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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In celebration of Black History Month, we are excited to partner up with a local Non-Profit Organization, "Empowerment Squared. The organization has an existing partnership with HWDSB and we are pleased to have them come visit our school.

We have invited the founder of the organization Leo Nupolu Johnson as a guest speaker to Michaëlle Jean on Monday, February 13th. Leo came to Canada as a government-sponsored refugee in 2006 after fleeing war in his home country of Liberia and spending eight years in refugee camps across Western Africa. Leo came to Canada and faced many challenges that newcomers still face today.

He founded Empowerment Squared based on helping both newcomers and marginalized communities by empowering them with tools and opportunities to thrive and contribute to society. We have attached Leo's resume to the email for those who want to learn more." <https://empowermentsquared.org/>

We are extremely grateful that Leo is taking the time to come and speak with our students about his story and ways they can help support this initiative. It is important to the school council that this is a safe and inclusive space for both Leo and the students, and ask that parents/guardians, staff and students are respectful of that.

Empowerment Squared is currently building a brand-new gymnasium where members can enjoy extracurricular activities. Something that they will require is new gym equipment. Our school will also be undergoing renovations this summer and will need new gym equipment. We have decided to do a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to raise funds to buy equipment for both newly renovated gymnasiums! You also have the option to make a monetary donation to Empowerment Squared on School Cash Online.

Parents are invited to this presentation. Grades 5-8 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. (including Madame Flett's 4/5 class) and Grades 1-4 from 11:20 – 12:00 p.m.

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Enjoy some fresh Original Glazed Krispy Kreme donuts for \$12 per dozen. Purchases are made through school cash online. All funds raised will go towards purchasing new gym equipment for Michaëlle Jean and Empowerment Squared. All orders must be submitted by February 28th.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser –As we have limited quantities available, it will be on a first come first serve basis. The two possible choices for delivery/pick up are March 7th and March 21st.

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