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Message from the Principal

This has been a great school year at Kathleen McNeely Elementary. Our teachers have successfully implemented the BC redesigned curriculum with care and professionalism, we have all weathered many changes in technology that sometimes proved confusing to say the least, we have encouraged our students to reflect on their own progress in core competencies and have been very impressed with the thoughtfulness with which they assessed their own learning and thinking. At this time, the language restored to the teachers' bargaining rights by the Supreme Court of Canada, is allowing us to organize smaller classes with more specialist teacher support. We are looking forward to next year's opportunities and inevitable challenges. We know that our strong, cohesive staff will support each other and all students and families to become an even more amazing learning community in 2017 – 2018.

Farewell and Best Wishes

Sadly, we must say goodbye to some of our staff, who are moving on to new adventures next year. Thank you to you all, and please stay in touch with your friends at McNeely:

Mrs. Drinkwater
Mrs. Mayotte
Mrs. Cruz
Ms. Hamm
Mr. Lam

Ms. Holden
Mrs. Hofsink
Ms. Lee
Ms. Collins

Welcome to New Staff Members

We are pleased to welcome some new teachers to McNeely. Mrs. Liliane Htan will be joining us as a Kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher. She is currently at Tait Elementary. Mrs. Shannon MacDonald will be coming from Lord Byng as a Grade 2/3 teacher and Mrs. Shawna Hedges will also be coming from Byng as a prep teacher for the Kindergarten – Grade 4 classes.

We still have a few other positions to fill and will hopefully be fully staffed by the beginning of September. Welcome, new teachers!

Over the Summer

Please encourage your children to play outdoors, read, visit the public library, play games that involve numbers and math, try new sports or activities that interest them, make art, do crafts, bake, learn some new games, and make new friends. Do not be afraid to let your children be bored – from "boredom" often flows creativity as the brain seeks novelty. Turn off the TV, limit screen time, and see what talents emerge that you never imagined!



