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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On **Wednesday, February 28**, we invite our Summerhill students and staff to wear pink (or white for peace) to recognize PINK shirt day!

Where Does Pink Shirt Day Come From? Pink Shirt day first started in Nova Scotia by several students who decided to stand up for a boy who was teased for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. They bought and distributed 50 pink shirts for students to wear to show support for him and unite together in friendship. Little did they know that this act of kindness would grow to be something recognized across the country each year.

Now, on 'wear pink day' each year, some of us wear pink if we have it, or white for peace or whatever else we have to wear that day. No matter what we wear, it's a day where we think about the importance of being kind, including others, respecting differences, and solving problems peacefully.

We will be taking part in school activities that support the Pink Day message. Our Summerhill students are encouraged to continue to use their WITS if they are having a problem with someone or if they are a bystander to another person who needs help.

WITS reminds us to:

- W - Walk away
- I - ignore
- T -talk it out
- S -seek help

Our Summerhill Mission Statement of "Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Responsible" rings true when we think about how to interact with one-another. We are proud of our Summerhill students and we find it very rewarding to watch them develop into strong leaders and citizens of our community.

Sincerely

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