



# W.T. Townshend Public School

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## *A message from Ms. Brown*

2014

### **Welcome Back !**

It's been busy around WTT this summer with the YMCA, the Kitchener playground program and of course, our amazing custodial staff who has the school in top notch shape again this year. I look forward to seeing all of our community at our "Meet the Teacher" evening on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. This has been a great tradition to kick off our school year.

This is a good time to remind all parents that, although your child has been assigned a class and teacher, nothing is settled until all registrations have been completed. In rare cases, schools need to re-organize which can mean students having to be re-distributed. If you have not heard of any changes by the third week of September, than you know there will be none asked of your family.



The month of September will have a number of important focuses as we re-set our school improvement plan direction, go through safety updates and drills, and begin to implement our character education programs. An area of focus continues to be math, as well as our mindfulness approach to keeping our learning environment calm.

I want to extend a special welcome to families who are new to our school community. We are a caring and supportive school, and we look forward to partnering with you as we help to bring our children along throughout their primary and junior years.

I am pleased to welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mr. Reuben Lazar. Mr. Lazar comes to us from MacGregor PS, and is very excited to have the opportunity to be a part of our amazing school community. He is not alone in being new to our school. As always, a school this size has many comings and goings. But our team is complete and it is amazing!

Discipline can sometimes create a 'point of departure' between the school and parents. We will take an instructional and restorative approach to issues which may arise, while holding a firm line. Certainly there are some behaviours which simply cannot be tolerated, and for which children may be suspended ( as outlined in Bill 212). But also remember that we are reasonable and fair, and will ensure that a number of progressive steps have been undertaken before any elevated measures need to be enforced. We want you to know that we are here to support you and your child, and that we all want the same thing, that is, children developing in a positive way both academically and socially.

My office door is always open, so feel free to stop in and say hello. I welcome your inquiries about volunteering, or participating in our wonderful School Council which meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Consider being on the 'inside track' of all school developments.

***Ms. Barb Brown, Principal***

Hello WT Townshend community! I am Reuben Lazar and am excited to be the new Vice-Principal at WTT. It is wonderful to be part of a school with the reputation of being so caring and supportive of their children.

I am looking forward to meeting a lot of new faces and getting to know the staff, students and their families. So please stop by and say by and say hello!

***Mr. Reuben Lazar, Vice-Principal***

*Fall*



## 2014 – 2015 WTT Staff



|                        |   |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Principal              | - | Ms. Brown  |
| Vice Principal         | - | Mr. Lazar  |
| Head Secretary         | - | Mrs. Riedl   |
| Secretary              | - | Ms. Chipman  |
| Library Clerk          | - |  |
| ESL                    | - | Mrs. Bakhru  |
| Child Youth Worker     | - | Mrs. Spooner-Bersch  |
| Custodians             | - | Mr. Martz, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Soares<br>Mr. Guevara   |
| Educational Assistants | - | Mrs. Beggs, Mrs. Charteris<br>Mrs. Kraut, Miss Steckly, Mrs. Dix<br>Mrs. Gingerich, Mrs. Fitzgerald<br>Mrs. Timmings |
| Planning               | - | Ms. Albrecht, Mrs. Snider, Miss Dechert<br>Mrs. Watson   |
| Core French            | - | Mme Desjardins, Mme Brais, Mme Tole  |
| Special Education      | - | Mrs. Lodge, Mrs. Lucas,<br>Mrs. Tomlinson  |
| Kindergarten           | - | Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Berman,<br>Mrs. Geiger, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Madsen<br>Mrs. Marentette, Mrs. Schapansky              |
| DECE                   | - | Mr. Aviles, Mrs. Cleasby,<br>Mrs. Elkington, Mrs. Hamilton,<br>Mrs. Hilborn, Mrs. Jiang,<br>Mrs. Shilliday           |
| Grade 1                | - | Mme Boivin-Barton, Mrs. Higgins,<br>Mrs. Trump, Miss Dopko,<br>Mrs. Unsworth,  |
| Grade 1/2              | - | Mrs. Rowland   |
| Grade 2                | - | Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Klassen,<br>Mme Kuczynski, Mrs. Ohlhausen  |
| Grade 3                | - | Mme Billiau, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Kobal<br>Mrs. Trump, Mrs. Uttley,<br>Mrs. Witmer                                      |
| Grade 3/4              | - | Mrs. Psaila  |
| Grade 4                | - | Mr. Burgess, Mr. Harper  |
| Grade 4/5              | - | Mrs Bradley, Miss Telfer   |
| Grade 5                | - | Mrs. Scott   |
| Grade 5/6              | - | M Mendes, Mrs. Woodley   |
| Grade 6                | - | Mr. Climenhage, Miss Neil, Miss Smith  |

### Fundraising Plan for 2014 – 15

It takes a community to build a natural playground!

As you know, WTT is raising funds to enhance our green space and build a natural playground. You can help by participating in our fundraisers throughout the 2014/2015 school year. You can even start helping us right now! Go to <http://www.mabelslabels.com/> to order your personalized clothing, shoe, and lunch container labels. Select WT Townshend as your school to support; 10% from every order comes back to WTT.

Other ways you can help are canvassing for corporate sponsors, donating building supplies and natural materials, and participating in school council. Please ask for one of our pamphlets for further details.

Our natural playground and greening project enhances the health and wellness of the entire WTT community. Please consider how you can be a part of this project in the upcoming 2014/2015 school year!

