for anything this year we invite you to come by and enjoy some treats and song. Please RSVP to the office by Friday June 9th if you plan to attend.

On Friday June 16th the Collingwood PAC, Neighbourhood House, and Community Policing Office are co-sponsoring a “Movie in the Park” event. There will be fun activities, a movie, and a bouncy castle. The fun starts at 7:00pm and the movie, “Chicken Run” will start at sunset. It is a family friendly event and we hope you are able to participate.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I will be moving on to a new school in September. It has been a great experience being at Collingwood and spending time helping your children learn and develop. I feel very lucky to have had this opportunity and to have met so many nice families. I am pleased to let you know that the new vice principal in September will be Evelyn Harcus (Yee). Her introductory message follows. Other staff changes will be communicated in one last message at the end of June.

I hope you have a great month!

Mr. J. Levine
Vice principal

My name is Evelyn Harcus (Yee) and I am very excited to introduce myself as the new Vice-Principal of Collingwood starting in September. The role of Vice-Principal is new to me but I come to this role after three years as a Summer School Principal and fifteen years of teaching with the Vancouver School Board, most recently at Mount Pleasant.

I know that Collingwood is a wonderful school with enthusiastic students and a dedicated staff and I look forward to working with the Collingwood team to build on the
achievements and further develop the school culture and community. School is where students spend most of their young life and it has a huge impact on their growth and development both physically and emotionally. I hope to continue to make Collingwood a happy and safe place for our students to thrive, be challenged and learn good habits that will help carry them thru life.

Like Mr. Levine, I also have a passion for the arts, particularly the performing arts and music and have a strong background in sports. I know I have big shoes to fill but I hope that I can add to the Collingwood culture by bringing with me my passions and enthusiasm for learning.

I look forward to getting to know the staff, students and families of Collingwood and I wish you all a fun and relaxing summer and a smooth transition back in September.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Harcus (Yee)

REMINDER: PROFESSIONAL DAY
FRIDAY JUNE 2
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

VOLUNTEER TEA
THURSDAY JUNE 15 @ 2:00PM

If you have volunteered at any time throughout the year we would love to show our appreciation with tea/coffee, cake, and song. Please consider joining us on Thursday June 15 at 2:00pm in the activity room. RSVP by June 9th by letting the office know if you plan to attend.

PAC NEWS

Parent representatives met again in May 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. We still need a few parent volunteers to paint faces at the event. If you are willing to help out, please let the office know.

Parental Involvement
Parent Advisory Councils

Registration is now open for summer school and all summer school program information can be found at:
https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx
SCHOOL FEES FOR 2017-18

School fees for next school year will remain the same as this year: $25.00 for school supplies, $25.00 for performances, and $5.00 for agendas (Div. 1-5) or crafts (Div. 6) for a total for all students of $55.00

A formal notice is attached to this newsletter.

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

Children across the province will enjoy a reading adventure this summer when they join this year’s BC Summer Reading Club: Walk on the Wild Side

Summer Reading Club is free and registration starts on Friday June 16th until the end of the summer. Sign up at any Vancouver Public Library branch and receive your own personal reading package including a reading record and stickers. Once registered, club members can earn a 2017 Summer Reading Club Medal by reading for at least 15 minutes a day for 50 days. Meanwhile, keep the summer fun happening by “taking a walk on the wild side” to your local Vancouver Public Library branch for contests, activities, and free kids’ programs. Program highlights at the Collingwood Library include:

- Seeds and Senses
- Tracks and Trails
- Storm Watchers
- Biome Bonanza
- And many more...

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Collingwood Branch Library, 2985 Kingsway. Call 604-665-3953 for information or registration. Visit vpl.ca

WHEN CONSIDERING OPTIONS FOR GRADE 4, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN CATCHMENT STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND OUR MAIN SCHOOL – GRAHAM BRUCE – FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

- Professional Day Fri. 2
- Afterschool programs finish Mon. 5
- Library books due Wed. 7
- Sport’s Day Fri. 9
- Volunteer tea Thurs. 15
- Year-end field trip Wed. 28
- Last Day for students Thurs. 29

Please check our online calendar http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/col/Pages/calendar.aspx
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
By Roald Dahl

In this story Charlie finds the last golden ticket in the chocolate bar. If you get a golden ticket you get to go to the chocolate factory to meet Willy Wonka, also to learn the magic of the Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory. There were five golden tickets. The other four kids were named Augustus, Veruca, Violet, and Mike. They first went to the chocolate room, then the inventing room, then the nut room and then at last the T.V. room. Everything in the chocolate room was made out of chocolate. I like the Oopa loompas because they sing funny songs. In the end, Charlie gets a gift from Willy Wonka. I won’t tell you what it is because you have to read the book to find out.

By Cameron (Division 3)

Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone
By J.K. Rowling

This is the first time I have tried a book from the Harry Potter Series. This is a classic fictional book packed with magical adventure and lots of humour. The main character, Harry Potter is an eleven year old boy who lives with his mean Aunt Petunia and her family. Harry is living a horrible life, unaware that he is a wizard, until one day a beetle eyed giant named Hagrid bursts in with startling news. The story takes a roller coaster ride when Harry gets into Hogwarts School of Witches and Wizards. He discovers that the philosopher’s stone is hidden in the school’s corridors and someone wants to steal it. Harry overcomes all of the hurdles and saves the world by saving the stone from the evil wizard. My favourite part of the story is when Harry sees a reflection of his parents in the stone. If you are wondering why you should read this book, then the answer is that this book will surely amuse you with its magical adventures.

By Ayaan (Division 2)

STUDENT LIVE THEATRE REVIEWS
AYTHAN ROSS – APRIL 26

Today at school we saw a performance about a man who moved away and built a house for himself. The performer seemed to be French because he was using French words. During the performance he was very enthusiastic and funny. In the beginning he was saying “goodbye” to the train and at the same time there was loud music. Then he started building his house. While he was building his house he showed us some magic tricks. The performance was very entertaining and I had fun watching it.

By Ayaan (Division 2)

The show was about magic and juggling in strange ways. He made a house using magic. He also did juggling while he was making a house. My favourite part was when he pulled him mom’s clothes out of his pants and his suitcase and when he pulled the long rope out of his mouth.

By Lilah (Division 2)