

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

This week, Jaguars had the opportunity to move and groove with Ms. Amanda from Luv2Groove as part of the Dance curriculum. Students learned the elements of dance (body, space, time, etc.) through movement activities and dance routines. We capped off the week with a school dance party. Students showed off their dance moves and our special Jockvale dance. Thank you to our School Council for providing this opportunity!.

Throughout the week, Mrs. St-Germain and I enjoyed sharing an interactive read aloud about resilience and growth mindset to individual classes. The story, *What Do You Do With A Problem?*, by Kobi Yamanda and Illustrated by Mae Besom was a great springboard to discuss who can help students when they encounter a problem and expected ways of solving it. We hope that this will open up conversations and ensure that know “being sent to the office” is an opportunity to help students with solutions. We have been very impressed by the whole body listening and creative contributions our students had to our discussions.

Extra curricular activities are also underway. Students had the opportunity to learn more about our Cross Country (grades 3 to 6) and soccer plans (grades 4-6) and the paperwork requirements to participate in these activities. There was an information session regarding our Ukulele Club. Additionally, the grade 6 lounge is almost ready for its grand opening and the WE CLUB will get underway next week. Thank you to our staff for providing these opportunities for our students.

Next week, our milk and lunch programs begin courtesy of our School Council. Thank you to Miss Brenda, Alexa, Debbie Hameluck, Jennifer Demone and other parent volunteers who have worked behind the scenes to organize these programs for our students. While it is too late to participate in the food programs next week, it is not too late to get in on the fun. Please complete the paper order located on our website and drop it off to the office as soon as possible. Please be sure to adjust the prices accordingly.

On Tuesday, September 17th, we will be hosting our annual Meet and Greet event. Staff members will be available in their classrooms from 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm. We will then head outside from 5:30-6:30 pm for informal conversations. Food trucks will be available throughout the evening so that you may purchase your dinner. We look forward to seeing you!

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to invite you to attend our first meeting of the school year which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. During this meeting, we will hold our annual elections. We would graciously welcome new members! This is the perfect opportunity to meet other members of the Jockvale community and to see how you can support the school's programs and events. You are also encouraged to check out the

Jockvale Elementary School Council and the Jockvale Elementary School Parents Group on Facebook to keep up to date with School and Council events.

On Thursday, we have a number of groups heading out on their first field trips of the school year. Our grade 6s will continue to develop their teamwork and leadership skills at the Baxter Conservation Centre. These skills will no doubt serve them well as role models and leaders of the Pride. Both of our grade 2/3 classes have been invited to attend the Agricultural Awareness Day at the Richmond Fair. We thank Anne Lindsay from the organizing committee for providing this opportunity to our students at no cost.

Finally, on Friday, students in Mme Phillips' and Mrs. Ross' class, will participate in the Codemakers: Run length encoding and pixel portraits workshop offered by Carleton University. We look forward to hearing about this learning as we continue to focus on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Enjoy the weekend!

Robyn

Terry Fox Walk/Run

Save the date!! September 26th is the Terry Fox run at Jockvale ES and we are so excited for your support! We will be looking for some parent support on the day of the event, as well as leading up! Stay tuned next week for pledge sheets and further information!