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# CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Families,

As we wrap up the school year at Castlemore, I want to take the time to thank our school community for making 2016-2017 such a positive year! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the students for working so hard this year, and collectively demonstrating a strong sense of character, friendship and commitment to your academics. To the families of our students, thank you for all of the support you have shown for your children and the staff at Castlemore; we have enjoyed collaborating with you towards success for our students.

Thank you to the many volunteers who work within our school; your energy and commitment to student learning is important. Over the year, our school council, our volunteers and our lunch assistants have consistently demonstrated dedication in supporting our students and staff members. Each one of you makes a difference! We are always happy to welcome more volunteers at Castlemore. If you would like to volunteer next year, please contact the school office or visit our school website to obtain the Vulnerable Sector Screening forms.

We would like to especially thank the Castlemore staff for caring so much and for impacting our students in such a positive way. Our staff play a crucial role in supporting our students' academic growth and wellbeing, as well as working with families to ensure our students are "future ready!"

June is traditionally a time to say some goodbyes. We wish our Grade 8 Graduates well in high school and hope that they will remember their time at Castlemore fondly. We will miss their presence and leadership in our school. We also need to say good bye to some of our outstanding staff members. We would like to extend a sincere thank you and warm farewell to Mrs. Gosse, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Mohamed, Ms. O'Neil, Mr. Ponce-Tovar, Mrs. Sciberras, Mrs. Suganth, Mrs. Waltrous, and Ms. Yeung. They are all moving on to other school locations next year. We wish them well as their careers progress. Mrs. Suleman will be off work next year on a maternity leave and we wish her all the best with her growing family. Mr. Inkster is going to be off work next year on a leave.

We also say farewell to Mrs. Kipfer who, after 16 years at Castlemore, has decided to retire. Castlemore has been extremely fortunate to have had her coordinating our day-to-day business for the last 16 years, as the consistent face of the office. She has impacted every student, family and staff member who has ever been a part of Castlemore. We wish her happiness and relaxation as she moves into retirement. Mr. Thang will also be leaving Castlemore, and we know that the students at Pine Grove P.S. and Glenn Gould P.S. are fortunate that he will be joining them.

In preparation for September, we want to welcome Mrs. Janice Perera as our Vice-Principal. Mrs. Keren Berger, Mrs. Kelly Chatzinikolis, Mrs. Rabia Khan, and Mrs. Maria Stanton will be joining the Castlemore teaching staff, and Ms. Allyson Khan will be joining our office staff. We are also excited that Mrs. Judy Ng will also be returning in September to take over the Head Secretary position. I know that they will all feel fortunate to be part of the Castlemore team.

Enjoy your summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you on September 5th!

Gwen Emmerson,  
Principal



## Parent Information First Day of School – September 5, 2017

During the month of June, the administration and staff spend time planning and preparing for the next school year. The ultimate goal of all our efforts is to enhance student learning. In terms of class placements, we attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible, given each student's skills, knowledge, and work and social habits. Classes at each level are formed using the following criteria:

- Class sizes consistent with Ministry and board guidelines;
- Gender balance in each class;
- A range of performance levels within each class;
- Promoting positive social relationships;
- Matching learning styles with teaching strategies wherever possible.

Please be aware that the staffing and organization of the classes remains tentative at this time and may need to be adjusted at the end of September. On the first day of school, September 5th, 2017, staff members will be outside on the back tarmac with grade signs. Please have your child find their grade sign. Students who arrive on a bus will be escorted to the back tarmac to find their grade signs. Teachers on the tarmac will have class lists and will direct students to their new classes. Students will be asked to line up with their new teacher and class for entry. Your role in promoting independence and positivity with regards to this process is vital in ensuring your child gets off to a great start!

### Important Transportation Information

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680: All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation. All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation. All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation. To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).

### Tentative Organization 2017-18

FDKA	1A	4A	7A
FDKB	1B	4B	7B
FDKC	1/2A	4C	7C
FDKD	1/2B	5A	7/8A
	2A	5B	8A
	2B	5C	8B
	2/3A	5/6A	
	3A	6A	
	3B	6B	
	3C		