

January 17, 2020

Dear Collingwood families

It was lovely to see children and parents return to school on Monday morning looking rested, having spent quality family time together. One mother spoke about how important she felt it was for the children to reconnect with their parents over an extended period. The snow has brought an added bonus to this time!

All of us understand the importance of 'quality time' and 'downtime' spent with our friends and family or 'me time' spent playing alone. Unstructured time helps our emotional and mental well-being. Downtime can be simply playing outside or with toys with 'small parts' such as Lego, Playmobil, reading, building bricks, playing board games with a sibling, or parent. It allows children to process what they have learned throughout the day. One or two scheduled before or after school activities in a week is plenty for young children. More than that and children can miss needed downtime, end up with a lack of sleep and feel overwhelmed.

We all know the importance of a good night's sleep and this is especially true for young children. Research shows that children who do not get enough sleep are less attentive, more anxious, impulsive and often unhappy. We notice the clear link between poor decision-making and the time children got to bed.

When the children returned to school this week the place became alive again. We love teaching and spending time with your children, hearing about their vacations and trips to the Aquarium and the park; quality time spent connecting with their family and friends. Enjoy playing games with your children, reading to them and with them and simply chatting together on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Christine Stuart  
Director of Primary Program

## Re-Registration for 2020-2021

January 27, 2020 – February 11, 2020: annual Re-Registration for your child/children enrolled currently in JK-Grade 11.

For more information on any of the above, contact our Director of Enrolment, Lindsay Thierry, [lindsay.thierry@collingwood.org](mailto:lindsay.thierry@collingwood.org) / 604.925.3331 Ext. 2080.

## Snow Closure Procedures

Thank you for your patience and understanding for the many days this week where you were awaiting word in the morning regarding school closures. We consider several factors when making the decision to cancel school for the day, among them road conditions and if our buses are running, the amount of snow accumulated and whether our maintenance crews can remove snow and ice to create safe environments for students, staff and faculty. A special thank you to our Head of Buildings and Grounds, Kevin Zweep and his team for doing such a fantastic job this week of clearing both campuses.

As a reminder, if the Wentworth or Morven Campus must close due to inclement weather, you will find information posted to the [homepage](#), [Students](#) and [Parents](#) pages of our website by 6:30am. When advance notification is possible, we will email all families.

## Parent Education Sessions

Presenting the 2nd Parent Education session:

### Elementary Mathematics, Grade 3-7 – What Does it Take to Become a Talented Mathematician?

Thursday, January 30, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Foundation Student Centre (FSC), Wentworth Campus

The 21st century has seen some major upheavals in terms of education including the move to teaching **core competencies**, such as critical thinking, communication and self-regulation. With respect to mathematics, **teaching for understanding** is now favoured over drill and kill, which some say led to mastery in the past. Instruction is no longer completely directed by the teacher, but is led by **student inquiry**. Grading has been replaced by **assessment for learning**; and even final reports are now summarized with a **student's own self-reflection**.

As a parent, it can be challenging to understand these new approaches and expectations which differ from your own school experiences. Old school math was 100% procedural: learn your facts or else. Current approaches focus more on conceptual understanding, application and problem-solving. Join us for an hour-long workshop on Thursday, January 30 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the FSC, at the Wentworth Campus. There you will learn about more about our grade 3-7 mathematics programme, what we prioritize and how you can support your child to become a talented mathematician. This session will be presented and facilitated by Rheanne Stevens, Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation; Ann Walters, Director of Intermediate Program; and various Wentworth faculty.

[Register Here](#)

### Session 1: Kids and Technology - Moving Past Skepticism and Disapproval Examining the Positive Aspects of Technology in the Lives of Your Kids

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30pm - 7:30pm (*please note the time change from 6:00pm to 6:30pm*)  
Foundation Student Centre (FSC), Wentworth Campus

[Register Here](#)

*If you can not make this date or the session is full, there is a [second session](#) at the Morven Campus on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.*

## Legacy Project Update

To date, we've raised \$4,007.13 towards our [Legacy Project](#). In partnership with the [Obakki Foundation](#), our goal is to raise \$10,000 to build a water well in South Sudan.

We invite everyone to show their support by purchasing from the [Obakki shop](#). 100% of the net proceeds of sales will go towards our project.

*When making a purchase in the online Obakki shop, please add **COLLINGWOOD** to your last name in the order form so that proceeds are credited to our legacy account.*



## ME to WE Family Trip to Kenya

Collingwood School has been traveling with ME to WE since 2012 on over 8 trips with students. ME to WE is pleased to offer an experience for family and friends of Collingwood School for this upcoming June 30 to July 8, 2020 trip. Please view the [e-brochure](#) designed to give you an idea of what your day to day might look like while staying at ME to WE's Bogani Property, nestled in the Maasai Mara. Community building makes up the foundation of your itinerary with daily adventures and interactive cultural experiences to deepen your connection to each other and the community before heading to a luxury safari camp for a two night experience to get your chance to experience the wildlife of the Mara. Please reach out to our Me to We trip specialist, Jessie Blair at [jessie.blair@we.org](mailto:jessie.blair@we.org) with any questions.



*The deadline to register for this trip is January 31, 2020.*

## Parents' Council Updates

### Unishop

[Unishop](#) will be held on Thursday, January 23, 8:45am - 10:15am at the Wentworth Campus. Collection and sort is on Wednesday, January 22, both campuses, from 8:45am - 9:15am.



## Wentworth BINGO!

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in the Houssain Gymnasium  
Doors open 6pm  
BINGO starts at 6:30pm sharp and will end at 7:30pm

**Join us for a FREE, fun, family evening of BINGO!** Prizes will be given to all BINGO winners! Remember to bring your own water bottle, \$2/slice pizza available for purchase.  
Register online NOW to reserve your spot as space is limited and will fill up fast.

*Please note: a Parent or Guardian must be present, we hope the whole family will come!*

[REGISTER FOR BINGO HERE](#)

## Lunar New Year Celebration



Friday, February 7  
3:30pm-7:00pm  
Wentworth Campus, Katz-Telfer Gym

Come join our parent-organized 2020 Lunar New Year Festival! This event will feature traditional food and fun hands-on activities including Lunar New Year, Chinese sugar painting arts, ring toss, lantern crafting, calligraphy and much more. Drop by and enjoy the fabulous activities and snacks! This event is open to all Collingwood families and faculty. Each student will receive a lucky packet upon entrance. Most snacks are free of

charge; purchase of tickets are required for souvenirs and game participation. We hope to see you there!

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## English Corner

English Corner will continue (9:00 -10:30am) on the dates below. We are looking for volunteers, please sign up so Lynda knows to expect you.

Sign Up:

- [Thursday, February 6](#)
- [Thursday, February 20](#)
- [Thursday, March 12](#)

## REMINDERS

### Wednesday, January 22

#### Unishop Collection

8:45am -9:15am

Morning drop-off

Both Campuses

### Thursday, January 23

#### Welcome to Grade 8

#### Move to Morven

(Entering Grade 8 in September)

Information Evening

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Morven Campus

#### Unishop Sale

(Wentworth & Morven sizes)

8:45am -10:15am

Foundation Student Centre (FSC),

Wentworth Campus

### Quick Links

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