



Dear Parents:

We are at the end of another year at Gracefield, and we all look forward to reviewing the accomplishments of the school year. It is with pleasure that I report that we have maintained a wonderful extracurricular program in music, art and physical education. We celebrated the very first grade 8 Graduation, and by all accounts was a beautiful ceremony! The dedication and enthusiasm of our staff members to provide quality experiences, is second to none. We have a wonderful staff! We are able to plan and implement these programs because you, the parents, are also very supportive. Thank you for a successful school year!

I am also pleased to report that our library project is underway and the new stage curtains have been installed. With planning and communicating, we have accomplished many things that make our building welcoming. Thanks to Miss McMahon and the student Council their efforts to improve the looks of our front garden space.

In the school year 2011 - 2012 there will be some staff changes. To date we will be saying goodbye to: K. Pyper, R. McMahon, D. Dennis (teachers), and J. Reaburn (EA). We wish them all the best in their new schools. We will also be saying goodbye to A. McKay (EA) and wish her the best. I hope the whole school community will join me in wishing Mr. Teather (Head Caretaker) all the best in his retirement. Good luck John! A huge thank you to you all for your years of dedication to your profession and the students of Gracefield Public School, you will be missed.

Gracefield welcomes to our school : C. Pagano (Grade 1/2), M. Gibson (LRT) and J. Parker (EA). It is with mixed feelings that I too will say goodbye to Gracefield. I loved my 3 years here! I don't have to tell anyone how great a school Gracefield is. The school community is one of the best I have ever encountered. Please remember what a gem your school really is. I hope that you will make the new principal, Mrs. L. Doyle, feel as welcome as you made me feel 3 years ago. Many of you already know that I will be retiring and starting a new life as a newly-wed. Thanks for all your support over the years.

Have a great summer Schooners, sail with pride!

Mr. Lonny Schmidt, Principal