

# W.T. Townshend Public School

245 Activa Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2E 4A3

*A Message From Ms. Brown*

September 2016



## Welcome to Another Amazing Year at WTT !

Welcome back to our Trailblazer families! I hope that your holidays were safe and happy, and that your children are excited to begin school once again. A special welcome to families brand new to our school area, or with children beginning school for the first time. It is always a special thing to hear our halls come alive again.

Each year I try to think of a theme to frame our work together. This year I want to think about gratefulness and outward actions. We hear each day of conflict, want, and danger throughout the world. Let's emphasize to ourselves and our kids how important it is to be grateful for our resource- rich community. Rather than nurture a generation of the entitled, let's help them to see their responsibility not to take our riches and opportunities for granted. We will remember to be grateful in our mindfulness focus, and remember to think of what others may need. No matter what cultural or spiritual background we may claim, the golden rule remains constant: Treat others the way you wish to be treated yourself.

At WTT we frame our behaviour and character expectations around the TRAIL: Teamwork, Respect, Academics, Independence and Leadership. You can ask your child, "Were you on the TRAIL today?" See what they answer.

We are very sorry to see our Vice-Principal, Mrs. Givlin, leave us, but pleased that she has her first principalship at Alpine Public School. She asks me to pass on her very best. She cannot say enough about our amazing school and the support of our community. Our new Vice-Principal, Ms. Carole Ann Ogilvie, who is an experienced retired administrator , will be filling in for us until such time as our permanent new VP can be hired later this fall.

Each September is filled with renewed energy, reinvigorated plans and goals, and that wonderful feeling that anything is possible. Our teachers have been planning and working hard to make this school year transition the very best possible. We are excited to welcome our new staff members, (see staff list on reverse). We are delighted to be working together and helping our kids and community.

*Ms. Brown, Principal*

### What Do I Have to Pay For?

As parents, you know that September can be a drain on the pocket-book. At WTT, we make every attempt to control how many times we have to ask for money for items or events. We will be distributing a student planner to each of our students and subsidizing its cost beyond the \$5. Field trips are another expense for parents, and although we attempt to book only the most modestly priced ones, we have noticed an increase in what some of these venues or experiences cost. In discussions with parent council this year, we will be partnering to make every attempt to keep trips costs down. Also, sometimes families struggle financially at different times along the way. If you find that your family is in a more tight spot this year, please don't hesitate to call Ms. Brown to discuss how we might help to support your child's school activities. We are always here to help!

### Date To Remember

**September 8**

**Meet the Teacher**

5:30

Food Trucks

6:30 – 7:30 Classroom visits

**September 29**

**School Photo Day**



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## 2016 - 2017 WTT Staff

Principal	-	Ms. Brown
Vice Principal	-	Ms. Ogilvie
Office Manager	-	Mrs. Riedl
Secretary	-	Mrs. Johnston
Library Clerk	-	Mrs. Thompson
ESL	-	Mrs. Shibata, Mrs. Cunningham-Martz
CYW	-	Mrs. Spooner-Bersch
Custodians	-	Mr. Martz, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Sintic, Mr. Panneton
EAs	-	Ms Steckley, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Kraut, Mrs. Gierscher, Mrs. Landsborough, Mrs. Layton, Ms. Lipkie, Mrs. Timmings.
Various Subjects	-	Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Rudd
Music	-	Mrs. Geiger
Health & Wellness	-	Ms. McIntyre
Core French	-	Mme Desjardins, Mme Tole, Mme Cull
Special Education	-	Mrs. Lucas (K-1), Mrs. Madsen (2 - 3), Mrs. Woodley (4-6)
Kindergarten	-	Ms. Van Andel, Ms. Shilliday, Mrs. Lencz, Mr. Aviles, Mrs. Amritage, Mrs. Jiang, Ms. Cardwell, Ms. Hamilton, Mrs. Tattersall, Mrs. Cleasby
Grade 1	-	Mrs. Unsworth, Mrs. Schapansky, Ms. Gray, Mme Boivin-Barton, Mrs. Uttley
Grade 1 / 2	-	Ms. Dopko
Grade 2	-	Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Ohlhausen, Mrs. Kuczynski, Mrs. Psaila
Grade 3	-	Mrs. Kobal, Mrs. Witmer, Mrs. Laird, Mme Billiau, Mrs. Dennis, Ms. Rudd
Grade 4	-	Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Hagerman, Mrs. Trump, Mme Brais
Grade 4 / 5	-	Mrs. Teutsch
Grade 5	-	Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Scott, M. Mendes, Ms. Newman
Grade 5 / 6	-	Mr. Climenhage
Grade 6	-	Ms. Neil, Ms. Jones, M. Mendes, Ms. Newman

### ***Volunteers Welcome!***

*Parent and Grandparent Volunteers are always needed and most welcome! Whether it is reading with children, participating with School Council or helping around a classroom, we encourage you to be involved with your child's school. 519-579-1160.*