



# W.T. Townshend Public School

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Dear W.T. Townshend Families,

As we say good-bye to the 2019-2020 school year, we want to acknowledge the challenges that we have all had to overcome during an unprecedented time with COVID 19. Our staff, students and families have done a tremendous job dealing with the stresses of the time and continuing to stay connected through distance learning. We want to thank each and every one of you for your support and confidence as we entered a new phase of education, teaching our students from afar. We feel privileged to be working in such a caring community. We are not sure what September will look like at this time, but please rest assured that we will continue to support our students and families as best we can. Whether you are joining us again in September or starting a new learning journey at another school, we wish each and every Trailblazer family a wonderful summer filled with the right balance of rest and fun.

With every school year that comes to a close, we must bid adieu to staff that are parting and welcome those who are joining our Trailblazer team. Staffing will not be fully completed until later in August and any further updates will be shared with our families in early September. We bid a fond farewell to Madame Kuczynski and Mrs. Lucas who are retiring from teaching after very successful careers as educators. We wish them all the best. We also say good-bye to the following staff: Mrs. Barake who is moving to Pioneer Park P.S., Mrs. Mueller, moving to Elizabeth Ziegler P.S., Mrs. Davidson, moving to Wilson P.S., Ms. Evers, moving to Keatsway P.S.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Laytn who has taken an EA position at Huron Heights S.S. Warm wishes also go out to our long term occasional staff Miss Lu, Mrs. Kitchen, Mrs. Malfara, Mrs. Sharma, and Mr. Vasquez, as they pursue their educational careers in the WRDSB. We also would like to acknowledge staff on leaves next year, Mrs. Howell, with the upcoming arrival of her new baby, and Mr. Auge. Staff and students alike will truly miss all of you! Madame Cull will be continuing her leave of absence in September. We wish them all the best!

A warm welcome to Ms. Pendergast, DECE, who will be joining our Kindergarten Team and Ms. Mule, who will be joining our team as an Educational Assistant. Other new staff will be joining us over the summer.

We'd like to say a big huge thank you to Kristy Dryland and Robyn Gilbey for their unwavering support during this challenging year, as our School Council co-chairs. Their dedication to the WTT students and their fundraising efforts with the Chocolate Bar sales, Bingeman's Funworks evenings, Moveathon and Mabel's Labels is greatly appreciated!

Again, we wish all of our families a great summer and thank you for your ongoing support of your child(ren) and W.T. Townshend Public School. Stay safe and let's hope we can reconnect in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Briscoe  
Principal

Ms. S. Himann  
Vice Principal

