

Passion For Teaching and Learning
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Well-being

SPEAKER 1: One of the areas that we pride ourselves at Johnny Lombardi and what we have been recognized for is our dedication to supporting mental health and overall wellbeing. So, we take that from something as simple as the snacks that we provide in our building. We take that as the opportunities that we allow our students. We have a school works jobs programme where students actually apply for jobs and they build that sense of responsibility to support our school. We are a school that prides ourselves on encouraging students and student voice, and one of the areas that we have built within our school is school hours. So, our grade seven and eights have to work towards earning community hours, and they get credited for that at their graduation, but also one of the things that they're doing with those community hours is coming in and working in classrooms with some of our younger learners, whether they're supporting daily reading. So, some of our students do not get that extra exposure at home, so we want to encourage that sense of accomplishment so we have some of our older students who read with our students every day. That helps develop wellbeing. But we also consider beyond just our students we consider our teachers' wellbeing, and this is a school that embraces risk. I, myself, am always open to making mistakes and owning my mistakes. So, I find that I, as a co-learner with my staff, we work together and if we are learning something new and I don't know it, I let them know I don't know it, but I find someone who does know it and whether it's somebody in our building. We recognise accomplishments daily through our announcements, but we also recognise our accomplishments at staff meetings and by just recognising the effort that everyone's putting into their daily practise.