



Dr. F. W. L. Hamilton Elementary School

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Principal's Report

April 12, 2016

1. Upcoming Dates to be aware of:

May 12 - Growing & Learning Fair at Sun Valley School for 15-16 Ks

May 27 - K orientation day

June 10 - Field Day

June 24 - Gr. 5 Farewell, 1:30 p.m.

June 28 - Classes a.m. only

June 30 - School Wide Final Assembly, last day of classes

2. **Emergency Response Plan** - we have a number of regularly scheduled fire drills to complete when the weather warms up to meet our mandate of 10/year. We have completed both lock down and hold and secure drills for the year.

3. **Thank you to our PAC** for the lovely lunch for our staff p.d. Many thanks to Theresa who was there to set up/clean up and serve as well as to Lexie who did all the arranging.

4. **Class Configurations and Class Lists for 2016-2017**- We are still waiting for confirmation as to class configurations, but Dr. Hamilton School will have several combined classrooms due to current enrollment as per common practice across the division. The following are all considered when determining student placement and class lists:

- Student academics and social functioning
- Staff knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individuals and groups and students
- Match with class configuration and staffing allotment from our school division
- Male/female ratio
- Placement of students new to Dr. Hamilton

**This rationale will be outlined to parents in the May newsletter, as well as being placed on our website and in an e-memo. If parents are planning on making a request due to academic rationale, the request must be made prior to May 24, 2016. A deadline date is important to adhere to as once the teachers have had the conversations and have grouped students together; it's very difficult to make changes as each child in a class fits together like a jigsaw puzzle. It is at this time that we have to trust the teachers' professional judgement as they have the "big picture" perspective. Student placement information is provided June 30 in the child's report card.

5. Wish List for 2016-2017

- ❖ Artist in the School - approx. \$1200-1400
- ❖ WSO - approx. \$600
- ❖ Patrol Lilac Resort - \$500 approx
- ❖ Patrol Movie Passes - \$100 approx
- ❖ Juice/small snack for 3 rounds of immunizations
- ❖ Classroom wish list items - small amount of discretionary money given to each class to spend as they wish