**Fortnite – A lesson to be learned**

The goal of Ontario’s education system is to make sure students have the skills they need to succeed in their careers and in life. A school curriculum is supposed to help students develop life skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and innovation, communication, collaboration and personal growth. The game Fortnite teaches strategy, planning, organizing, creativity, collaboration and communication. For example, teachers have been using this computer program to teach students how to read maps in geography and understand time and distance in math. **Fortnite is a video game that needs to be taught in school since it promotes invaluable skills.**

Students develop skills when they encounter unfamiliar situations. In Fortnite, players face numerous unexpected scenarios; most of all not to die and to be the last remaining out of 99 players. Other challenges the game presents are trying to build strong forts while you are getting attacked and getting a legendary SCAR (Special Combat Assault Rifle). These situations help to teach how to strategize and use problem solving skills. You also have to use critical thinking skills when the Storm is closing in on you and you have to reach the safe eye of the storm to avoid elimination. This is an educational game that every student needs to learn how to play.

Playing Fortnite helps students draw and build on what they know, how they think and what they can do. It helps with planning ahead and prioritizing which are skills needed to succeed in life. It also strengthens communication skills when telling teammates where to go, attack and defend. You are constantly communicating in the game giving out instructions on how to survive and thrive. I noticed my own communication skills improving since I started playing.

In addition, Fortnite promotes creativity. One’s imagination when designing a fort to defend yourself against opponents is constantly being tested. In battle you have to juggle a lot of tasks which means you have to be alert using your creativity to stay alive. Using this computer program in schools will help students with this skill. Resourcefulness is an important life skill which will help in the world of work.

Most importantly, this software from Epic Games promotes collaboration, meaning to work together as a team. Teamwork is an essential skill that is required in school, work and community living. Learning to work with others is a skill that Fortnite effectively encourages. More collaboration would also help achieve greater peace in the world. Our schools would definitely benefit by including Fortnite in the curriculum.