

Royal West Academy

Student Bulletin



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 14 Gm Meeting at 19:00
- June 15 RWA Foundation Meeting at 19:00
- June 23 Early Dismissal at noon
- June 24 Holiday

YEARBOOKS LAST CALL **NEW!**

If you are a sec 5 student who still wants a yearbook today is your last chance to let me know. Send me an email at jfogel@emsb.gc.ca immediately.

On Monday the rest of the books will be sold, and you will be out of luck.

If you did not receive your yearbook and think you bought one you must let me know today as well. Again, they will all be sold on Monday.

Ms. Fogel

For those of you who may not have heard, the remains of 215 children who were part of the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation were recently found at the former site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School buried in a mass grave. This finding shook the community at its core, and they now find themselves mourning this loss. A memorial on the Ainslie side of the school has been set up to bring light to the recent tragedy, and we ask that you please bring a pair of children's shoes to commemorate the departed children.

Some of you may be asking yourselves what is a residential school? Starting in the 1880s, the Canadian government launched the federal residential school system. These schools, which appeared in almost every province, were meant to take in first nation children and assimilate them into European culture. They were forced to give up their language, their belief system, their customs, their traditions, and everything that made them who they were. These children were taken from their homes by force and couldn't see their parents and loved ones for several months. In these schools, children were abused sexually and physically, starved, and mistreated. This dark chapter of Canadian history is often overlooked which is why it is so important to educate ourselves on these tragedies so that the crimes committed against these children don't go unknown.

