Hello there Jaguar families, and Happy Sunny Friday!!  I hope you have enjoyed a satisfying week, as we have strived for happiness, kindness and success at John Muir again this week.  Although Pink Shirt Day has come and gone again for another year, the message of kindness remains paramount for all of our Jaguars.  Thank you for you continued support, as we work together to raise happy, well-adjusted and kind humans here at John Muir.

As I’m sure you are aware, much news has been spreading regarding the “Momo Challenge” and related internet safety guidelines for our children.  I am by no means an expert on this particular challenge, but I have attempted to educate myself in this regard over the past couple of days.  I have spoken to our entire school in regards to internet safety, screen time, and most importantly communication with parents/guardians.  For me the specifics of this Momo Challenge are not the most important focus at this time.  This brings about a more serious notion, and that is the amount of unsupervised screen time some children in our society are able to experience.  Many of the news stories released over the past few days contain differing accounts of this Momo Challenge.  I encourage you to make draw your own opinions in this regard, but please do consider the following suggestions:

**·   Get to know what your child does online and teach them to be safe — they need to know how to deal with inappropriate material and how to protect themselves from predators.**

**·   Keep the computer in a common area, have them use personal devices in your company.**

**·   Warn your child not to give personal information to a stranger online.**

**·   Contact local law enforcement if you believe your child is being blackmailed or extorted online.**

**·   Tell your child to ignore messages from people they don't recognize and not to visit someone in person that they meet online or via text.**

For many of us, growing up with technology was not a reality for our childhood.  The world continues to evolve in this regard, and it is our job as parents and educators to ensure the safety of these young and impressionable minds.  Thank you for your help with this!

Although kindness is an ongoing focus here at John Muir, we did employ some special Pink Shirt Day activities this Wednesday past.  I have attached a couple of bulletin board photos from around our school, both of which exemplify the work being done at John Muir to promote kindness as a natural way of living.  A huge thank you to all of the adults in our building for not only teaching, but modelling this essential value with our young an impressionable Jaguars.  Well done to all!

As you will notice on our upcoming calendar of events, we have our second Shared Learning Evening scheduled for Wednesday, March 13.  We will have the classes open for our ‘Learning Tours’ between 3 and 7pm.  I will send out a notification a little closer to this wonderful evening, as I’m sure your little ones are more than excited to share in the learning they have accomplished throughout the second term.

On Monday, an updated Emergency Release Form will be going home with each of our Jaguars.  This is a piece of the Reunification Drill preparation, and we thank you for getting these back to school in a timely manner.  These forms will provide us vital information in the event of an actual emergency.  If possible, please have these filled out and returned before we leave for Spring Break.  Thank you in advance for this!

Our amazing garden champions, Emily Moreland and Lindsay Nelson, are about to embark on an important garden fundraiser.  It is time for the West Coast Seed Fundraiser, which we are using to buy new tools and such for the garden.  I have attached a copy of the order form and note to parents should your little one fail to give that to you today.

**Attached to the Jaguar Weekly are the following items:**

**·  “Momo Challenge” notice   -**[MOMO CHALLENGE - BC.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/uqv2VCOEYrBoPmogVh9rAw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgReWvPpP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9bl80LUJETXZJQWMmbWFsPWQ2Y2YwOWNiNzEzNGVjOGNhNDgzMzA3YjgzMmUzYTM5NzhjOGViMWQyMTc0ZjRlYzdkYTZhM2FmN2M1Nzg5NjRXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAacB5XAYlEkVSE2dqb2huc29uQHNkNjIuYmMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**·   Garden Fundraiser Form    -**[2019\_Master\_Order\_Form-Participant\_BC.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/0dFGdwyd_mUR3uR_B757iQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgReWvPpP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9bl80LUJETXZJQWMmbWFsPTQxNjdjYjZiYjViNDA3OTg0YTQzMzI0NDg5NWFhNTA2NTkwNDJhNTZhZDY3YWQ5Y2U1MjA1ZWUwMjI3MTUyMDZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAacB5XAYlEkVSE2dqb2huc29uQHNkNjIuYmMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**·   Garden Fundraiser Parent Notice  -** [note to parents.docx](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/32qzIvvWlr8B2U5sI6S9Xw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgReWvPpP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9bl80LUJETXZJQWMmbWFsPTkyOTI0NDk4ZmEzN2MyMmI1Y2IxNWZiZWNmYjExMWRiMWMyMDcxM2NjMzA1MTI0NzlhNGI4ZTc0OGE0NjMwMjZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAacB5XAYlEkVSE2dqb2huc29uQHNkNjIuYmMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**·   Pink Day Pic  -** [pink shirt day.jpg](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/JyssAnkqF6mfvflLCvtuIw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgReWvPpP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9bl80LUJETXZJQWMmbWFsPWRlNTU1YTEwMTNjNzY4N2EzM2I2MGJmMmQ5Y2FiMzcyNzlmMTkxODIzNTZmNjYyODJmODM5MmJhZTI5OGY4YmZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAacB5XAYlEkVSE2dqb2huc29uQHNkNjIuYmMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**Please add the following dates to your calendars:**

* **Fri, March 8          Family Dance/Fun Night         6-7pm**
* **Fri, March 8 Crazy Hair Day**

**·**    **Wed, March 13      Learning Tours                        3-7pm**

**·**    **Fri, March 15        Report Cards Home &**

 **Last Day Before Spring Break!!**

**·**    **Mon, April 1          Schools Reopen after Spring Break**

What a beautiful day that was to get outside and enjoy some sunshine!  I had my usual hockey group out playing this afternoon and we were in t-shirts—what a change from a week or so ago!  I sincerely hope you have a chance to get outside and enjoy some fresh air with family this weekend.  You can definitely feel some Spring in the air!

Please have a wonderful weekend, and help us spread that kindness everywhere!

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