Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Wednesday, March 3th, 2021 students in grades \_\_\_\_\_to\_\_\_\_ will be taking part in the annual The Secret 3K.

(Rain/alternate date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) .

Our school is proud to participate in this event to celebrate everyone having the right to be free to walk/run regardless of their gender or location. Unfortunately, there are still places in the world where women and girls are not allowed to run or walk outside. The Secret 3K was inspired by a community in Afghanistan who is courageously carving out a new way forward for the next generation. By creating safe races they are helping to create safe places. Held on the week of International Women's Day, The Secret 3K race celebrates our right to be free to run. We're inviting boys and girls to come together to support the right all humans should have to walk or run free of fear in their community.

Students will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on issues of equality over the next few weeks and about the role each of us can take to help make our communities safe and inclusive for all. Through our participation in The Secret 3K, we hope to encourage leadership in our students and encourage students to view themselves as positive agents of change in our wonderful school community.

The suggested entry fee for The Secret 3K is $15.00 however, any amount of support is greatly appreciated. Money from the race fee goes towards costs of the event, awareness and education initiatives of The Secret Marathon documentary film and a portion of each race fee also goes towards supporting gender equality in Afghanistan and in Canada through charity partners. If students would like to make an additional donation, donations are being accepted for the Marathon of Afghanistan through the Afghan Sports Trust charity.

If your family would like to participate in the event you may also sign up yourself at [www.thesecretmarathon.com/3krace](http://www.thesecretmarathon.com/3krace) or let us know if you would like to be a parent volunteer.

We are very excited to be a part of this year’s Secret 3K. This is our opportunity to make a difference in promoting everyone’s right to be free to run/walk safely in their community. We hope you will join us as our school community comes together to celebrate our freedom to walk and run. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Run route location/details: