

# WINONA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## YEAR END - JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

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I would like to say thank you to all of our school families, staff and students for working so hard to ensure a successful school year. It definitely flew by. We have very hard working staff. It is always about kids and their learning. Definitely lots of learning was happening. We saw tremendous growth in our TLCP cycles. Ask your children

about The Big Idea, or what a performance wall is. Definitely continue their literacy journey this summer by reading with them, having great conversations, and journaling their days.

Our *student council* had a great year of initiatives under the guidance of Mrs. Trotti, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pesce and Mrs. Thombs.

Our students have been involved in many *sporting events* with the support of our many teacher coaches. The end of the year track meet went well, due to the organization by Mrs. Durfey, and Mrs. Ruetz for Junior/Intermediates and Ms. Morris, Ms. Andre and Mrs. Hilbert. Thank you for all the help from staff and volunteers. Our *Grads* had a great send off under the direction of Mr. Coons and Ms. Trathen. Fun was had by all during our end of the year *playday* coordinated by Mr. Collins with all staff pitching in. (I'm blessed to have staff that jump in to help each other each and every day)

I am amazed and so very grateful at how well staff and parents work together. It creates such a cohesive, supportive and positive working and learning environment for our students.

It was nice to see our volunteers at our "*Strawberry*" Tea coordinated by Mrs. Forbes and of course with the help of all staff. Thank you to volunteers because you keep this school running so well.

I would like to thank our *School Council* under the leadership of Mrs. Thorpe. The council is a positive, supportive voice for our community.

Mrs. Lambie and Mrs. Jacobs kept me organized and are great at the daily operation of Winona.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Dion and Mrs. Rodrigues worked very hard to keep it clean and operational.

Can you tell how much I've enjoyed my first year here!

I would like to wish all my staff, students and families a wonderful summer. See you in September!



## **STAFF GOODBYES!**

It is always a sad time to say good bye to our teachers that are leaving us in June but we wish them all the best in the future endeavors:

- **Mr. Chabot, Ms. Morris, and Ms. Fachnie** were our Long Term Occasional Teachers that fit in perfectly with our school family. Who knows, where their careers may lead? Back here someday would be nice.
- **Ms. Murray and Mademoiselle Marcotte** are moving on to other schools to continue their teaching careers. The schools, Elizabeth Bagshaw and Lisgar are truly fortunate to have such great, caring teachers. Again who knows, maybe they will be back someday.
- What can I say about my Vice-Principal for the last half of the year? She brought many years of knowledge and understanding as the former principal of Mount Albion. Thank you to **Mrs. Page** for coming out of retirement to help me, my staff, students and community run a very busy school, in a professional, positive and caring manner. Of course once I will be on assignment working on plans for the new school start up during the spring of 2011, Mrs. Page is eager to come back to be the acting principal.
- We will be getting a new full-time Vice-Principal at Winona for the 2010/2011 school year.
- Welcome also to **Ms. Leung** who will be our new prep person and has worked here as our ELL instructor.
- *Welcome back* to teachers returning in the fall: **Mrs. Dexter-Meyers, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Binnie and Mrs. Turner.**

## **KEY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER**

- Mon. Sept. 6** – Holiday
- Tues. Sept. 7** – First Day of School
- Thurs. Sept. 16** – Meet the Teacher evening – 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Tues. Sept 21** – Kindergarten A day – Picture Day
- Wed. Sept. 22** – School Picture Day
- Mon. Sept. 27** – School Council 6:30 – 8:00
- Fri. October 1** – PD/LCD day – No students



### **LITTER FREE LUNCHES**

Please think about over the summer ways to send your child's lunch in containers that can be returned home. They would also be bringing home any packaging and paper products. I promise that I will be doing the same. We are moving towards litter less lunches in order to reduce our garbage and recycling. Other schools in Stoney Creek have experienced great success with this.



### **BELL TIMES**

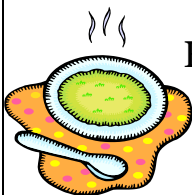
We will continue to start our first period at 8:00 am and finish at 2:20.

Our breaks will be: 10:04 – 10:44am and 12:12-12:52 pm.

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### **"Back to School" Shopping**

Please see the attached chart supplied by the grade teachers to help in your "Back to School" shopping purchases.



### **HOT LUNCHES**

Hot lunches are being served on *Mondays* rather than Tuesdays, in order to ensure that all Kindergarten classes have the opportunity to partake.

We are requesting that *if* you do not use a cheque that Exact Change be sent in, as we are on a new system and cannot provide change.