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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
February 22, 2021

1. **CHANGE WITHIN ADMINISTRATION TEAM**

As you may be aware, our current vice-principal, Jody Cayer, will soon be on maternity leave. We are happy to announce that Christine Suarez (art teacher at RWA) will be replacing her until the end of the school year. I would like to thank Ms. Cayer for her hard work and dedication to RWA as part of the administration team over the past 6 months and take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Suarez to the team.

2. **UPDATE RENOVATIONS**

There are three renovation projects in the works for our school. The biggest project is the renovation of the Auditorium into a performance centre (includes a reorganization of the backstage area – construction of a music classroom, green room for performers, making the stage wheelchair accessible, etc). There are also plans to renovate most of our student bathrooms, and update the flooring in the science labs on the third floor. We have selected the finishes and the planning is well underway. Renovations are set to begin in June 2021.

3. **MEQ TUTORING INITIATIVE**

The Ministry recently announced a tutoring initiative to help mitigate any negative academic effects the pandemic has caused on Quebec youth. The EMSB has set up a system for applicants, both within the EMSB and external, to become tutors. Though the initiative is still in the very early stages, our staff will soon take on the process of identifying students who are academically at risk and would benefit from the program.

4. **TYNDALE ST-GEORGES**

We are very happy to report that despite difficult constraints related to COVID-19, our school was able to carry-out our usual fundraising efforts, benefiting the Tyndale St-Georges Non-Profit Community Centre. This year, our students raised a total of \$ 3,085.68 through homeroom donations and dress-down days. Notable mentions are HR 107 which raised the highest amount of any homeroom (\$ 266.38) and have won a pizza lunch for their labours, and the entire secondary 1 group, which raised the most of any other grade level with

a total donation of \$1,089.86. They are rewarded with an afternoon early dismissal on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

We would like to sincerely thank all students and their parents for their ongoing support of this worthy cause.

A special thank you to Mr. Bateman for spear-heading this project again this year.

5. **EMSB MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP**

In response to this very difficult year, the EMSB has made available to all employees the opportunity to participate in the Mental Well-Being & Stress Management Program with Dr. Georges Sabongui through Energia. Through this program, participants will receive training in areas such as physical well-being, mental well-being, emotional well-being, global functioning, coping strategies, and stressors.

6. **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

Our RWA Home & School will be showering our staff with treats this week for staff appreciation week – there are many surprises up their collective sleeve. We wish to thank them for their continual support of our staff and consistently going above and beyond, even during a challenging year, to ensure that we feel appreciated.