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Dear Grade Two Parents,

Our current PYP Unit of Inquiry is called *"The View From Here"* and our Central Idea is:

"Listening to other people's perspectives and communicating our own points of view helps us live together."

The students are inquiring into:

1. the factors that cause people to feel and think differently
2. the result of people's differing perspectives
3. acknowledging and communicating individual perspectives

The students will explore the variety of perspectives that can arise in different contexts. Through literature and role play situations, they will also explore positive and negative responses to different perspectives. One important activity will involve working in groups to plan a "Hundredth Day of School" event for the class. The emphasis will be on practicing the skills necessary to respond respectfully to different perspectives by further developing their understanding of the Learner Profile characteristics (caring, principled, reflective, open-minded) and the corresponding PYP Attitudes (appreciation, independence, integrity, tolerance, respect) to successfully organize the event.

The students will also explore this concept in art and information technology classes. They will have an opportunity to further develop their drawing skills and will learn to place a figure in a scene to show perspective.

Following these activities, students will listen to the first part of a story and respond in writing, telling how the characters could proceed with the situation. They will be asked to suggest ways the characters could resolve the situation and appreciate the different perspectives.

Thank you for your continued support of our program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the agenda or email at bhuggins@elmwood.ca.

Sincerely,

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