

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

On Monday, we had the privilege of meeting motivational speaker and quadruple amputee Chris Koch. He shared his inspiring story and adventures and encouraged us to never give up and keep smiling. He reminded us that we can do AWESOME and AMAZING things!

On Wednesday, we completed our first of two lockdown practices. We were very impressed with all of our classes who took the drill seriously and made themselves small and silent. We look forward to once again showing Constable Cavicchioli how responsibly we handle this drill in the Winter of 2020.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a PA Day and students do not attend school. Staff will engage in professional development activities. In the morning, we will complete the Commit to Kids training and in the afternoon participate in subject specific sessions. We look forward to our day of learning together!

Looking ahead to next week, the school will be closed on Monday as it is a holiday. Jaguars can enjoy an extra long weekend.

On **Tuesday**, join us for dinner at McDonald's Barrhaven (3773 Strandherd Drive). Between 4 and 8 pm McDonald's will donate \$3 from the purchase of every happy meal, value meal and entree salad when you tell them you are with Jockvale. All proceeds from this event will be used to purchase fruit for the classroom food bowls. Invite your family and friends to join you.

On Wednesday, as part of the OCDSB's adjusted schedule, staff and students will follow their Monday schedule. While this largely has an impact on staff's timetables, please note whether your child has library or indoor or outdoor Physical Education on Mondays so that you are prepared. Please note that the adjusted schedule does not impact on our lunch programs

Students in Mme Heather's, Mme Grainger's and Ms. Waddell's classes are headed to Saunders Farm. They will spend the day outdoors learning all about pumpkins and agriculture.

Additionally, as part of their Social Studies unit, grade five students have been learning about government and the electoral process, and researching issues, parties and candidates through classroom activities and media consumption. As part of their culminating activity, Mme Phillips, Mrs. Honsberger, Mrs. Azarbar, Mrs. Ivison and Mrs. Irvarren introduced their students to Civix Student Vote. This program allows all grade 4-6 students the opportunity to experience a real election, to see how the voting process works and to understand the importance of heading out to the polls to vote. Jaguars will cast ballots for the official candidates running in Jockvale's electoral district on Wednesday. We look forward to sharing the results of our election in upcoming communication.

On Thursday, our Junior students are headed to their Regional Cross Country meet at the Baxter Conservation Area. Best of luck to our Jaguar runners! Thank you to Coaches Ivison, Meilleur and Pratt for providing this opportunity for our students.

On Friday, our girls' junior soccer teams will be sporting Jockvale blue and competing in their Regional tournaments at Barrhaven PS. We wish them the best of luck! Thank you to Coach Honsberger for her dedication to athletics.

With Thanksgiving approaching, Mrs. St-Germain and I took some time to reflect on what we are thankful for. We are thankful for:

- ~polite, kind and respectful students
- ~amazing grade 6 Leaders of the Pride
- ~a diverse group of students who we learn from and laugh with every day
- ~hardworking staff who put our students first
- ~a dedicated School Council
- ~a clean and well cared for building
- ~parents who support their children and their learning
- ~being a part of this amazing school community

What are you thankful for?

Enjoy the long weekend with your family! We will see our students on Tuesday.

Robyn

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

Save the date for the JESC Halloween dance on Friday, October 25 from 6 to 8:30 pm. The dance will have a professional DJ and lights, a photo booth, bake sale, games and a laser maze. The cost to attend is just \$3 / person or \$10 for a family of 4. To make the dance a success we are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, admission, bake sale, photo booth, supervising games and the dance floor. If you are able to help out for an hour or more please contact [jockvalecouncil@google.com/](mailto:jockvalecouncil@google.com/).

Pizza kits from Little Caesars order forms have gone home with the students. Due date of 1 Nov for pickup on 14 Nov. Volunteers are also needed on the 14th to sort and distribute the orders, if you can lend a hand that day please contact [jockvalecouncil@google.com/](mailto:jockvalecouncil@google.com/).

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