**Announcements**

The theme for the month of May is “Fairness.”

We all know the old saying – Fair is not always equal! However, FAIR is getting what you need in order to be successful.

**Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week.** If you have not had a chance to go through the visual Lightning News, please take the opportunity. There are tons of ideas in that power point.

**This month is Asian History Month, from May 1st – May 31st.** This is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian descent. The theme this year is “Recognition, Resilience, and Resolve.” Students will be learning more in Foundations.

**May is Brain Tumour Awareness Month in Canada. Help Us # Turn May Gray in 2021 and together we can # End Brain Tumours.**  Please pull out your gray clothes for gray day on May 27th.

This week is a short week for students as there are only four school days! We are going to complete a class bubble clean up on Thursday afternoon.

**# Thank A Teacher ~ May 3rd to 7th, 2021.** The theme for Teacher Appreciation Week this week is “You Bring Hope to our School and Community.” The Wellness Team thought this would be most fitting given what we have all been through this year with COVID -19. It has not been an easy year, especially in January and February, yet all the teachers managed to retain their optimism and keep our students safe while everyone continued to learn. Now, we just want to take the opportunity to pay tribute to our teachers for managing to sustain hope by thanking them and providing them with tokens of appreciation and thanks.

To all of our Faculty & Staff , on Thursday, May 6th, please feel free to wear your jeans!

**Student Vote –** Last Friday during Foundations class, students began learning about the voting process and the responsibilities of the Municipal Government. Students also watched videos submitted by the candidates running for Mayor, Councilor at Large, and Ward 1 Councilors.

The Mock Student Vote will take place this Thursday, May 6th. All 15 homeroom classes will have the opportunity to go to Room 28 at a scheduled time to cast their ballot. They will register at the registration table, receive their ballot, proceed to the voting booth, and place their ballot in the grade level ballot box. They will return to their classroom once finished. The voting process will take 15 minutes per class. Thank you to Mr. Smith and the students from 7/8 Smith who will be helping with the voting stations and the counting of the votes. The votes will be counted and tallied per grade level and for the entire school. The results will be shared on Tuesday, May 11th and we will take the opportunity to compare the student results with the actual election results.

Breakfast items have been available in the Student Lounge since 8:10 a.m. and will continue to be available until 8:40 a.m.

Any student birthdays…

We are week 1 in the duty schedule.

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