



October 27, 2017

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Last Spring, students in grades 5-8 were asked to complete a School Climate survey. This survey asked questions on a very wide range of areas, from how welcome they feel at school and why they feel the way that they do, to whether they view math problems taught in school as being relevant in their daily lives. As a result of this School Climate survey, we spent the PA day today discussing the results, in an effort to understand how we can improve as a school community. Our ultimate objective is for every single child to feel valued and to believe that the education they receive at school is worthwhile and will better prepare them for life after school.

In response to one question within this extensive survey, it appears that very few students are aware of an anonymous bullying reporting button – “Report It!” on our school and Board websites. Please share this information with your children as another means of reporting bullying incidents that they witness at school.

More details regarding our School Climate survey will be shared at our School Council meetings or within this eblast, as we work toward improving our school for each member of our community.

Thanks to School Council fundraising dollars, we were able to purchase 48 new Chromebooks and a cart. These Chromebooks will be divided among our Junior grades who have more students than in past years. They may also be borrowed by our primary classes to further enhance their programs. We’re happy to remind you that all money raised through fundraising, goes directly back into the hands of our students.

Our next School Council meeting is on Oct. 25 from 7:00-9:00 PM. If you plan to attend and require babysitting, please let us know by Monday, Oct. 23 at the latest. If we don’t hear from you, we will not be arranging babysitting.

In recognition of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (which was on October 17th), l'Esprit des Coyotes (Student Council) is holding a short food drive from Monday, October 23rd to Wednesday November 1st. According to the Food Banks of Canada, the following items are greatly needed: rice, flour, pasta, canned fish and meat,

stew and soup, canned or dried beans, canned fruits and vegetables, 100% fruit juice, canned or powdered milk, cereals, tomato sauce, peanut butter and baby products (e.g. formula, diapers, baby food). Thank you for your support of this student-led initiative.

As a reminder, sibling photos and photo retakes will be on Tuesday November 7th.

Please find attached the copy of the  [Siblings and Photo retake day.pdf](#). In order for things to run smoothly, it would be appreciated if parents could fill in, sign and have the student drop it off to the photographer on the day of the event.

Enjoy another warm, sunny weekend!

**Heather Zaitlin, Principal**