

## From the Principal's Desk



June has arrived in full swing with the remaining week left to close the 2023-2024 school year!

As we prepare for the end of the school year, our graduating class of Grade 8's celebrated the end to their elementary school years at Huntington Park at our Commencement Ceremony held yesterday at Hill Park Learning Centre. We wish our Grade 8 students all the best as they look forward to Secondary school in the fall.

As we prepare to communicate student achievement for Term 2 through the Report card, students will be sent home with reports on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents will have an opportunity to reflect on student progress and next steps by completing a feedback form with their child that is to be returned to the school the last day which is Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day for our school team and marks the beginning of summer holidays for our students.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Council for their ongoing support to enhance school life for our students at Huntington Park. School council has organized our Pizza days for students, Special event days and has supported with funding to enhance our classroom environments to increase student engagement and learning opportunities. Through successful fundraisers, Council has purchased classroom materials, donated to each homeroom teacher's classroom library and purchased a significant amount of technology to enhance learning bringing the world into the classroom. Thanks to our fundraising success, Council also funded Jungle Sport giving every student access to this unique experience at the end of May! They have also supported the purchase of sound system equipment to support school wide events moving forward. This could not have been possible without the support of our parent community who contributed to our fundraising success!

If you are a Parent/Caregiver that has an interest in joining Huntington Park's School Council, information will be sent home to all families in September outlining the process and attending our first meeting. Stay tuned for the fall for further information as we encourage and welcome Parent engagement at Huntington Park!

On behalf of the School team we would also like to take this opportunity to thank our departing staff members for their dedication to the Huntington Park Community. We thank **Ms. Treffry** for her dedication & commitment to Huntington Park as the Primary/Junior Learning Resource teacher for the past twenty years. We wish Ms. Treffry all the best as she transitions to a new role supporting HWDSB in the fall. Her dedication and commitment to our staff, students and community was greatly appreciated over the years!

Also, a big thank you to our long-term occasional educators; **Ms. Pond, Ms. E. Kelly, Ms. L. Kelly, Ms. Perra & Ms. Newhouse** for their time and commitment to Huntington Park. We also will be saying farewell to **Ms. Alswidan & Ms. McClory- Ragona**, our occasional Education Assistants & thank them for their dedication to our school community. We look forward to welcoming the following educators joining our school team in the September. **Ms. McLachlan** as our Learning Resource teacher, **Ms. Barone** as our FDK teacher, **Ms. Gasparini** as our Primary Teacher, **Ms. Cumbo** who will be transitioning into Middle School as our Gr. 6/7 Teacher & **Ms. Forester** as our Educational Assistant. We will also be welcoming an additional staff member supporting our administrative team at the office. We look forward to welcoming **Ms. Pavao** who will be our morning Office Assistant supporting the administrative team starting in September!

Please note that all Elementary class placement communication regarding your child's class placements will be shared the week before school begins starting on **August 26, 2024 via the Parent Portal**. Families may also call the school during this week for information.

As we come to the end of this school year, we recognize and reflect upon the success and achievement that our staff & students have accomplished together. As a collaborative team we also value the importance of building strong relationships with home and school and we appreciate the support that we have received from our Huntington Park families. Have a wonderful & safe summer & we will see you in September!

Sincerely,

*Ms. N. Radojevic & The Huntington Park School Team*