

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

On Monday, Jockvale was a sea of orange. Jaguars wore orange to remember and raise awareness about residential schools and to demonstrate as a collective that every child truly matters! Several classes also made use of our interactive bulletin board and mounted artifacts to enhance their learning.

Throughout the week, all students in grades 1 to 6 had the opportunity to participate in an Improve with Improv workshop with Jennifer Laale. Students learned the importance of facing their fears and the key elements of creating a successful and happy community. We must work with one another and do our best to make others look good. The feedback from Jennifer and students was very positive!

We also received an update from our photographers at Edge Imaging. If you registered online with Edge, you should now have electronic access to your proofs. Otherwise, the paper proofs will be sent home next week. We will continue to keep you updated as to the status of delivery.

Looking ahead to next week, we welcome motivational speaker Chris Koch. He is travelling from Alberta to share his "If I Can" message with the Jockvale community. Chris was born missing both arms and legs. He shares 'my family could have treated my disability like a total tragedy but instead chose to take it all in stride and make the best of the situation'. We look forward to meeting him and hearing his message that ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. Should you wish to learn more about Chris and his message, please check out his website <http://www.ifican.ca/>.

Beginning on Tuesday, John McCrae Leadership students will facilitate lessons using the WITS LEADS curriculum to teach our Grades 4, 5 and 6 students to become WITS LEADers. They will also join us on the yard on Wednesdays to model appropriate and fair play and facilitate games for our students. We are very fortunate for this partnership and look forward to seeing our students develop into amazing WITS LEADers.

As shared in previous communications, we have already completed our fall fire drills and will practice our first lockdown on **Wednesday in the morning**. A "Lockdown" requires students and staff to remain in their classrooms and 'get down, get quiet and get small' while police and/or emergency services determine when it is safe to continue operations as normal. We look forward to showing Constable Cavicchioli how seriously we take these drills and hearing his feedback.

Additionally, Friday, October 11th is a PA Day. Students do not attend school and no EDP program will be offered. Jockvale staff will engage in conversation about Mathematics and complete the Commit to Kids training.

Finally, please find attached the September newsletter for additional information.

Have a restful weekend! Stay warm!

Robyn