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Dear GME Parents and Guardians;

RE: Social Media and opportunities at Dr. Knox on April 19

Your children are born into a different time for Social Media than mine. My sons are 21 and 24 years old and live in Victoria, pursuing training for careers in music, engineering and translation. They did not have cell phones until high school. It seems like we are in a different time now.

For your information, the majority of our discipline at both elementary and middle school years are fueled by Social Media, often used outside of regular school hours. It consumes a lot of resources both within the school and with our school liaison officers for the RCMP. This year we have had two presentations for our intermediate students by school liaisons officers for the RCMP on Social Media. Did you know that we should have no students using Social Media at elementary school because you have to be 13 years old to sign up following the guidelines of Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook. They mostly require you to have an email address, which also requires either proper age or parental consent. The reason that we include parents in our discussions with our students about Social Media issues is that as parents, you have signed off permission for your child to be on Social Media and we believe that you need to be aware of the words and images that your child is using to create his or her digital footprint. Did you know that everything on the internet is both public and permanent?

During my TELP course last weekend in Vancouver, we were having a discussion with a vice principal from Smithers. She passed on an article that I found interesting. It is linked to this log.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/mental-wealth/201703/why-social-media-is-not-smart-middle-school-kids>

Our grade 6 students have been invited to Dr. Knox on Wednesday, April 19 to listen to Jesse Miller present on Social Media. There is a presentation for parents that same day at Dr. Knox from 7-8:30pm. You are all invited! The sooner you start thinking about this, the better for your child.

You are all welcome to come out to Dr. Knox on Wednesday night to learn more about Social Media! Next week's topic is "Words Matter"!

Happy Easter!

Wendy Briggs
Principal