

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

The results are in! Jockvale students who participated in the mock federal election would have elected the NDP as the new Canadian Government, with the Green Party as the official opposition. Students felt very strongly about the issues surrounding climate change, affordable housing, and reducing poverty. When all student votes were counted across Canada, students elected a minority Liberal Government with the NDP as the official opposition. There was much excitement and discussion about the results of the real federal election results this week. It was wonderful to hear so many different points of view!

Have you heard about two new activities for students to participate in at recess time? Bordenball intramurals are set to begin and paperwork has been sent home. A Positive Action Group (PAG) has also formed. Their plans are to spread positivity throughout the school and be there as a friend to all on the yard. The PAG members will be wearing pinneys on the yard. Please encourage your child to take an active role in school life. Participating in extracurriculars provides opportunities to meet new students, learn new skills and develop a sense of commitment.

Our boys' Junior soccer teams participated in their regional tournaments at Barrhaven PS on Monday. While we did not medal, we certainly demonstrated great Jockvale teamwork, spirit and sportsmanship. Thank you to Coach Sinclair for her ongoing dedication to athletics and to all parents who accompanied the teams and/or cheered them on!

On Wednesday, our class photos and photo retakes were taken. We will send an email home notifying parents when you should anticipate receiving the proofs.

On Thursday, all of our classes participated in a bus evacuation drill. All students boarded a yellow bus and simulated a rear emergency evacuation. We thank our friends from OSTA for providing this opportunity.

Last week, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) were sent home with students via backpack express. If you have not yet seen it, please check your child's bag. Be sure to return a signed Consultation Log Page as soon as possible.

We are very excited for our first dance of the year which will be held tonight from 6 to 8:30PM. The event will feature a bake sale, photo booth, games and more. Admission is \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of 4! This is a family event and all children must be accompanied by an adult! Don't forget to wear your costume, but please no masks or weapons! Mrs St-Germain and I look forward to seeing you!

Looking ahead to next week, on Tuesday, Jockvale ES is about to get a whole lot more magical! Magician Coby is coming to our school with a magic show and a powerful message about bullying prevention. He will perform three shows throughout the day highlighting different grade

appropriate messages. Thank you to the Jockvale School Council for providing this opportunity for our students.

On **Wednesday**, we will hold our annual WITS Swearing In Ceremony. While we will review the WITS strategies (walk away, ignore, talk it out and seek help) we will highlight the importance of seeking help from staff, parents and community helpers. Our School Resource Officer, Cst. Cavicchioli will join us to represent the community members who are willing to help us solve problems. For more information about WITS and LEADS, please visit their [website](#).

On **Thursday, October 31st**, Jockvale will celebrate **Halloween**. Students are welcome to dress in costume or in orange and black. Costumes should not include weapons, blood, gore, masks or props that will impede learning. Individual staff members will communicate any special activities that may be taking place in their classroom on that day.

On **November 1**, all junior students will head to the University of Ottawa to watch a Women's National Rugby Finals game. The Ottawa Gee-Gees visited Jockvale last year to offer rugby clinics to our students. We thank them for providing us with the opportunity to see some of the skills the students learned in action!

Additionally, our Grade 6 student leaders, The Leaders of the Pride, have been working wonderfully in their leadership roles around the school. They will begin new roles in new leadership positions, starting November 4. We are very thankful to our student leaders and to all of the staff who provide them with these opportunities.

Finally, just a reminder that JAG SWAG orders must be in no later than November 13th. Sample sizes are available in the office. Please be sure to complete the salmon/orange form or submit your order via School Cash Online.

Enjoy the weekend!

Robyn

COUNCIL CORNER

Pizza kits from Little Caesars order forms have gone home with the students. Orders are due by Nov. 1st and pickup will be November 14. 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/.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Family Funday in support of Leukemia research!

A few grade 12 students from John McCrae Secondary School have organized a Family Funday on October 27th from 11am to 3pm. We would love for you to come and support this great cause! Games, BBQ, prizes and more! All ages welcome.

Tickets for the games will be sold at the entrance and food will be sold at a rate of your choosing (what you wish to donate).

We will also be having a raffle for items such as local restaurant gift cards and more! There will be many winners.