



## WILLOW LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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#### From the Desk of Principal Peck

If you continue to read this newsletter, you will see that we are saying goodbye to several teachers who are moving to new schools and new challenges. Some have been here for a short while, others for many years. They will be missed and the schools that get them are lucky indeed.

“Goodbye” reminds me to say goodbye too. I started teaching grade 7 in Newmarket, Ontario in 1987, the year Canada replaced the dollar bill with the loonie. After 30 years, I too am ready for new challenges. (This week a student at Willow graduates from grade eight - I taught her father when he was in grade seven!) As a teacher for 16.5 years and as a school administrator for 13.5 years, I have learned so much from so many. I’ve suspended students and cried with students; I’ve watched three and four year olds become grade eight graduates; I’ve worked with countless students and families and enjoyed learning and leading together with many excellent teachers and superintendents. I’ve enjoyed a rewarding career. Thank you supportive staff and families at Willow Landing. All the best to each of you in the years to come.

Mr. Brownlee, an experienced principal who has worked in various schools in Simcoe County will be joining Willow Landing in September. I tried to make Willow a better school while I was here and I hope I was successful in some small way. I wish Mr. Brownlee the best success as I’m sure that making Willow better will be his goal too. Give him a warm greeting on September 5th as you welcome him to the Willow Landing community.

#### From the Desk of Vice-Principal Best

Thank you Willow Landing students, parents and staff for a great year. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer! The school office will re-open on Monday, August 28th. Please do not call over the summer as messages will not be picked up until this date.

All student placements are tentative until the third week of September. At the end of June students will receive a letter identifying which classroom they will be in for their **tentative September placement**. This letter will also have a map to identify the appropriate entry and exit doors for your child. Our school day times will remain as they are for the 2017/2018 school year.

#### **We Say Goodbye to These Great Staff Members - with a big “Thank You” - and wish them all the best in their new schools**

Ms. Potts-Fay - will be teaching at Huronia Centennial in September

Mrs. Osadca - will be teaching at Hyde Park in September

Mr. Bailey - will be teaching at Holly Meadows in September

Ms. Persson - will be taking a leave from our school to teach in China for a year

Ms. Thorne - will be teaching at Fieldcrest in September

Mrs. Sirola - will be teaching at Ferndale Woods in September

Ms. McQuarrie - resuming occasional teaching in many schools in Simcoe County

Ms. Zloty - resuming occasional work in many schools in Simcoe County  
Ms. Giffen - resuming occasional work in many schools in Simcoe County

### **Grade 8 Students and Grade 8 Student Families**

Congratulations parents on getting your child from JK to the end of grade 8. Congratulations students on making it this far. Good luck in high school. But remember that you can't count on luck. Work hard. Be a student of good character. And parents, stay involved in your son's or daughter's life in high school. The students might disagree, but parent support is needed more than ever from grade 9 to grade 12.

### **We Welcome These New Staff Members Joining Us in September**

Mr. Brownlee - Principal  
Mr. Davies - Special Education Resource Teacher  
Mr. Marques - Grade 8  
Mr. Warman - Grade 1  
Ms. Gostling - Grade 1  
Mrs. DesRochers - Kindergarten  
Mr. Fisher - Grade 4/5  
Ms. Ledebink - Gr. 5/6

### **Certified Eco School**

Thanks to the hard work of our Green Team under the direction of Mr. Kissick, our school has been designated as an Eco School for the first time. Way to go Willow Landing for going green and reducing our negative impact on our environment. Let's keep up our good initiatives and implement new ones as we continue to reduce, reuse and recycle.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Wow! We came very close to our goal of raising \$5000. Way to Go generous Willow Landing families and students. The final tally was \$4424.95. Thanks everyone for working hard to help others.

### **Approved School Year Calendar for Next Year**

A paper version of the school calendar was sent home a few weeks ago. To view the full calendar for next school year, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – 'Schools' – 'School Year Calendars.'

### **First Day of School for September 2017**

- Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will begin school on Thurs. Sept. 7. Junior Kindergarten students are asked to meet in the gymnasium between 8:25 am and 8:45 am.

ALL other students will begin on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017. School starts at 8:45 am. Arrive at 8:30 am to ensure you'll be on time for your first day of school. Use the entry indicated for your tentative classroom on the map provided. A letter and map will be provided to you later this week.