October 16 - 20 is going to be an exciting week at ECCS because it is Education Week & our Grand Opening! Many special events and activities have been planned.

The Theme of Education week is - **Building Our Future**, **By Learning Together**. We have many cooperative learning opportunities planned throughout the week.

Of special note to families:

Wednesday, Oct. 18: Your Future Self Day – Dress-Up as your Future You. Students are invited to dress up as their future selves (no masks, no weapons, please). We want to learn about our young leaders future aspirations!

Thursday, Oct. 19: Learning Together - Read with Your Child Day - Parents/Guardians are invited to read with their children anytime between 9 am to 10:30 am. You may visit your child's classroom, then select a book and a place in Heritage Hall, Learning Lounge or the Media Centre and enjoy some time reading and talking about books. You may also want to write a message of thanks together.

Friday, Oct. 20: Grand Opening Celebrations – Formal Day (show up in your best for this special day!)

10:45 - 11:30 am - Grade K-3/4 - Treaty Four Flag Raising, Smudge and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. (We will smudge our flag before it is raised. All K-3/4 students will be able to observe the Smudge. A few students with completed permission forms will be chosen to take part in the smudging of the flag.)

2:00-3:00 pm - Grade 4/5-8 - Grand Opening - Dignitary Speeches and Plaque Unveiling

<u>Pow Wow Dancers are invited to dance at both or either parts of the Grand Opening Ceremony</u>. Please email connaught@rbe.sk.ca if your child is interested in being part of the Pow Wow (AM group - Dancing outdoors to the Flag Victory Song and PM - Dancing indoors to an Intertribal Song. Both lead by the Kawacatoose Boyz Drum Group.)

Action Items to note:

Consent to Media Forms – The media will likely be attending the events this week and we would love for our students to be in the scene. If you have not yet returned your Media Consent Form please do so ASAP.

In-School Smudging Permission Form – All RBE schools have been gifted a Smudge Kit for the school. Any families wishing for their child to take part in Smudging at school for specific occasions like our Treaty Four Flag raising please have your child request a Smudging permission form from the office.

October/November Comet Connection Newsletter – please note a Newsletter was sent out to our New Website distribution list. If you did not receive this it means you need to subscribe by <u>adding your email address to the link at the bottom of our new webpage</u>. Our former webpage doesn't transfer this link. You can find the Newsletter on our Webpage as well. This is how we will send news home this year.

Finally...our first Comets SOAR Assembly takes place on October 26th at 9:30 in the Connaught Comets Centre. You are welcome to join in on the celebration!