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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to invite you and your child(ren) to join us at our upcoming ceremony to officially commemorate the vibrant Buddy Bench that has been placed on our school yard in dedication and in memory of Jorja Gorham, a former student of our Vincent Massey school community, who passed away on January 31, 2018.

The ceremony will take place outside on our school yard next to the Buddy Bench on Monday January 28, 2019 at 9am. If weather does not permit, we will proceed with our ceremony indoors in the school gym. During the ceremony, supervision by some of our staff will be available for students who may prefer to not attend the ceremony. In addition, following the dedication, members of our School Board Counselling team will be available to provide support to students and staff as needed.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Student Wellbeing resources available on our school website. Here you will find a variety of website links that provide information for supporting student mental health and wellbeing, with recognition of grief-specific resources. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher should you have questions about these resources, and as always, should you have concerns for your child's mental health and wellbeing that we can help to support.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday January 28th if you would like, and are able, to join us in celebrating Jorja's awesome life and the positive impact that she had on our school community.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Shea
Principal



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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
