



## A Message From Dr. Fox:

### Back to School:

I was talking to my dear friend and colleague, Veena Gupta, and we agreed that, actually, we love September. You gather up your hopes for the year, your best and brightest ideas for curriculum and teaching projects, your renewed energy, and plunge into classes. There are new stu-

dents to understand, to reach, and old students to welcome back with pleasure, marveling at the changes the summer has wrought. There's the pleasure of being back with your "posse", the colleagues who inspire and encourage you. And a little twinge of surprise at finding yourself -after 10 years - so welcomed,

appreciated and supported. After all, The Dragon Academy will be celebrating its tenth year this spring!

Yours,

Meg Fox Ph D.



## September at the Dragon:

### The Dragon Walks for Wendy:

Thirty-two members of The Dragon community came out to lend support to the Scotiabank Marathon on Sunday, September 26. We walked in solidarity with Wellspring, a charitable organization which offers a unique set of support programmes for patients and families dealing with cancer.

Over the years, Dragon students have lobbied to transform the Ministry of Education required volunteer community service hours into meaningful action on our principles

of social justice and commitment to our larger community. Together, we decided to adopt Wellspring, not only because it does such important work, but in memory of the wonderful mother of our dear student Miguel. Wendy Hiscock died a year ago after a brave fight with cancer. She did not let her own struggles prevent her from offering generous support to others, and she gave of her time and her heart to Wellspring, as she drew great comfort from them. We want to honour her by carrying forward

that commitment, and we began by raising money through sponsorship of our walkers and runners. We applaud the energy of those who gave up their Sunday morning to come out for this inspiring event, and look forward to working closely with Wellspring in the coming year. Thanks particularly to Alexandra Howell of Wellspring, and our own Stephanie Bushnik, who jumped through bureaucratic hoops in the company of her senior students to get us all registered and ready to go.





## Upcoming Events:

### Model UN

The Dragon Academy goes global. For the first time in the school's history, representatives from The Dragon will be heading to Montreal on November 11th - 14th. for the Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium (SSUNS). More information can be found on the organization's website: <http://2010.ssuns.org/>.



### Green Dragon

The Green Dragon is going north. As part of the Planet in Focus International Film Festival the Dragon Academy will be going to the screening of Imiqutailaq: Path of the Arctic Tern on October 13th at 1PM.

## Important October Dates:

### October 5th **Dragon Open House 6PM**

Experience the Dragon's unique way of learning. Meet our extraordinary staff, present and incoming students, and supportive parents. All friends of The Dragon are welcome. Dr. Fox & archeologist Meg Morden will be discussing the 2011 March break trip to Sicily!

### October 11th **No School: Thanksgiving Holiday**

There will be no school on October 11th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### October 20th **Spirit Day**

We will wear purple in honor of the 6 boys who committed suicide in recent weeks/months due to homophobic abuse in their homes and/or at their schools. Purple represents Spirit on the LGBTQ flag and that's exactly what we'd like all of you to have with you: spirit.

### October 29th **All Day Halloween Party**

There will be no classes on October 29th as the Dragon Academy holds it's annual ghoulish fashion show, games, and spooky flicks. Participation and dress up is encouraged!

### October 30th **End of First Reporting Period**

Report cards are coming in November.

*Have a Frightfully Fun October!*

