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Dear Kittery families...

Tomorrow, November 3rd, is Election Day. Some are describing this election as the most important in our lifetime. Regardless of your own political beliefs, I have deep respect for all of our families. Our diverse thinking is what makes us strong!

Our three principals have all shared a message with their staff to remind them that emotions will be running high in the days following the election. It is our responsibility to do everything we can to make all of our students and our fellow staff members feel comfortable and safe as the result of the election becomes clear.

You play an important part in that effort as well. Your children will be observing what you do and say throughout the day on Tuesday and the days following. Keep that in mind. I may have a strong opinion as the election result becomes apparent, but I'm going to measure my response, particularly when I am around my own children; what I do or say in the wake of tomorrow's election will be mirrored by my kids, especially the younger ones. They have enough stress in their lives; I don't need to add to it.

There are many resources online about how to talk with your kids about the election results. Go ahead and Google it! You'll find a resource that melds nicely with your own personal philosophy. For the elementary crowd, I recommend this short video from the *Highlights Magazine* editor-in-chief:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpVjkkN29Bk>

If your school can help in any way, please feel free to reach out. We're here to help, now more than ever!

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell
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