



NEWS & REMINDERS: MORVEN

September 14, 2018

**Message from Head of Morven**

Dear Morven Families,

Pride, enthusiasm, engagement, mutual-respect, kindness, and joy are just a few of the descriptors used to describe the first days of school. Smiles abound and students' warmth and energy fuel us into our third week of school. These first weeks of Collingwood's 2018-2019 school year affirm a ubiquitous sense of purpose and pride in our school. Each encounter with students, faculty, staff, and parents whether at activity in preparation for the first days of school, in Grade 12 H block teaching, at the Welcome Back Family BBQ, the University Guidance Parent Information evening, the Grade 8 Parent "Explore" Information session, the Parent Council meetings, at morning student drop off, or shared conversations at lunch break each affirms a school with **purpose and pride**.

It was a pleasure meeting our parents at this week's Parent Information sessions and at our Meet the Teacher Night. These opportunities are just one venue designed to keep families informed about the learning opportunities available to their children and for our partnership in the year ahead. Regular school to home communication includes:

- The school magazine, Bridge, published and mailed to families three times per year.
- Each Friday, families receive a News & Reminders bulletin about upcoming Collingwood events from the Morven campus.
- The [Parent Portal](#) also is rich in news and schoolwide information.

Importantly, effective communication is dialogue; is a two way process. If you have information or questions regarding the learning or progress of your child in a particular class, please contact the class teacher. The class teacher will have the most important information to answer your questions.

If you have information or questions related to several classes, please contact your child's mentor teacher. They will help you schedule a team meeting with the appropriate set of teachers.

If you have questions regarding the Morven Campus programs or procedures please contact Meri Kimura, Assistant to the Head of Morven at [meri.kimura@collingwood.org](mailto:meri.kimura@collingwood.org) or 604.925.3331 ext 2013 and she will connect you directly with the appropriate administrator. Further communication and reporting information will be distributed in the News & Reminders in the weeks ahead.

There is also a pervasive sense that as "good as we are today" we can be more – we can be better. I thank Lisa Evans, the Morven Administrators, Faculty and Staff, Parents and Students for the opportunity to work together to build on our strengths, enhance the learning path, and to our work ahead to ensure each of our Collingwood students excel and are best prepared to join the global community as critical thinkers; young men and women of character who are resilient, socially conscious, and prepared to make the most of their Collingwood opportunities.

Dr. Beverley von Zielonka  
Head of Morven

**Medical Alert Reminder**

The Health Centre maintains health information on any and all students enrolled at Collingwood that have a **serious and life threatening medical condition**. It is mandatory for parents to update this information annually as per the Ministry of Education. If your child has a **serious/ life threatening medical condition** please update your child's health information at the beginning of the school year by completing this [Medical Alert form](#). This should be completed prior to your child returning to school in September or as soon as possible and must be signed by a physician and returned to the Health Center.

**JK & K Open House**

Do you or your friends have a child born in 2014 or 2015 who is not yet attending Collingwood School? If so, we invite you to join us for our upcoming JK & K-only Open House on Wednesday, October 10. Please register [here](#). Contact [openhouse@collingwood.org](mailto:openhouse@collingwood.org) for more information.



**And the Winner is...**

Thank you to everyone who came to visit the Spring Fair table at the Welcome Back BBQ last week.

The winner of the Jellybean Count contest is Jenny Feng (Jeff, Gr.1 & Tommy, Gr. 6). Jenny is also one of the CCPC Class Reps. Congratulations Jenny! Jenny & her family have won a free underground parking spot at this year's Spring Fair. Parking spots are available for purchase when ticket sales open. They sell for \$50 per spot and are a hot commodity!

Jenny's guess was 600 jellybeans... this was the closest guess to the actual number in the jar - 577.

We are very excited for another amazing Spring Fair, which is coming up on April 27, 2019. This year, we will be celebrating the Spring Fair's 35th Anniversary and are looking forward to working closely with all of our dedicated volunteers to make this the best Fair yet!

Warmly,

Your Spring Fair 2019 Co-Chairs,  
Dani Fenton & Pauline Anderson

**School Calendar**

For all upcoming dates, visit our school calendar [here](#). Please note the [Weekly Calendar](#), found on the calendar page, is posted every Friday.

**Important Dates:**

**Photo Day**  
Monday, Sept. 17

**Grade 8 Explore / Unbounded Learning**  
Monday, Sept. 17 - Friday, Sept. 21

**University Guidance Events**

UBC  
Monday, Sept. 17  
1:00pm-2:30pm  
Darlene S. Howard Theatre

Applying to Canadian Universities  
Thursday, Sept. 20  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
Darlene S. Howard Theatre

IVEY/HBA Presentation  
Friday, Sept. 21  
10:30am-11:55am  
University Guidance Office

For a full list of upcoming University Guidance events, please visit [here](#).



**House Olympics**  
Tuesday, Sept. 25

**Terry Fox Run**  
Thursday, Sept. 27  
To sponsor, visit [here](#).

**Service Opportunities**

Monday, September 17, a newsletter explaining service at Collingwood with a list of opportunities and upcoming events in our community will be emailed to our Collingwood community.

Please visit [here](#) for more information.



**Service Collections**  
Sept. 17-21

PCs for a Purpose  
An initiative presented by Quinn Reynolds, Clare Reynolds and Kyian Ghanbari

Donate unused, unwanted or broken computers. All working parts from these computers will be reused to create new ones and then donated to the North Shore Lookout Shelter.

Desktops and laptops from 2008 onwards will be accepted. No ipads or older computers.

Backpack Buddies  
Each house has been assigned items for collection. Donations will be collected in the Commons. View list [here](#).

**Tuition Payment Instalment**  
Due Saturday, Sept. 15

Attention families who have selected the extended payments option (March 2, June 15, Sept. 15 and Nov. 15). The third 2018-2019 tuition instalment is due tomorrow. View your account and instalment balance by logging into the [Parent Portal](#).

Should you wish to change your payment method or if you have any questions regarding your upcoming payment, please contact [Denise Wightman](#), 604.925.3331 ext. 2256.

**Parents' Council Coffee Mornings**  
Hollyburn Country Club  
8:45am

Sept. 25, Gr. 8  
Sept. 26, Gr. 9  
Sept. 27, Gr. 10  
Sept. 28, Gr. 11

For a full list of upcoming grade wide coffee mornings, visit [here](#).

**Chinese Parents Club Coffee Morning**  
Thursday, Sept. 20  
9:00am – 11:00am  
Hollyburn Country Club