



# W.T. Townshend Public School

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## *A message from Ms. Brown*

*September 2015*

### **Welcome to Another Opportunity!**

The beginning of a new school year is one of the rare times we all have to start fresh, set new goals, make new rules, and change just how we do things. It is an opportunity to different result if what one was doing before was not working particularly well. As educators, we lot of time thinking about how we will transition the kids into another year, because it has far effects. A small 'tweek' can mean greater success for a child in the long run, or a safer school for us all.



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I know that parents look forward to the structure that school brings to their children. They have to get out of those pyjamas and away from the TV in the morning and get out that door! As parents we help them to be successful by making a plan about how each morning will go. What time do they get up? Who puts their lunch bag in their backpack? Who signs the planner? How long does it take to walk to school?

One big change we all deal with is how our kids get to school. This might be the year you decide to walk with your child in the morning, and avoid the stress of our parking crunch. This might be the year your child sets his or her own alarm, and gets dressed on their own. This might be the year you feel OK with your child walking to school without you, or riding a bike.

And this could be the year you decide that you resolve to read with your child every day, or to write notes back and forth each day. Let's all take advantage of this opportunity. The kids WANT us to take the lead, and they will follow!

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

### **What's New at WTT? Lots!**

Staffing changes are always a reality of a school this size. Occasional staff have to move on to another opportunity, and administration moves are also ongoing. Ms. Lynch and Mr. Lazar are off to their new positions, and we welcome Mrs. Givlin to our wonderful school as our VP. (See her message below!) See the full staff list to follow.

Have you seen our amazing new Natural Playground? It is amazing! All of the fundraising we have been doing over the past several years has finally come to fruition. The space is just excellent and children in our community will enjoy this creative and beautiful space for decades to come. A huge THANK-YOU to our School Council under chairs Danielle Reynolds and Erin Labour for continuing to help move this big project forward, and to VP's Christy Webster and Reuben Lazar for their service to this wonderful installation. And thank-you to our community for enduring the fundraising which made it a reality. Our fundraising efforts continue this year as we are still shy of the over \$50,000 price tag. Stay tuned for news about an OPEN HOUSE later in the school year to celebrate this great new addition.



### *A message from Ms. Givlin*

I feel very fortunate to be the new VP at WTT - staff and students have been warm and welcoming and have a wonderful reputation for being engaged in learning! My association with WRDSB goes back a long way: I have been a VP at Margaret Avenue, Wellesley, Saginaw and Highland; a teacher at Rockway, Pioneer Park and Wilson Avenue and a student at Wellesley and Elmira District Secondary. I am very proud of the work of the WRDSB and passionate about continuous learning for all.



On a personal note, I am married with 3 children and a dog. My current hobbies include gardening, quilting, sailing and reading. And I seem to spend a great deal of time doing laundry, cooking, cleaning and driving kids around.

While I enjoy the shining hallways and relative quiet in the school this week, I look forward to meeting students and their families. Please come and introduce yourself. My door is usually open and I welcome feedback and sharing and want to work in a collaborative manner with students and families to resolve issues and foster independence and learning.

I am fascinated by the many ways technology can enhance and accelerate learning and plan to use twitter and our website to share school news with the broader community. I hope you will follow us!

***Ms. Rita Givlin, Vice-Principal***

## 2015 - 2016 WTT Staff

Principal	-	Ms. Brown
Vice Principal	-	Ms. Givlin
Head Secretary	-	Mrs. Riedl
Library Clerk	-	Mrs. Thompson
ESL	-	Mrs. Bakhru, Mrs.
Child Youth Worker -	-	Mrs. Spooner-Bersch
Custodians	-	Mr. Martz, Mr. Soares
Educational Assistants	-	Mrs. Beggs, Mrs. Charteris Mrs. Kraut, Miss Steckly, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Timmings
Coverage (various subjects)	-	Ms. Albrecht, Mrs. Snider, Ms. Rowland Mrs. Watson
Core French	-	Mme Desjardins, Mme Brais, Mme Tole
Special Education	-	Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Woodley, Mrs. Madsen
Kindergarten	-	Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Psaila, Mrs. Schapansky Mrs. Geiger, Mrs. Lencz, Ms. Tattersall-Cameron
DECE (Kindergarten)	-	Mr. Aviles, Mrs. Cleasby, Mrs. Elkington, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Shilliday, Mrs. Jiang, Mme Boivin-Barton, Mrs. Uttley, Mrs. Keys, Miss Dopko, Ms. Marentette,
Grade 1	-	Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Blair, Ms. Flowers Mme Kuczynski, Mrs. Ohlhausen
Grade 2	-	Mme Billiau, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Trump, Mrs. Kobal Mrs. Witmer
Grade 3	-	Mrs. Laird
Grade 3/4	-	Mr. Burgess, Mr. Harper, Mrs. Teutsch
Grade 4	-	Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Scott
Grade 5	-	Mr. Davis
Grade 5 /6	-	Mr. Climenhage, Ms. Neil, Mr. Mendes, Ms. Schnarr
Grade 6	-	

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### School Schedule for 2015-16

8:40	Start of school day / first bell
8:40 - 11:10	5 instructional periods
11:10 - 11:50	First Nutrition break (Eat 11:10 – 11:30 / Outside 11:30 – 11:50 / reverse for kindies)
11:50 - 1:20	3 instructional periods
1:20 - 2:00	Second Nutrition Break (Outside 1:20 – 1:40 / Eat 1:40 – 2:00 / reverse for kindies)
2:00 – 3:00	2 instructional periods
3:00	End of school day

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### Reminders for our Parents



- \* the ring road is CLOSED to traffic between 8:15 and 9:00 AM and 2:45 and 3:30
- \* you must park on the road in designated parking zones
- \* parents are unfortunately not allowed to walk in the school with their children. Please come to the front office if you have a question or need to speak to someone.
- \* call the attendance line if your children are ill (see front of newsletter for number)
- \* there is NO SUPERVISION in the office if your child is not picked up. Please be prompt. If something unforeseen comes up, please call the school right away to let us know.
- \* dogs, even on leashes, are not permitted on the school property