Dear Families,

February was another busy month for students and staff. We celebrated Valentine’s Day and thought about respect on Pink Shirt Day. The students are also excited to be able to work on improving their tennis skills.

March will be a quick and busy time as well. Students are finishing up the term and teachers are preparing the report cards. Everyone will have a well-deserved break from March 13 – 24. When we return on March 27 we will be distributing the last brochure for Windermere afterschool programs for the spring term.

This is advance notice about a special program we are bringing to the school in April. Axe Capoeira is a martial arts/dance program adapted for young students that will run from Friday April 7 – Thursday April 13. Students will have daily classes during their PE periods with a trained instructor for the five days. The student cost will be $12.00. Additional funds to pay for the program will come from our fundraising efforts. **Forms will be sent home Friday March 3.** We are planning a student showcase performance on **Thursday April 13** in the afternoon where the students will have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. For more information check out this website: [https://richmondcapoeira.com/](https://richmondcapoeira.com/)

A reminder that as part of the redesigned curriculum, students will undertake a design project in term 3. This Applied Skills and Design activity will be slightly different for each grade but they will all use found objects as the medium to build models. **We are asking all students to collect clean recycled cardboard tubes, plastics, containers, etc. and send them to school.** Your assistance with this task would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, a reminder to like us on Facebook. The web address is [www.facebook.com/collingwoodneighbourhoodschool](http://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

**AXE CAPOEIRA FORMS AND MONEY DUE FRIDAY MARCH 10 – THANK YOU**
**SPRING BREAK MARCH 13 – 24**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY MARCH 27**

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### 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 12, 19, and 26. 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.

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### PAC NEWS

Parent representatives met in January 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](#)

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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](#)

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### 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 MARCH**

- Tennis finishes: Fri. 3
- Afterschool programs finish: Mon. 6
- Last Day before Spring Break: Fri. 10
- Spring Break: Mon. 13-Fri. 24
- School resumes: Mon. 27
- CST brochure available: Mon. 27
- Performance: Thurs. 30

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL**

- Report Cards go home: Mon. 3
- CST registration due: Wed. 5
- Parent/teacher conferences: Wed. 5
- Parent/teacher conferences: Thurs. 6
- Axe Capoeira program: Fri. 7 – Thurs. 13
- Student performance: Thurs. 13
- Good Friday: Fri. 14
- Easter Monday: Mon. 17
- Performance: Wed. 26

Please check our website [collingwood.vsb.bc.ca](http://collingwood.vsb.bc.ca) for the regularly updated school calendar

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**BOOK REVIEW BY AYAAN**

**The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems**

Penguin problems is the first book of the “The life of Ty series”. This book is super fun to read as it is full of crazy adventures. Ty is a seven year old boy in second grade and he is an only brother with three sisters. Ty is a very creative boy for a seven year old and he is always up to challenges and wacky plans. In the story Ty kidnapped a baby penguin out of the aquarium with the good intention to help him but something goes wrong. Ty had to come up with an idea to solve the problem. My favourite part of the story is when the baby penguin’s beak got stuck in the peanut butter. This book is a thumbs up so give it a try!

![The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems](image)

Editor’s note: Thank you to Ayaan for submitting this review. 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.