



---Walton Elementary--A Learning Community ---

沃尔顿小学 - 学习型社区

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FAREWELL 再见

June is often a bittersweet month. We are all looking forward to lazy summer days but know that before they begin we need to say some goodbyes. We were enormously proud of our Grade 5s during their recent leaving ceremony. We know they will have wonderful new experiences in Middle School.

We also said good bye to our staff members Mrs. Choroba, Mrs. Cimaglia, Ms. Davidson, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Newbrook, Ms. Racine, Mrs. Rogers, and Ms. Zhou. We wish them continuing success as they move to new assignments in our district.

We are also sad to say farewell to Linda Jang, our Strong Start facilitator. Strong Start is going to bring magic to the Bramblewood community commencing in September. Be sure to visit Linda in her new centre.

WALTON WEEK 2013

On **Tuesday, September 3**, all Grade one through five students will attend school from **10-10:30 am**. At that time, students will return to the classroom they are currently in. New Kindergarten students will attend on Tuesday, September 3 from 9 – 9:30 am.

On Wednesday through Friday all Grade one through five students will take part in a variety of sessions and activities organized for these start up school days. This special opening week is called “We Are Walton!”.

2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar for the next school year is now posted on our school website. It will also be included in your child’s planner in September.

CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR 2013-2014

Parents and caregivers are reminded that school staff must adhere to Ministry of Education guidelines for class size (number of students per class). In addition to these requirements at Walton, the District (all 30,000 students) needs to adhere to these guidelines. You can imagine that this is no small feat. A slight population shift of even one or two students can drastically change the proposed organization of classes in our school. Thus, we cannot assign students to their class for the year until all of the steps are complete. At Walton, we hope to have students in their classrooms on Monday, September 9 but please know that this might not be possible. We also anticipate that most, if not all, of our classes will be blended classes. As always, we will do our utmost to ensure quality learning experiences for **all** students.

FINAL REPORT CARDS 期末成绩单

The Final Report Cards will be issued on Thursday, June 27 at 12 noon. If your child will not be in attendance that day, please leave a self-addressed stamped 9 x 13 envelope with Mrs. Gradiner at the school office and your child's report will be mailed to you.

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING 校长的话

As another school year draws to a close I find myself looking back at all of the things that have made this a wonderful school year at Walton. We have shared in the experiences of Cinemazoo, moving into new portables, Christmas Celebrations, Lunar New Year, field trips, athletic events, family movie nights, PAC tray lunches and lots of learning in classrooms every school day.

Our Grade 5 students conducted themselves with immense dignity at their Leaving Ceremony. They have contributed greatly to Walton and I know you join me in wishing them well as they begin the next chapter in their education journey.

Stefanie Putzhammer has provided positive leadership and encouragement to the PAC. Under her more than able leadership many successful initiatives have taken place throughout the school year. Thank you Stefanie!

The Walton Staff are a thoughtful, dedicated, team of professionals. Together they share in the responsibilities for providing the best possible education for all of our children. I have the utmost respect for each of them.

It is my pleasure to serve as leader of this wonderful learning community. My visits with you, your children, and yes, your pets, are moments in my life I truly treasure.

Enjoy lazy summer days, good books, bike rides and swims! I look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

With gratitude,

Sandra Meister,
Principal

