



May 18th, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The students had a beautiful day at the **National MusicFest** on Thursday. Congratulations to our beautiful Junior-Intermediate choir for their outstanding performance and their SILVER placing.

Bike to school month: Our cyclists have been steadily increasing over the past few weeks and have been excited about the prizes they have received for arriving to school in a healthy and safe manner. We would like to remind you that helmets are required by law in order to ensure that an accident doesn't cause a lifelong injury. Please tell your children to wear helmets when they ride their bikes. Please make them aware of how they should be walking through the parking lot to ensure that they are not hit by the door of a car. As well, a reminder that students should be walking their bikes along the school sidewalks for the same reason.

Jump Rope for Heart was a huge success today! The weather was perfect, the Grade 6 leaders led their various skipping activities fabulously, all students were smiling as were the army of parent volunteers and students making them smoothies. On-line donations are still being accepted until next Friday. We enjoyed a healthy and nutritious afternoon!

Today was our **ECO visit** where our students had the opportunity to highlight some of the fabulous ECO initiatives that have taken place this year: recycling sorting, Mother's Day planting and gardening fun as well as numerous curriculum linked activities.

This morning we were also proud to welcome **King City Secondary School's Big Band** who entertained the Grade 6-8 students with their talent. We are hoping to hear their main orchestra in the new year as well!

We have had numerous incidents of inappropriate and often times aggressive behaviour by some students related to their play of the **video game "Fortnite"**. *This video game is Rated T for "Teens" as a minimum age and a warning that it is violent.* The trailer may seem like it could be fun and collaborative to build your fort with your friends, but the communication that often takes place between students when playing the game or in a private group hangout (chat), who are not supervised, is often inappropriate and hurtful. Please be aware of the [research that advocates limiting screen time, especially for these types of violent games as they may have a negative impact on social behaviours.](#) (link)

Good luck to our Grade 6 students will be writing their **EQAO assessments** beginning next week. The Grade 3 students will be writing on May 30-31. Please try not to schedule appointments during these times.

Save the Date!! Our annual **Festival is coming on June 22-** you don't want to miss out! Pre-orders for food and ticket sales will be coming out on School Cash on-Line soon. Only a limited amount of food will be available at the event, so please pre-order yours to avoid disappointment at the Festival.

Attached to this eblast please find:

- Flyer advertising the New Beginnings Pow Wow being held on June 2. If you have never attended previously, it is a wonderful experience.

Have a wonderful, long weekend!

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