



Hello Yorkview Parents,

My name is Gillian Stafford and it is with great excitement that I have become a member of the Yorkview Community! I am honored to embark upon my role as the Acting Principal of Yorkview Elementary School, and I am looking forward to working with the educators and parent community.

Along with the current staff, I will work hard to continue to build strong relationships with you, our students, staff, and community leaders. I feel strongly that building relationships is the key to any school improvement process. No one person has all of the answers, but working collaboratively we may. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." In order to achieve this success, it is important that we develop positive relationships with open lines of communication.

I have been an active member of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the past 4 years at Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Elizabeth Bagshaw and Remote in administration. Prior to that, I enjoyed the role of Learning Resource Teacher focusing on Grade 1 Reading support and classroom teacher for 22 years with the Halton District School Board. During my years as an educator, I have taught a variety of classes: grade 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

On a more personal note, John and I have enjoyed living in Stoney Creek for the past 4 years. We have three daughters, Sydney, who attends Brock University, Logan who is completing Grade 12 and Aiva who is completing Grade 11. We also have a son, Zack, who works in Construction and graduated from Fleming College.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet and begin my relationship with the students, staff, and families of the Yorkview Elementary School community.

Yours sincerely,

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