



WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2020 – 2021

June 2021

Dear West Kildonan Collegiate Families

Although the 2020-21 school year began and continued with a number of challenges relating to the Covid19 pandemic, we are immensely proud of our staff and students in being able to not only face these challenges but to rise above them both personally and educationally. This year we will continue to share our stories of learning, growth, and accomplishment in the annual *Report to the Community* here through our West Kildonan Collegiate Blog.

<https://westkildonancollegiate.blog/>

Our admiration goes out to our parents/guardians in how you've also had to navigate your own personal/work lives and the continuous changes while supporting your children through these challenges.

Staff and students were faced with the challenges of both blended and remote learning periods throughout the year. We are proud of everyone's ability to adapt to new ways of learning and being together. With determination, continuous professional development and a commitment to their students - our staff turned these challenges into opportunities to continue engaging students. Many traditional but immensely important aspects of student life at WK including athletics, field trips, performing arts, and assemblies etc. were unfortunately most affected. Yet, our staff focussed on continuing to foster and develop meaningful educational relationships with their students. Their efforts in having to transform their practice is both recognized and celebrated.

The stories and related photos on our West Kildonan Collegiate Blog highlight and celebrate an amazing year with demonstrations of academic, athletic, and artistic learning, hands-on skills and technology development, and service to the school and community. Our accomplishments and achievements are as varied as our staff and student body. WK is a place where diverse students come together to learn to live, work and celebrate and contribute their uniqueness in the world. Students are at the center of what we do. Creating a sense of belonging, fostering a sense of curiosity, and helping students discover and work diligently at what they want to know more about and get better at are the keys to student engagement and meaningful school experiences.

Throughout the year our staff continually worked together to plan, create, evaluate, and provide exceptional learning experiences for students that will serve them well now and in their futures beyond high school. As a staff we continue to work at our five school priorities that include:

- *Strengthening engagement of diverse learners*
- *Deepening understandings and integration of Indigenous perspectives*
- *Fostering and integrating sustainable living education*
- *Increasing engagement with our community*
- *Fostering healthy students and staff*

To these priorities we added:

Learning through the COVID19 pandemic: This year a number of staff PD sessions focussed on both technology and teaching strategies that would assist remote and blended teaching and learning.

Elevating consciousness around racism locally/in Canada/systemic and examining attitudes/actions that promote equity and cultural understanding. Examining issues related to the 2SLGBTQ+ community to develop actions that address prejudice and discrimination, promote equity, deepen understanding and celebrate diversity. Staff PD included workshops with guests Duane Brothers, Myra Laramée and the Rainbow Resource Centre staff.

We wish all of our families a safe, fun, and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

The Staff of West Kildonan Collegiate