

NEWS & REMINDERS: WENTWORTH

May 3, 2019

#### Message from the Head of Wentworth

Dear Wentworth Families,

At Wentworth, we are keen to better understand the student experience, and to use their feedback and insights to better inform the Junior School journey. We strive to empower students, and are focused on developing their opportunity and capacity for leadership.

Each week since September, I have hosted a different diverse group of grade 7 students for a pizza lunch. The goal of these sessions was to provide a forum for student voice and to consider changes to the student experience that might be implemented both short-term and longterm. During these meetings we reflected on their experiences over their time at Wentworth, and we dialogued about student opportunities that have stood out to them as empowering and impactful, both in regards to their academic learning, but also their involvement in many other areas of school life. We discussed the variety of leadership opportunities that they're presently involved in, and asked for their feedback about developing out other student leadership and growth initiatives across the grades.

As is usually the case, the students with whom I met were thoughtfully engaged, and offered tremendous feedback for us to consider. The initiatives and ideas that we discussed fell into general categories including Student Leadership, Facilities, Trips, Curriculum, and Uniform. We've already acted on a number of these suggestions, including providing girls athletic teams with trip opportunities this year, providing more student-led school projects and leadership opportunities such as the Grad Garden, and carving out time for them to work directly with the teachers in a supervised study block when they are feeling overwhelmed. On their recommendation, we're also replacing a few of the water fountains, looking at further opportunities for Unbounded courses, and considering uniform guidelines.

We are proud of our grade 7 students for offering such reflective and specific feedback, and for engaging in a dialogue that will help us to provide an ever-growing number of rich leadership and learning opportunities for all students at Wentworth.

Marc Young Head of Wentworth



#### **Important Dates:**

Hatch Shield Game Klahanie Park May 9 4:00pm Kick-off

WE Walk for Water May 10 K-7 students may wear their PE uniform all day.

**Grandparents' Day** May 17 JK-Gr.5 students and special guests.

**May 20** Victoria Day School Closed

## **Drama Presentation**

Witness for the Prosecution Morven Campus May 21-24 7:00 - 9:00pm

### Alice in Wonderland

Gr. 5-7 Musical Wentworth Campus May 22-23 6:00 - 7:00pm

**Gr. 8-12 Spring** Art Show: Spotlight Morven Campus May 22 4:00 - 6:00pm

**Gr. 8-12 Spring Dance Show** (featuring dancers from Wentworth) Kay Meek Theatre May 28-29 7:00 - 9:00pm

#### <u>School Calendar</u>

Athletics Calendar



## Spring Fair 2019

A thousand thank you's to all our volunteers for their time leading up to and including the Fair! Everything went beautifully – the weather behaved and, given all the big smiles everywhere, fun was had by all! Success!!!

For those of you with lawn signs still in hand, they can be brought to either campus to be recycled. Simply prop up the signs by the front entrance doors.

With Appreciation, Dani & Pauline Spring Fair Co-Chairs, 2019

# WVPD Speaker Series

Morven Campus

Our second session is Thursday, May 9 at 9:00am in the Karim Library Classroom at the Morven Campus on the topic of *West Vancouver Police Services*. Come and find out what programs our local WVPD have to offer local families to build a strong and safe community. Visit <u>here</u> to register and for all the details on these upcoming talks.

## **Got Glasses**

Armaan Gill has partnered with the <u>Third World Eye Care</u> <u>Society</u> to collect used eyeglasses for donation to developing countries. Read more about this service initiative <u>here</u>.

Please drop any unused or unwanted eye glasses to the collection boxes located at the Morven Campus between May 21 to June 7.

**Collingwood School Summer Camps** Ages 4 - 10 <u>Registration Open</u>

Register now for our summer camps – be sure to share with friends and family!



## Photo of the Week

It was wonderful to see everyone last weekend at our annual Spring Fair! For more photos from the day, visit our gallery <u>here</u>.

For more photos of all Collingwood School activities, follow us on <u>Facebook</u> & <u>Instagram</u>!