Hello there Jaguar families, and welcome to yet another Friday on the calendar!  I hope you have enjoyed a great week, as our week at school was fabulous.  With two weeks remaining on the school calendar, we continue to focus on our three pillars here in Jaguar-land:  RESPECT, KINDNESS and HONESTY.  As the leader of this fantastic little school, I thank you for supporting these important values with your little ones.  That partnership between home and school is so important, dare I say vital, as we continue on this journey towards individual and collective success.  Let’s take a closer look at the amazing events that are the ‘week that was’ here at John Muir…

Our week has again been highlighted by a variety of field trips for our lucky classes.  This Tuesday past Mrs. Miller, Ms. Love and Mr. Schorer decided to combine their troops for an adventure to the Splash Park and PlayZone at Westhills.  The weather chose to cooperate, which allowed for an even grander adventure!  The smiles pasted on the faces of our returning Jaguars told me all that I needed to know about how great of an adventure they had enjoyed! Thank you to the staff for arranging such a great day for our Jaguars!

Wednesday marked our final PAC sponsored Popcorn Day of the school year.  Thank you to the PAC for maintaining such a strong and positive presence in our school.  Although a bag of popcorn seems a rather small token, this is always a hotly anticipated date on the calendar.  Our Jaguars look forward to keeping the popcorn tradition alive and strong for years to come!

Thursday and Friday were definitely highlights on the calendar for most of our Grade 4’s and 5’s, as they headed off to Camp Pringle for two days of glory.  Thank you to Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Lovbakke and Ms. Behm for coordinating and facilitating this fantastic year-ender for our lucky Jaguars.  A huge thank you to the parents whom accompanied them on this grand adventure.  For those unaware, George Pringle Memorial Camp is located on the lovely Shawnigan Lake and has been the home of great group camping experiences for over 60 years.  We are so fortunate to be able to secure this spot as our own for a couple of days, and I am sure the attending Jaguars will be full of great stories and long-lasting memories.  For those parents with little ones away at the camp, you may just have a tired Jaguar on your hands tonight!

Today was another exceptionally special day on the premises of John Muir, as we hosted our second annual Bike Rodeo!  Thank you to Melissa Brilling and her amazing band of helpers for a great morning of bike safety, activity promotion, and general fun on two (or more) wheels.  This is definitely a tradition worth keeping here at John Muir!  Thanks to our staff, as well, for supporting such an informative event for our students.

Next week will be another busy one around here, so please be sure to check those emails as we have some field trips planned in a variety of classes.

In lieu of another article, I have again posed a question to some of our Jaguars around the school.  I asked, “What makes you proud to be a Jaguar?”

**Here are the variety of responses:**

Liam D.                                Because it is an amazing school!

Cayden                                 I’m good at Math.

Devon - I love picking up garbage.

Ms. Crow - I love the way that staff and students respect one another.

Isla -  I love it here!

Harmoni - I like so many of the adults!

Sarelle - I have lots of good friends here.

Vienna - This school is so kind!

Brayden - I have a lot of friends here!

Tandace - Because I get to learn.

Katie - It is so fun!

Julianna - Because of my friend Bailey J

Bailey - I have lots of friends!

Kinsley - People are kind here.

Phoenix - My mom and uncle both went to this school.

Ms. Moore - Because of all my kind students.

Paige - Because we are awesome!

Lily - You get to do a lot of fun things.

Stacey - Because I have nice friends here.

Rasheeda - Seeing the smiles on every face, big or small!

**Please note the following dates for your calendars:**

\* Mon, June 17 - WITS Classroom Visits

\* Thur, June 20 - FishBoat Bay Trip

\* Tue, June 25 - Grade 5 Good-Bye @ 1:15 in gym

\* Wed, June 26 - Ella Beach Trip

\* Thur, June 27 - Last Day of School!!

As you can see, we have an exciting final couple of weeks planned with our Jaguars.  With so much outside time ahead in the coming days, please be sure to apply that sunscreen before school and pack a hat and water bottle for your little one.

I hope this weekend brings with it a chance for you to spend some quality time with those closest to you in this world.  The realization that I am composing my final few Jaguar Weekly editions dawned on me as I was putting this together, and a sense of genuine nostalgia washed over me!  The pride I hold for this school is immense, and I plan to embrace my remaining time here at John Muir to the absolute fullest possible.

Please enjoy a wonderful weekend.

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