

MRS. MILLS KNAPP'S CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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November Update



We are all shocked and saddened by the tragic events that have transpired in Ottawa. Our thoughts are with all those affected, and we have acknowledged in class the bravery of emergency personnel who reacted immediately to protect the community. Although events like this are extremely rare, it is important to recognize the impact that they

How quickly November has arrived! November is the month set aside to remember those who fought for our freedom, and those who continue to work to keep our world safe. In light of the recent Ottawa tragedy, this Remembrance Day will be one that students may be particularly affected by.

can have on our students. The mental health team at SCDSB suggests being honest about what happened with your child, while focusing on basics and avoiding any unnecessary details. They also suggest limiting media coverage, and I would like to extend this to ensuring that you sit and discuss what is being portrayed in the media with your child. Ask them whose point of view is being represented—

whose is being omitted. Keep in mind that your child might be concerned that something is going to happen to them. Students may feel sadness, grief, helplessness, anger, or anxiety ... Remind them that whatever they feel is ok, and that you are there to talk to them about their feelings.

You are welcome to join our Remembrance Day service in the school gymnasium on November 11th at 11am.

On November 5th, the grade 8 students will be travelling to Barrie North and/or Eastview to give them an opportunity to explore the elective courses that are offered at their future school and to introduce them to life in high school!

November promises to be another busy and exciting month!

Contact Information

Please remember that if, at any time during the year, you should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as they arise.

You may reach me by telephone at (705) 728-3084, through notes in your child's Agenda, or in person anytime before or after school. It's always best to make an appointment to ensure my availability.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation!

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A reminder that our class website can be found here:

www.mrsmillsknappclass.yolasite.com

Important Dates / Upcoming Events

- **Black & Orange Day:** November 4, 2014
- **October 31, 2014**
- **Reading Response #2:** November 7, 2014
- **October 31, 2014**
- **Picture Retake Day:** November 10, 2014; November 12, 2014
- **November 4, 2014**
- **War Dance Q's Due:** November 13, 2014
- **Grade 8—November 3, 2014; Grade 7—**
- **Grade 8 Cell Assignment:** November 13, 2014
- **8B—November 10, 2014;**
- **8A—November 12, 2014**
- **Grade 8 Data Management Math Test:** November 13, 2014

Interviews & PA Day

Interviews have been scheduled for **November 10th—November 14th.**

Interview times have either been assigned or chosen by you at Meet the Teacher Night.

****Please inform me of any changes****

PA Day (NO SCHOOL):

November 14, 2014

