

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

In staffing news, we said goodbye to Miss Reid who taught the English portion of one of our JKSK classrooms. We welcome Ms. Waxman to the Jockvale Jamboree. Ms. Waxman has spent the past two days familiarizing herself with the students and routines and she looks forward to assuming her teaching responsibilities on October 10th.

In our kinder program we will be saying goodbye to Ghislaine Dagenais and Jennifer Lauer who has been the ECE partners in Room 1 and 2. We are in the process of hiring ECE partners to fill these vacancy. In the interim casual ECEs will be coming to support the program.

On Tuesday, 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!

We completed our first of two lockdown practices. Ottawa Police were impressed with most of our classes who took the drill seriously and made themselves small and silent. Thank you to Constables Joseph and James for their assistance and feedback.

On Wednesday, we participated in a bus evacuation drill. All students boarded a yellow bus and simulated an emergency evacuation. They practiced a front evacuation. We thank our dedicated drivers at Voyago for assisting us with this.

On Thursday, dental hygienists Mireille Ladouceur and Lucy Charbonneau visited and provided dental screening to our students in JK, SK, and grade 2. Our results indicated that our students are taking care of their teeth!

Looking ahead to our upcoming four-day week, photo retakes will be taken on Tuesday.

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 and/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.

With Thanksgiving approaching, Ms. Ocquaye and I took some time to reflect on what we are thankful for. We are thankful for:

~polite and respectful students

~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

~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 you on Tuesday.

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