



NEWS & REMINDERS: MORVEN

October 19, 2018

Message from the Head of School

Dear Collingwood Families,

As you are likely already aware, this Saturday is Municipal Election Day, an important way for the community to express matters related to education, road safety, and green spaces to name a few.

One of our core Collingwood values is community. I'd like to encourage you to discuss the elections with your children—in particular, why it's an important part of our democratic process – and even take them with you when you go and vote. You may have heard in a CBC news report, that for the first time, children in Montreal will get a chance to vote alongside their parents during the municipal election. Rather than selecting the next Mayor, kids will be answering the question: "In Montreal, what is most important to you?". Given the challenges we face in Canada of having a good portion of the population come out and vote in municipal elections, I congratulate the Chief Electoral's Office in Montreal for being so innovative and forward-thinking with this pilot project.

I'd like to also give a special shout out to two Collingwood Alumni parents, Gabrielle Loren and Sharon Thompson who are both running in this election. Good luck to all candidates running in this weekend's Municipal elections!

Lisa Evans
Head of School

Message from the Head of Morven

Dear Morven Families,

This week families received a number of information and correspondence items related to their child's learning and Collingwood student life.

- Collingwood Certificate Criteria (Grades 8-12)
- Student Progress Report Cards (Friday, October 19)
- Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews (information letter and sign-up details distributed Monday, October 22.)

On Friday, October 19, Student Progress Reports will be posted and available for student and parent viewing through the Parent Portals. The first interim report provides parents with a short account of their child's progress during the first weeks of school with particular attention on student work habits and the new B.C. Core Competencies. Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled for November 7 and 8 provide an opportunity for students to further elaborate on their learning, progress, and discuss next steps towards goal attainment. Full Term 1 Report Cards follow on November 29.

Grade 12 Parents are invited to bring their cameras to the Grade 12 / Kindie Buddy Pumpkin Carving morning on Thursday, October 25 at Wentworth. We plan to arrive at 9:50 am and the event will end at 10:45 am.

Morven proudly welcomes families to the sold-out Band and Choir Fall Concert Monday, October 22. We look forward to seeing you at the 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm concerts.

Thank you for joining us at the university information presentations. Congratulations to the University Guidance faculty members for hosting a record of over 400 guests for the Brown, Cornell, Princeton and Yale presentations on Tuesday evening. Details for upcoming university visits are located on the website under [University Guidance events](#) and on the [school calendar](#).

Dr. Beverley von Zielonka
Head of Morven

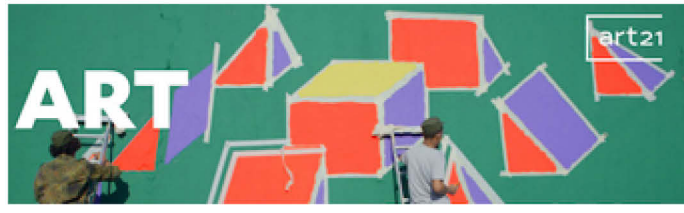
Cannabis Legislation

As you are aware, Cannabis has been legalized for recreational use in Canada. How will that impact our students at school? In theory, this should have no impact on our students in that Cannabis use and possession is prohibited to anyone under 19. The sale of Cannabis will be regulated in stores and smoking cannabis is prohibited in the same public locations as tobacco, as well as in cars and around children. In terms of students using marijuana at school, we have updated our Student Alcohol and Drug Use Policy to reflect the changes in legislation, but from a disciplinary stand point our policy remains the same. Finally, please feel free to gather information from the sites below to talk about this new reality with your children:

heretohelp.bc.ca/workbook/cannabis-use-and-youth-a-parents-guide

kidshelpphone.ca/get-info/cannabis-important-things-know/

If you have any questions please contact [Sam Weiss](#), Dean of Student Life.



Art 21 Documentary Screening

Thursday, October 25
6:30 pm, Lecture Theatre

We will be hosting a screening of the 9th Season of Art21, a PBS documentary production featuring contemporary artists from around the world. In conjunction with the screening, Gu Xiong, a Chinese-Canadian contemporary artist currently living in Vancouver and teaching in the Fine Arts department at UBC will be giving an artist talk about his work.

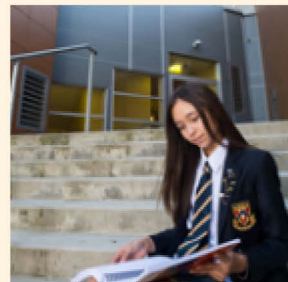
Seating is limited, please RSVP [here](#).

Bring Your Own Cup!

Thank you to everyone who brought in their own re-usable cup during Waste Reduction Week. It doesn't end here – we encourage everyone to continue to use their re-usable cup from now on. Single use cups will only be available for outside guests and various events.

In just one week, we can eliminate 700 cups, 600 lids and 500 sleeves from the compost/landfill. Over a full school year that totals 25,200 cups, 21,600 lids and 18,000 sleeves!

Important Dates:



Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)

Monday, Oct. 22

The Morven campus will join schools around the province to celebrate BC School Library Day by dropping everything and reading for 20 minutes in Mentor class. D.E.A.R. is an opportunity to embrace our love of reading and hone literacy skills, while practicing mindfulness through the enjoyment of a good book. Students will need to bring their book or ebook reader with them to Mentor class.

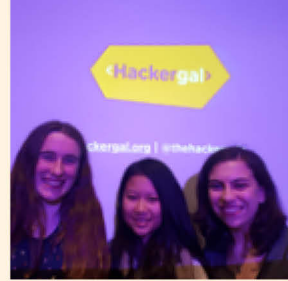


Photo of the Week

At a [Hackergal](#) event this past Wednesday, Shaina Gleicher, Collingwood STEM teacher, spoke on the subject of coding in the classroom as well as statistics on females in the field.

Three students who participated in last year's Hackergal event also attended. They spoke eloquently about their time at last year's event and how positive their experience was learning to code in Python.

For more photos of all Collingwood School activities, follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)!

Parents' Council Parent Socials

Grade 9
Wednesday, Oct. 24

Grade 10
Thursday, Oct. 25

Grade 11
Thursday, Nov. 8

Invitations with time and location have been emailed. Please contact your grade rep if you have any questions.

Visit [here](#) for all Parents' Council events.

Shoreline Cleanup – Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Sunday, October 14th for our Shoreline Cleanup! We had record numbers of students and families come out. A shout out to Grace McAvinue, our Grade 7 AF and volunteer for the Surfriders organization, who led the clean-up. Visit [here](#) for some photos from the day.

Ride in Support of Rops for Cancer Postponed

This event will be rescheduled for sometime in November.

For upcoming Service Opportunities & Events, visit [here](#).

Inclement Weather

As an early reminder, we wanted to remind all families of our inclement weather procedures. In the event of snow and school closures, you will find information posted to the [homepage](#), [Students](#) and [Parents](#) pages of our website by 6:30 am.

If you haven't already updated your alternate pick up information for your children in PCR, please do so.