



June 15<sup>th</sup>

Hello Stingers and Cecil B. Stirling Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the warm weather. I also hope that as the province starts to reopen for business, you can take care of some family needs that were put on hold due to the lockdown or can get out and support a local business that was able to finally open their doors last Friday. While schools remain closed to in-person learning, it seems we've turned a corner and life is starting to return to normal.

As we enter mid-June, I want to share some information items with the school community to help the last few weeks go by smoothly.

This week, staff at Cecil B. Stirling will be collaborating to build classes for next year. These important collaborative sessions use staff professional judgement to set students up for success in September. Maximizing student well-being and academic achievement are dual goals for class-building. Class placement information will be available for parents in mid-August on HWDSB's Parent Portal. Parents will need to have an active Parent Portal account to access this information in August.

Cecil B. Stirling will be celebrating our Grade 8 Graduates on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Graduation celebrations will be two-pronged, with a video ceremony being released at 1pm next Tuesday and at 3pm, graduates and their families will be visiting the school (by appointment) to receive their Graduation Certificate, awards and a gift from the school. Congratulations to Cecil B. Stirlings Class of 2021.

Term 2 Report Cards are being emailed home on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents with current/accurate email accounts in the school database will receive a link to access their child's report card. To access your child's email account you will need to enter their date of birth in the following format *MM/DD/YYYY (including forward slashes)*.

Our last School Council meeting for the year is scheduled for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The meeting will be held on MS Teams. Joining School Council, even for the last meeting, is a great way to find out what's going on at Cecil B. Stirling and get involved in the school community. If you're interested in joining please send school chair Shannon Lavalley ([cbstirlingSC@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:cbstirlingSC@hwdsb.on.ca)) or myself an email indicating your interest.

On Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, our school will be holding the final school assembly of the year. At this final school celebration, Mrs. Benning's class will be teaching us about the last and most important Grandfather Teaching of Zaagiidiwin (*Ojibwe – Love*). I am looking forward to the learning and coming together as a community one more time before the end of the school year.



Please mark on your calendar that the last day of school is Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> is a board holiday.



# Cecil B. Stirling Elementary School

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As the school year comes to an end, we need to say goodbye and congratulations to several staff members. Mrs. Impagiatelli will be leaving Cecil B. Stirling's AIM room at the end of the month having accepted a new role supporting CYCPs and AIM programmes across the board. Congratulations. Congratulations to Mrs. Broer, our school's reading specialist on her retirement and we wish her well in her new adventure supporting families during tough times. Congratulations to Mrs. Hoeber on her retirement from teaching and I know you are going to focus your love of kids and teaching on your grandchildren.

Last, I need to share that I will be leaving Cecil B. Stirling at the end of the month for a new adventure at Viscount Montgomery Elementary School in the city's east end. Cecil B. Stirling's incoming principal is Mrs. Tannis Hamill. I would like to warmly welcome Mrs. Hamill to the Stinger community and I know she will enjoy working with the students, staff and school community as much as I have. I very much cherish my time at Cecil B. Stirling and being the school's principal was truly an honour. Thank you.



Sincerely,

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