

Principals Message

Sunnyside has a pace like no other and there is always a constant buzz in the air. It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up another year. Wednesday we said good-bye to half our student population and we are looking forward to receiving an equally enthusiastic group! The staff has worked tirelessly to offer quality programs and many enriching activities before, during and after school. Our students continued to impress and strive to excel in all they did throughout the year. Graduation was a special evening that was hosted at Eastwood and concluded with a dance back here at Sunnyside. The ceremony featured many awards and special recognitions that will provide memories for years to come.

As we prepare for next year and building classes we try to accommodate many individual differences and needs. As we are always registering new students who have moved into our community, we are constantly changing and developing class lists. As a result we only post class lists in the gym on the first morning of school. If you are leaving or are aware of new families moving please notify the office as soon as possible. The school office will be operating the week after school is out and will reopen on Monday, August 29th.

The 2016/2017 year will see Sunnyside organizing with seven classes of Grade 7's and nine classes of Grade 8's. Our staff has a few changes for the upcoming year. Madame Krause has been at Sunnyside for the past 8 years and has contributed greatly to our students both within and outside the classroom. She will be teaching Core French at Centennial PS in Waterloo next year. Mr. Kabrhel is preparing to head back to Germany after a year here on an exchange with Mr. Heide. He will take many experiences and memories of life at Sunnyside with him. Ms. Harrison, a part time teacher working with our Special Education students is moving to Stewart Avenue PS where she will have a full time assignment. Miss Veitch will be teaching Grade 6 at Tait Street. Ms. Storey, Miss Friesen and Mlle Parker will be hoping to find an opening through the posting process. With their skills, we can be optimistic that they will soon land a great job. Through her 2 years at Sunnyside Mrs. Pullen, our Vice Principal, has met the needs of many students and staff both in her duties as an administrator and through her involvement in her countless hours of extra-curricular involvements with Mothers Group, GSA and many other initiatives. She will be moving to Southridge PS in Kitchener in the role of Vice Principal. All have made significant contributions to Sunnyside and have embraced our students in all they undertook. We wish them all much success in their new positions.

If your child will be riding a bus next year, please call the transportation department at 519 650-4934 or check out their website at www.stswr.ca to confirm route, pick up and drop off details. This information should be available on August 22nd, 2016. Make sure you have your child's OEN (Ontario Education Number) handy when checking out details. This number is on any report card your child has brought home.

As fast as the school year flew by, we can be sure that the summer holidays will be just as quick. We look forward to the students return on Tuesday, September 6th. School starts at 8:20 am and children can plan on arriving around 8:05 am for socializing and reacquainting with friends. We would also like to share that our ***"Meet The Teacher Evening"*** is planned for Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for the continued support throughout the year and we would like to wish all our families a safe and happy summer holiday. Take time to relax and enjoy quality time that is often difficult to manage during the very busy school year!

Sincerely,

Jeff Lovell
Principal