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QJS News

LOCATED ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE LHTAKO DENE, WHERE WE LIVE, LAUGH AND LEARN THE WAY OF OUR NATIONS WITH RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATION, AND KINDNESS.

QJS Remembers

Thank you to the families who shared photos of your veterans or CAF members. Poppies will be provided for students on Nov. 10th.

Please consider bringing a small donation for the legion.



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



QJS - CONTACT US

Do you know about something going on? Please let us know. We work with families and students to resolve issues.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BUILDING A SAFE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS REMAIN IMPORTANT PRIORITIES AT QJS. AS WE APPROACH THE END OF TERM 1, SEMESTER 1, STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE SETTLED INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR, EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND OUR STUDENTS HAVE LARGELY SHAKEN OFF THE START-OF-THE-YEAR JITTERS. OUR SCHOOL TEAMS HAVE EXPERIENCED BOTH VICTORIES AND LOSSES WHILE CONTINUING TO BUILD SKILLS, RESILIENCE, AND POSITIVE TEAM MINDSETS.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE, ARRIVING PREPARED, AND APPROACHING LEARNING WITH A WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF STUDENT GROWTH. MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE ESTABLISHED THESE POSITIVE HABITS AND ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO ACHIEVING PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS. OTHERS ARE STILL WORKING TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES RELATED TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, WORK AVOIDANCE, AND ENGAGEMENT. WE ENCOURAGE THESE STUDENTS TO ATTEND REGULARLY, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUPPORTS AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND RECOGNIZE THAT CONSISTENT EFFORT AND PARTICIPATION ARE IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD MAKING PROGRESS.

AS STAFF, WE CONTINUE WORKING TO CREATE CALM, SAFE, LEARNING-FOCUSED CLASSROOMS THAT RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO THE WIDE RANGE OF NEEDS AND ABILITIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

THIS YEAR, QJS HAS ALSO INTRODUCED SOME NEW APPROACHES TO CREATING SAFER SPACES IN AND AROUND OUR BUILDING. AREAS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH VAPING HAVE BEEN CLOSED OFF, AND STUDENTS WHO BRING DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES TO SCHOOL OR ENGAGE IN UNSAFE BEHAVIOURS HAVE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THEIR FREE TIME BEFORE SCHOOL, AT LUNCH, AND AFTER SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN FROM SUSPENSION. THESE ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS AND SUPPORTS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN REDUCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNSAFE BEHAVIOUR AND MAINTAINING A SAFER, MORE POSITIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE. OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS CAN COME TO SCHOOL FEELING SAFE, SUPPORTED, AND READY TO LEARN.

I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR GRADE 8 AND 9 STUDENTS FOR THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN SHAPING THE CULTURE OF QJS. THE WAY STUDENTS INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER, TREAT STAFF, RESPOND TO CHALLENGES, AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE SEEN MANY EXAMPLES OF STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING KINDNESS, MATURITY, LEADERSHIP, AND RESPECT FOR THOSE AROUND THEM. THESE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HELP ESTABLISH THE WELCOMING AND RESPECTFUL TONE WE WANT OUR SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN FOR. THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS FOR TAKING PRIDE IN QJS AND HELPING MAKE IT A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE FEELS THEY BELONG.

SPORTS







BAND 9

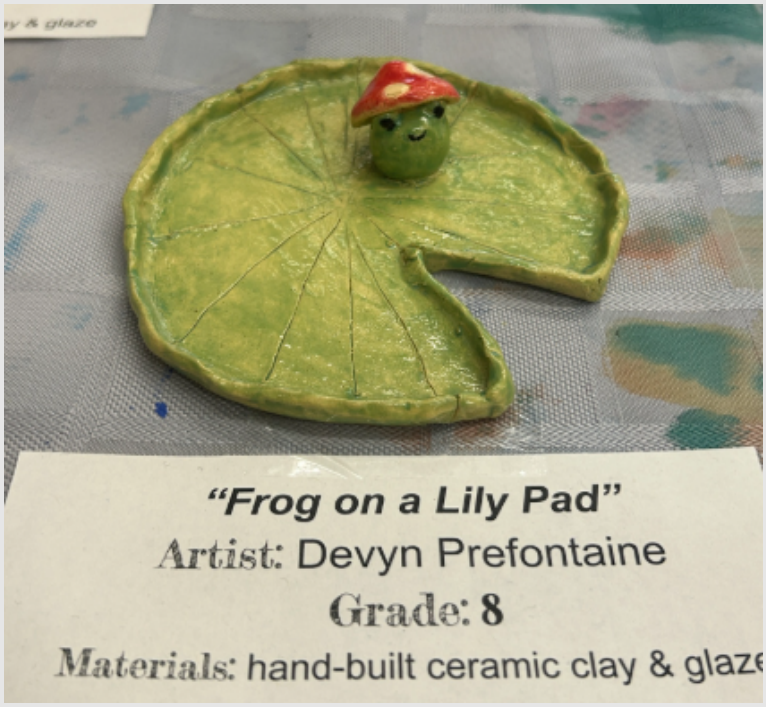
THANK YOU TO OUR BAND 9 STUDENTS AND MR. MOORE FOR SHOWCASING YOUR TALENTS AT LAST WEEK'S PERFORMANCES





RIVER HAWKS

CREATIVITY







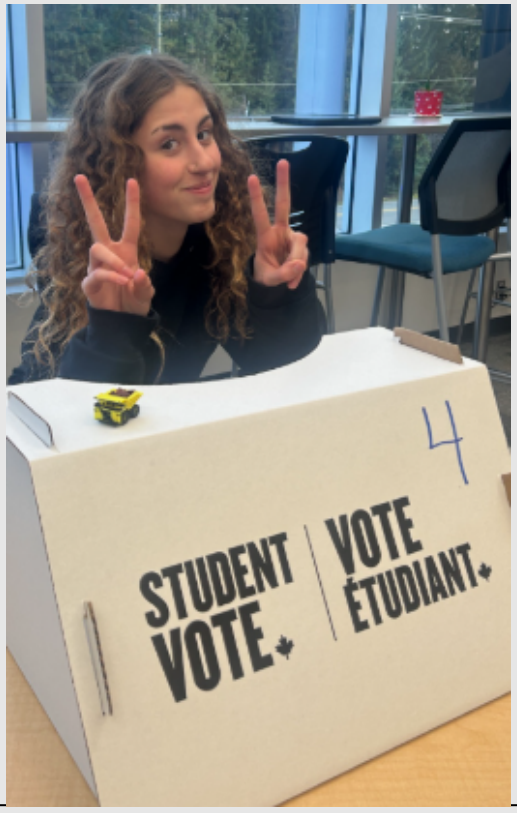


A FEW THINGS

DOMINOS PIZZA CODE FUNDRAISER:
QJS HAS TEAMED UP WITH DOMINOS FOR A FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR. BY USING **OUR CODE "QJS"** WHEN YOU ORDER ONLINE OR OVER THE PHONE, YOU WILL SAVE 25% ON ANY ORDER THIS SCHOOL YEAR, AND DOMINOS WILL PROVIDE OUR SCHOOL WITH 20% OF THE FUNDS USED WITH OUR CODE.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MANAGED TO CONNECT FACE-TO-FACE OR OVER THE PHONE WITH TEACHERS. WE BELIEVE THAT OPEN COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUR CHILD'S/STUDENT'S EDUCATION WILL MAKE THEM MORE SUCCESSFUL.

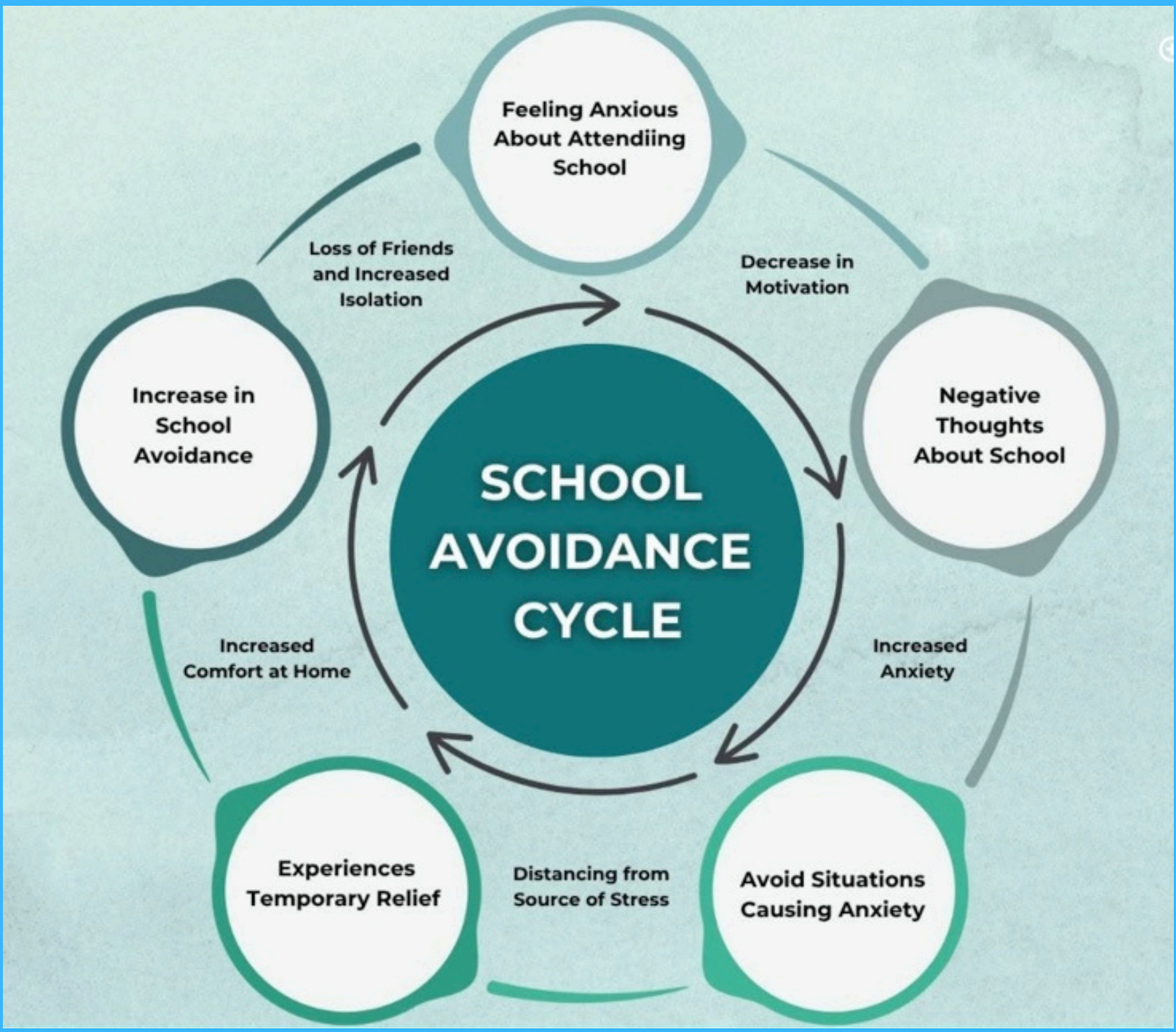
LEARNING UPDATES: OUR TERM 1, SEMESTER 1 ENDS ON NOVEMBER 13TH. LEARNING UPDATES WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS ON NOVEMBER 27TH. PLEASE BE SURE TO ASK YOUR CHILD/STUDENT, AS THEY SOMETIMES HAVE A TENDENCY TO GET STUCK AT THE BOTTOM OF BACKPACKS.





IS YOUR CHILD/STUDENT STRUGGLING TO ATTEND REGULARLY? PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL TO SHARE CONCERNS, SO WE CAN WORK TOWARDS A SOLUTION.

AVOIDANCE = MORE STRESS AND MORE ANXIETY





November

10 - REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

11 - NO SCHOOL -REMEMBRANCE DAY

23 - NO SCHOOL - NI DAY

27- LEARNING UPDATES SENT HOME (REPORT CARDS)
(SEMESTER 1,TERM 1)

December

17- LOCKER CLEANOUT

18TH - LAST DAY BEFORE THE BREAK

January

4- RETURN TO SCHOOL

29 - SEMESTER 1 ENDS

Beginning
Next Friday, October16th

