**Announcements**

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

**Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week.** It is held every year during the first week of May. It is a national campaign that raises awareness to promote better mental health for children.

**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.** National Day of Gray is Thursday, May 27th.

This week is a short week for students as there are only four school days! There is NO school this Friday, May 7th, since it is “Subject Council Day” for staff. There will be no hot lunch this week and no canteen service. These services will return next Friday, May 14th.

There is no school for students next Monday, May 10th, as it is "NBTA Branch Meeting Day" for staff.

With this being a four-day week and it is a four-day week next week; we are going to do a major classroom clean up. This will be a great time for students to dispose of things they no longer require. It is also an excellent time for students to bring in items that are needed to complete the school year in a successful manner. These items include pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pencil crayons or markers, loose-leaf, and an agenda. All students are required to have a novel for silent reading. All French Immersion students are required to have a French/English dictionary. We strongly suggest that all students have binders for their subjects and keep all of their papers in the binders. We also recommend that students have a supply case/kit to hold their items so that they are not loose in their desks. Please keep in mind that the custodians sweep the floors every single day and any supplies that are left on the floor are thrown into the garbage. Students – It is extremely important that you pick up your belongings off the floor before you leave to go home.

**# 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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