



May 25th, 2018

Dear parents and guardians,

Oh my goodness, this is the last May eblast!

Bike to school month is underway and we are excited to share that the number of cyclists has steadily increased. **Rewards** are still being offered this week and next, to students who arrive to school by bike!

Even in this shortened week, there has been lots on the go: Grade 6 students began writing their **EQAO** assessments. They will continue next week along with the Grade 3 Math assessments. Our **garden** has been planted and now features some vegetables as well as Indigenous plants. We will be looking to recruit some families in the area to maintain and water it during the summer months. A sign-up sheet will be provided for this purpose at our year end Festival. Thank you in advance for your support!

In anticipation of the new laws regarding Cannabis on July 1, we have ordered copies of the **resource**: "Cannabis Talk Kit: Know how to talk with your teen" which is a parent resource sanctioned by the Ministry of Education. This resource will be available to parents during upcoming school events (e.g. Music Night, Festival) and in the office within the next week or so.

Yesterday was our **House Day** where student houses discussed and practiced some **strategies for Wellness** (i.e. physical, emotional, social, environmental and spiritual). The activities were created by Grade 6-8 students in the Conseil des Coyotes and we applaud their effort and creativity! Ask your children what they learned and how you may be able to incorporate some strategies at home as well.

Coming up next week, our Grade 1's head to the Zoo and Grade 4-8 students will be participating in Track and Field. Grades 6-8 participate on Wednesday and Grades 4-5 on Thursday. We are hoping for perfect weather for our athletes.

Attached to this eblast please find:

- An important letter to parents from the Director advising of the new Netflix release: "13 Reasons Why" and how best to support and respond to your children should you choose to allow them to view it.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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