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Learning Alternatives Families,

I hope that all of you had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving weekend. As I took time to reflect on what I am thankful for, this great school was high on my list. I am thankful to each of you, for sharing your child with our Learning Alternatives family. We have an amazing school and a key reason why is because we have amazing students.

Over the course of this week, each of you will be hearing from you child's cohort teacher. Teachers will be providing an Ongoing Communication of Student Learning (OCSL). With the end of Quarter 1 only one month away, we are working hard to complete as many courses as possible. I have issued a few challenges to both sites to help inspire a record number of course completions for a quarter.

On the topic of challenges, last week was a very proud time for Learning Alternatives who had great success with their Terry Fox Challenge. Students and staff surpassed our goal of raising \$1000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. It is because of this amazing work that I was dressed up as a mermaid, a day later dressed up as a bird, received two student haircuts/colours and I am now sporting a Terry Fox tattoo for the rest of my life. Here's a link to the video made by our Woodlands site coordinator, Chad Jobe, celebrating our Terry Run and Terry's legacy:

<https://youtu.be/p2i0TVLsMvk>

Chad is not the only staff making videos. We have a number of staff that have been posting videos on what students are learning at LA. These are posted on our school and teacher Twitter pages, Facebook pages and Instagram. We do not have Snap Chat yet ☺ I would like to leave you with the link to our Orange Shirt Day video. It was produced by our teacher, Steve Holmberg. A huge shout out to our student singer and songwriter Ash Edwards. Here's the link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iJbqhSQ0gHabpiEH3Nt6NGpnTdcTgdR4/view?usp=sharing>

Please know that there's nothing I will not do for this incredible school. I am always able make time for any questions or concerns that you may have. We as a school are here to improve life chances every day and show we are more than school.

Sincerely,

*B M Hancock*