



## **---Walton Elementary--A Learning Community ---**

### **沃尔顿小学 - 学习型社区**

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#### **FAREWELL 再见**

June is a time of looking forward to lazy summer days, long bike rides and barbecues. It is also a time to look back and to celebrate the successes of an entire academic year. It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to our wonderful Grade 5 students. They have contributed enormously to the successful year we've had in our learning community and they are all ready and excited about the upcoming transition to Middle School.

We are sad to say good bye to Ms Coventry, Ms Fiorito, Mrs. Korbely, Mrs. Ladha, Miss Newbrook, Miss Petrie, Ms Simonson, Mrs. Stephenson, Ms Stody and Mrs. Ward. We wish them continuing success as they move to new assignments in our district.

#### **WALTON WEEK 2012 沃尔顿周**

On **Tuesday, September 4**, 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 4 from 9 – 9:30 am.

On Wednesday through Friday September all Grade one through five students will take part in a variety of sessions and activities. The theme for this special Opening Week is “Catch the Learning Bug” at Walton.

#### **2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR 校历**

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 2012-2013 班别分配**

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 10 but please know that this might not be possible. We also anticipate that most of our classes will be blended classes. As always, we will do our utmost to ensure quality learning experiences for **all** students.

#### **MOVING? 搬家?**

If your child will not be returning to Walton in September, please let the school know this week.

## **FINAL REPORT CARDS 期末成绩单**

The Final Report Cards will be issued on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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 I watched the Grade 5 students enter the gym for their leaving ceremony I couldn't help but think back to the first time I met many of them. They were, at that point, a sea of smiling but anonymous faces. At their leaving ceremony, they were poised and dignified young people ready to embark on the next chapter in their learning journey. I know them all and have such hope for the future knowing that it will be in their capable hands. I hope that each of them will cherish their years at Walton as much as I have cherished the time I was lucky enough to spend with each of them.

At Walton we continue to appreciate our friendly, hard-working Parent Advisory Council. I am grateful to Stefanie Putzhammer for her unfailing support and leadership. There are many occasions when things are done before I have even remembered that they might need doing. Stefanie leads an amazing team!

We are indeed fortunate to have a dedicated and talented staff who works countless hours each day to ensure that each child's learning journey is handled with the utmost respect.

I feel truly fortunate to serve as the leader of this very special school community. I look forward to hearing your stories of wonderful summer adventures when we all return in September, well rested and ready for the next school year to unfold.

With gratitude,  
*Sandra Meister,*  
*Principal*



