Hi there Jaguar families! Welcome to the end of another great week here at John Muir. These four-day weeks fly by, but we somehow manage to pack in the learning and fun!

Our lost & found continues to be a growing entity! We are parking it in the main hallway these days, where it will remain for another week. Please take a look when you have a moment, as there are some nice items on that rack! I am still planning to donate unclaimed items at some point in the near future, but I will definitely give some advance notice before I clean house!

It seems that our extended sunny weather is coming to an abrupt end. We will continue to enjoy the outdoors during recess and lunch recess as much as possible, so please encourage your child to bring some warm clothing. It gets cold and wet on our school grounds, and jacket-less Jaguars feel the cold!

Thank you for your help with this one.

We have our school photos this coming Thursday. These are the individual photos, and we hope to have these done before lunch. We usually have our youngest classes go before recess, if possible, as you can imagine the after-effects of an outside play on those fancy duds! Once we have the proofs sent back to us, we will send out the order packages. Get those smiles warmed up!

Here is a quick snapshot of our week:

\* Today was the first of our coffee Fridays. The PAC would like to make this a regular occurrence here at John Muir. For those in need of some good coffee to kick off your Friday morning, you have come to the right place. Look forward to more of these in the future! Thanks to our awesome PAC for a great idea!

\* Thank you to those parents able to make it to our Open House this past Wednesday. We had a great turnout for our first Parent Education session with guest speaker Nathalia Gagnon. Please stay tuned for more guests coming your way each month!

This coming Tuesday is an important event at John Muir. The Sooke Harbourside Lions are promoting a very important event for the community of Sooke. It is Twoonie Tuesday! We are going to be collecting twoonies as a school on that day, with all of the proceeds going to support the vital work of our Sooke Food Bank. Thank you in advance for any families able to contribute to this more than worthy cause.

This coming Thursday is a busy day at John Muir. Not only is it picture day, but also marks our first Family Dance. This is a PAC sponsored event, and begins in our gym at 6pm. If you are looking for some great family fun, look no further! The PAC work tirelessly to put on family-oriented events such as this one, and we thank them for their efforts. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

As I have surely mentioned previously, I am very proud to be a member of the John Muir community. This is a special place, built on the strong morals and values of our members. In order to continue on a positive path here at John Muir, we need to ensure that communication remains a key. The success of any school hinges upon the healthy communication that should exist between home and school and vice versa. Please remember that our doors are always open to you. Should you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them our way, as we all want the best for our little Jaguars. Let's keep this place rocking!

Attached to Our Weekly is the following document:

\* Educational article, "Don't be Afraid to Praise"

Here are some important upcoming dates:

Thursday, October 19 School Photos & School Dance (evening)

Friday, October 20 Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)

Tuesday, October 31 Halloween

Nov. 2-6 Book Fair

Monday, Nov. 13 Remembrance Day (No School)

After checking with the weather forecast, it looks like we may have some sun peaking through this weekend. What a great opportunity to soak up a little outside time with the family before the weather requires umbrellas. Please take some time to enjoy the little things this weekend. The pace of our world can be overwhelming at times, and we need to cherish good fortune at every available opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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