



May 21, 2010

Dear Grade 5 Parents,

The transition from Elmwood's Primary Years Programme into our Middle Years Programme (MYP) is a significant step in your daughter's school experience. Each year, in order to ensure that this is a successful and positive process for each student, we plan a series of activities for Grade 5 and our Grade 5 parents. This year, the activities will be as follows:

Monday, June 7 - Grade 6 teachers will come to Junior School to meet the Grade 5s and to hold an informal "question and answer" session with the girls about the Middle Years Programme. This gives each girl the opportunity to ask questions in a familiar setting and to dispel the inevitable myths that can arise when students transition from one section of a school to another!

Thursday, June 10 - 8:00-9:00 a.m. - All Grade 5 parents are cordially invited to a presentation about Elmwood's Middle Years Programme. This is an opportunity for you to meet some of the Grade 6 teachers, to learn about the MYP curriculum, co-curricular opportunities and expectations for your daughters. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions and to learn more about the team of educators who are looking forward to welcoming each girl into the MYP programme in September. *Coffee, tea and muffins will be served.*

Monday, June 14 - At 10 a.m., our Junior School Prefect (Kelly O'Connor) and Ms Holmes will take our Grade 5 students to spend the day in our Middle Years Programme, participating in activities organized by our Grade 7-11 leadership groups in the morning, eating lunch with the current Grade 6 in the main dining room, and attending afternoon classes with Grade 6. The girls will return to Junior School for regular dismissal.

While we are very excited about welcoming this year's Grade 5 class into our Middle Years Programme, we recognize that change of any kind can be unsettling. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage in the process if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open.

Warm regards,

Kate Angell
Deputy Head of School