

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

This week, we welcomed Kayla Lavergne, Monica Ly, Sophie Scott, Dawn Stokaluk and Megan Willman to the Jockvale Pride. These five second year Child and Youth Care Practitioner students will be completing their placement with us for fourteen weeks. They will have an opportunity to spend time in a variety of our classrooms and programs and build connections with our students. We thank our Educational Assistants for their mentorship and dedication in creating an amazing experience for our CYCs.

On Tuesday, Trustee Blackburn joined us for the official opening of our grade 6 lounge, now known as 'The Cave'. Our grade 6s were recognized as outstanding leaders who are valuable members of our school community and Mme Phillips, Mrs. Azarbar and Mrs. Deevy were thanked for turning our students' dream into a reality. Trustee Blackburn's big ribbon cutting scissors as well as the delicious treats and refreshments were also a huge hit!

On Wednesday, photographers from Edge Imaging were on site to capture the beautiful smiles of our students. By the end of next week, each student will be given a paper photo proof and information regarding the various package options available for purchase. Additionally, you will be provided with an individual code that will allow you the opportunity to view photos and order packages online. We hope that one of these options will suit your needs.

On Thursday, Jockvale participated in the National School Run Day as a salute to Terry's dream of running across Canada. A true Canadian hero, Terry's inspiring story and tenacious spirit support our focus on character development among our students and larger school community. To support Terry's dream of raising money for cancer research, JES organized a fundraising campaign, raising almost **\$2000** for the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go Jaguars! Thank you to Mme Heather and Mrs. Irvarren for their leadership and all parent volunteers who assisted with the stamps and encouraged our students during our modified indoor event.

The first Movie Night of the school year will take place **this evening**. Families are welcome to join us in the Jockvale gym for a special screening of *The Secret Life of Pets 2*. Doors open at 6:00pm and the movie begins at 6:30pm! The cost for this event is \$3.00/person or \$10.00 for a family of 4. Pizza and snacks will be available at an additional cost. Please remember, all children must be accompanied by an adult (18+) for all School Council events. We hope to see you there.

Orange Shirt Day is a growing movement sweeping across Canada that helps to educate our students and communities about the history and legacy of Canadian residential schools. Orange Shirt Day was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project that took place in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013. Former First Nations student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told the story of her first day at residential school as a six-year old girl, when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her, which prompted the realization that many survivors had similar stories. On Monday, September 30th, Jaguars are encouraged to wear orange as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that 'everyone matters'. We also encourage our parent community to check out the new artifacts, donated by Mrs. Ivison, displayed in our hallway leading to the gym. You can see a new learning area that includes the *Statement of Reconciliation* and the *Statement of Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools*.

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to invite you to attend our second meeting of the school year which is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm**. Childcare is available and new members are always welcome!

Additionally, we welcome Jennifer Laale from *Be Your Best* back to Jockvale. Each class will participate in an Improv workshop. The focus of the activities will be on team and community building.

Enjoy the weekend!

Robyn