



ANNE FRANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that effective September 2017 I have been assigned to the [YRDSB Human Rights Office](#), as Principal.

I have very much enjoyed my time at Anne Frank P.S. and feel extremely fortunate to have the honour of being the first principal of the first school named after Anne Frank in Canada. I value the relationships that I've built with many of you, staff and students. You helped me understand how to better meet the needs of our diverse community and serve the needs of our students. Thank you for teaching me and supporting my growth. I absolutely loved coming into work every day with the goal of making a difference, and like Anne Frank, believing that *everyone is good at heart, we are the world* and *anything is possible*. You've inspired me to do more, at times do things differently and always to care and aim for excellence in all I do. I will cherish this learning forever. Thank you!

I sincerely thank the students, staff and families for their support over the last three years. The road hasn't been easy but together we made magic! We worked collaboratively to create an incredible school with the foundations of equity, inclusivity and diversity deeply embedded in all we do. We have achieved so much to be proud of and the journey of further learning and improvement continues as the school, together with the new principal, will carry on the work of implementing the five basic principles of Anne Frank Schools:

1. Students and teachers act in the spirit of Anne's ideals. They interact with each other on a basis of equality and justice, and show mutual respect.
2. Anne Frank Schools set aside time in their timetables to discuss the Second World War, the *Holocaust*, present-day forms of *discrimination* and xenophobia (fear of the unknown), and themes such as **freedom, diversity** and mutual **respect**.
3. Teachers encourage students to read Anne Frank's Diary.
4. To spread Anne's thoughts in and around the school, Anne Frank Schools organise activities around the above themes.
5. Anne Frank Schools participate in the network of Anne Frank Schools. Via, for example, the website they exchange information and ideas.



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I am pleased to announce that **Ms. Elizabeth Lau** will be stepping in as Principal at Anne Frank P.S., starting in September. Ms. Lau was most recently Vice Principal at Vellore Woods P.S. and Forest Run P.S. and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. She also brings with her a focus on equity and inclusion and is a tremendous team builder and problem solver. Ms. Lau will be an incredible asset to the school in continuing the outstanding work that we have done thus far.

Mr. Doug Chester, our Vice-Principal, will continue as Vice-Principal in September and support Ms. Elizabeth Lau with the transition to our school.

I am counting on you to help support our vision and mission as we move forward and transition. Like I always said, this school belongs to the students, to the staff, to the community. Treat it as your home, embrace the learning and the work, and remember to always...

Be a leader! Be a learner! Have a voice! And have fun!

Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during the coming transitional period.

I will miss you.

Have a wonderful summer!

Love,

Aneta Fishman

Mrs. A. Fishman
Principal



ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!