



October 6, 2017

C'est genial d'être gentil!

Dear Parent and Guardians,

Welcome to October! The weather doesn't feel like it, but we have certainly been taking advantage of the warmth to be learning and playing outdoors. Our Cross Country team has proven to be very fast with 25 students in grades 4-8 qualifying to run in the Regionals. Félicitations!

Monday was our Terry Fox run in the beautiful sunshine. Thanks to your generosity we raised over \$2200 for the Terry Fox Foundation and money is still flowing in, which means that Mme Loseto may have a slightly different appearance on Tuesday.... (Please ask your children if they like her new look!)

Individual EQAO results for our current grade 4 and 7 students were sent home today. Information for our current Grade 3 and 6 students and their parents can be found at: <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/communication-docs/guide-elementary-assessments-english.pdf>. Our students continue to achieve very high

Coffee Hour is a continued tradition where we invite our parents to the school to learn about or discuss a school related, topic of interest. In order to reach as many parents as possible throughout the year, we vary the times from mornings to afternoons, each month. Next Friday, October 13, will be our first Coffee Hour at 1:40 PM in the staffroom. The topic chosen by our School Council this month will be "Meet the New Principal". I hope to meet many new and familiar faces!

Attached to this email please find:

- A clear graphic of the importance of reading


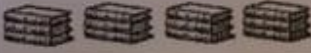

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and hope that you can recognize something in your life that you are thankful for. We are most thankful to have such an enthusiastic and supportive student and parent community.

Enjoy the continued sunshine!

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Why Read 20 Minutes at Home?

STUDENT A	STUDENT B	STUDENT C
• Reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	• Reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	• Reads an average of 1 minutes per day.
• 3,600 minutes/school year	• 900 minutes/school year	• 180 minutes/school year
• 1,800,000 words per year	• 282,000 words per year	• 8,000 words per year
By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 60 school days	By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 12 school days	By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 3 school days
		
<p>In order for children to become better readers, they need time to read.</p>		