***Dear VMC Families:***

***As the academic year comes to an end, we have many good reasons for optimism. On this happy note,  and on behalf of the VMC PPO, I am pleased to present the following PPO June Newsletter.***

***EXTENDED DEADLINE: NEW PPO Community Action Award for a Sec 5 Graduate !***

***The inaugural VMC Community Action Award will be presented to a deserving VMC graduating student at our 2021 VMC Convocation (scheduled for October 8th), recognizing the qualities and character that embody the community spirit of the PPO.***

***The award will be presented to the student who, by virtue of volunteerism, activism, organization of community-based events, or other like activities, whether within or external to the VMC community, has contributed to effecting positive change while a student at any time between Sec I and Sec V.***

***Sec V students can self-nominate or be nominated.***

***To self-nominate or to nominate another student, submit to the main office:  
nominee’s name  
nominee’s email address  
nominee’s phone number***

***Nominations AND the NOMINEE’s COMPLETED APPLICATION LETTER must be submitted in writing to the main office no later than June 21, 2021, at 15:30.***

***The APPLICATION LETTER: To be considered, the nominee will submit a letter no longer than 5 pages, 12 character size, single- or double-spaced, that details:***

* ***the nominee’s volunteerism, activism, organization of community-based events, or other like activities, whether within or external to the VMC community;***
* ***how the nominee has contributed to effecting positive change while a student at any time between Sec I and Sec V.***
* ***the name(s) and contact information of whomever supervised the nominee during the activity (if not possible, please provide whatever information you can)***

***As an appendix or attachment, nominees may also add any other supporting information (newspaper clipping, certificate, etc) that might support the nominee’s application.***

***Award winners will receive a plaque and a cash prize when announced at the October 8th convocation.***

***Our Thank You Message to Our Teachers***

***Recognizing the significant efforts of our VMC faculty, staff, and administration to educate our kids during this challenging year, PPO will be creating a “thank you” presentation that is comprised of YOUR thoughts and wishes.***

***To participate: send your message in one of two ways:  
- your message in words in the body of an email (limit 30 words, not including your names or the names of your kids), or  
- a SINGLE powerpoint slide, attached to your email  
- please do not attach photos or use photos on a powerpoint slide***

***Please put VMC THANK YOU in the subject line of your email.***

***DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 9:00 PM***

***EMAIL:***[***robertsoroka@hotmail.com***](mailto:robertsoroka@hotmail.com)

***VMC Gently Used Uniform Pieces***

***One of PPO’s most important and most popular services is the Gently Used Clothing Sale. PPO, in conjunction with the VMC Administration, sells gently used uniform pieces for a very low price per unit, with proceeds used to benefit our VMC student community.***

***Our current inventory is low. We ask you to please donate VMC branded uniform pieces that your kids no longer need. You or your child can drop off your pre-washed item(s) (in a plastic bag or paper grocery bag) at the VMC reception, anytime from now until the end of the school year.***

***Start Thinking About Joining PPO for the 2021-22 Academic Year***

***The VMC Parents Participation Organization will be recruiting interested parents to become part of our vibrant group dedicated to contributing to the cultivation of our strong VMC community.***

***All indicators point to a renewed 2021-22, where PPO will be looking to build on the activities and events that we initiated over the last 4 years. An invitation will be forthcoming upon return to school in September.***

***On behalf of the entire PPO, best wishes for a wonderful summer.***

***Robert Soroka  
Chair – VMC PPO  
Chair – VMC Governing Board***