

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

Thank you to all of our families who were able to join us for our Meet and Greet and BBQ. This was a great opportunity to share our learning community with you and to open the lines of communication. It also gave us the opportunity to show off all of the changes we have made to the building. We would like to take an opportunity to give a round of 'paws' to Debbie Hameluck for organizing the food trucks. If you were unable to join us, please know that we are always happy to meet with you. Feel free to reach out and staff will work with you to set up an opportunity to connect.

As student safety is our top priority, this week we took advantage of the nice weather to complete our first three mandatory fire drill practices for the fall term. We were impressed with our students who exited the building quickly, quietly, and safely. You could not hear a pin drop as we accounted for all students and staff. Soon we will focus our attention on bus evacuation drills and lockdown practices.

On Thursday, the Grade 2/3's from M Meilleur and Mrs. Sinclair's class enjoyed a fantastic day at the Richmond Fair. They participated in many agricultural related activities, got to see inside a Fire Rescue truck, petted a variety of animals and watched a miniature horse Chuck Wagon race. Mrs. Sinclair's class was amazed at how big one of the sunflowers was compared to the sunflower in their classroom. According to students, the one at the fair was HUGE!

Additionally, Mme. Phillips and Mrs. Azarbar took our grade 6 students to Baxter Conservation Area for a day of team building and fun. Students participated in many different tasks and activities that challenged them and made them think strategically. They worked in pairs, small groups and large groups, communicating effectively, trusting each other and cooperating in order to complete each task. They persevered through some challenging activities that at times were frustrating and encouraged and cheered each other on. It was a very successful day!! Thank you to the staff and all of our parent volunteers for making these two experiences possible for our students.

Today, Mme Phillips' and Mme Ross' classes learned how to create pixel portraits during a workshop hosted by Carleton University's Virtual Ventures. It was a great way to use the new Makerspace location in room 22: Innovation Station, for the first time this year!

We are thrilled to share that interest in our extracurriculars is already impressive. Over 90 Jaguars have signed up for Cross Country and about 50 students have been divided between six teams in our intramural soccer program. WE CLUB and Ukulele Club are already up and running as well! We love to see our students actively engaged in school life!

Looking ahead to next week, on Tuesday, we will hold the Official Opening of The Lounge. Trustee Blackburn will join our grade 6 students and staff for the ribbon cutting and celebration.

Wednesday is our Photo Day. Only individual student photos will be taken at this time. Classroom photos will take place on our re-take day, October 23rd.

As a school community, we are learning about the life and legacy of Canadian Hero Terry Fox. Next Thursday morning, Jaguars will put on their sneakers and join thousands of schools across Canada to participate in the Terry Fox National School Run/Walk Day. Students will be doing laps in the back field to complete Terry's marathon. Students are encouraged to wear red and white for this event. We are also asking all members of the Jockvale Pride to bring in a toonie on the day of the run, use the pledge form sent home via backpack express or make an online donation at <http://www.terryfox.ca/JockvaleESNepean> as a way to keep Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer alive. Thank you for your support.

The first Movie Night of the school year will take place on Friday, September 27th. 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.

Enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

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