



September 19, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grade 1 to Grade 6 English classes:

Due to our increased enrolment in our English classes over the summer, I am very pleased to announce that we have been granted an additional class at Vista Hills P.S. This will allow us to adjust the organization of the school with the end result of decreasing our class sizes across the grades. Our new organization for the English classes will include the following:

Grade 1/2 Ms. Fox - Room 4

Grade 1/2 Mrs. Barrett - Room 8

Grade 2/3 Mrs. Schatz – Room 12

Grade 3 Miss Stirling – Room 13

Grade 3/4 Mrs. Lang – Room 16

Grade 4/5 Ms. Snelgrove – Room 7

Grade 5/6 TBD – Room 20

Grade 6 Mrs. Lawlor-Alexander – Room 23

The Vista Hills staff has invested a great deal of thoughtful planning and concern for our students' needs, and as a result, there will be no further changes to placements after this re-organization.

We will be required to hire a teacher for the Grade 5/6 class. This hiring will be finalized over the next couple of weeks, and we look forward to announcing the newest Vista Hills Team Member to you, and introducing the teacher to the students as soon as we are able to do so. There are numerous factors that affect the finalization of this process, but it is our goal to have this completed by Tuesday October 10th. However, we will endeavor to have it completed prior to this date.

In the meantime, the WRDSB has provided us with support for an Occasional Teacher to work with the Grade 5/6 class, and we are extremely blessed to have Miss Meredith Jewson accept this position until the permanent teacher is hired. Miss Jewson will start on Monday September 25, and she is familiar with our school, as she has been working in the school for the first few weeks of the school year.

I would like to thank you for your patience during this time. As we are a growing community, we will continue to face these challenges each year, but with a hopeful, optimistic and resilient approach, we will continue to model to our students that such changes and challenges are manageable and we continue to be part of a positive school culture and climate.

I would also like to recognize the tremendous efforts of all of our Vista Hills staff, who have worked extremely hard to orchestrate a smooth and effective start to the school, and balancing the ever-increasing enrolment at our fine school. I know you join me in applauding them for their excellent efforts.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work through this process. We believe that the outcome of the re-organization is worth the efforts made by all of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Oberle".

Don Oberle
Principal