



## ÉCOLE PHOENIX MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Bonjour, Hello and Gilakas'la

As the year draws to a close and classes for students end on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> I wanted to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and reflections on a very different year of learning for all the people involved in Ecole Phoenix Middle School.

On behalf of Mrs. Nelson and myself we wish to extend our deep appreciation to the parents and guardians who entrusted the staff of Ecole Phoenix Middle school with the education and care of their children. Your children have enriched our and all the staff's lives during the past year. Thank-you for raising and sending such wonderful young people to the school and for supporting them through the unique situation brought about by the global pandemic.

I wish to thank the students for always bringing their best "them"; for giving their best efforts; for interacting with others in a caring and inclusive way and ensuring the energy that fills the halls and on-line meetings is one of "Phoenixity".

It has been quite a year for a newly formed school leadership team, and I wish to express my deep gratitude to Mrs. Nelson and to all staff at Phoenix for supporting me, gently sharing their expertise and for their patient guidance as I learned about the richness of the learning and caring at Ecole Phoenix. I am grateful for the staff's generosity in providing such engaging learning opportunities for the students.

Inevitably, it seems that the end of a school year brings about changes to a school and staff.

To our grade 8 students: We wish you all the best as you transition to your next school. We know that despite the learning challenges you have faced this year, you possess the perseverance, intelligence and personal qualities that will allow you to be successful in your new school and make a positive difference in the lives of the people you interact with.

Mrs. Nelson will be moving to Carihi Secondary to serve as the vice-principal there. I think it is wonderful that our grade 8 students will have her supportive eye on them as they transition, and parents and guardians will have a familiar face and voice to talk to when they need to reach out on behalf of their child.

Our Late French Immersion teacher Christine Mullin is retiring at the end of the school year. She has positively affected the lives of many students in developing their French speaking and language skills and the program she developed has ensured students have continued success in the district French Immersion program. *Nous vous souhaitons une bonne retraite!*

Ms. Shona Probyn, our LST teacher is moving to support the students at Southgate next year. We wish her well and the students and staff are lucky to have her supporting them.

Mr. Loeb (grade 8 French Immersion) and Mr. Humphreys (grade 6/7 English) will both be moving on to new adventures. We thank them both for the care, teaching and support they provided to their students.

Mrs. Kristi Munro, one of our wonderful secretaries, is transferring to Penfield Elementary to support the students and staff there. They are in wonderful hands!

Several of our Education Assistants find themselves changing their workplace as well.

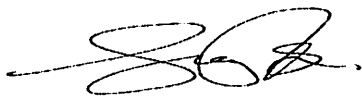
Mrs. Kathy Clarkson will be retiring and determining what personal learning opportunities she will participate in, with a less formal schedule! Kathy, we thank-you for the wonderful support you have provided to innumerable Phoenix and district students and their teachers over the course of your career.

Emily Tierney, Erika Johnston, Megan Koster and Adrian King are hopeful to be back next year supporting students at Phoenix but must wait a little longer to see if that happens. We thank them for the caring and support they provided to the students in their charge.

Finally, I would like to welcome Ecole Phoenix's new vice-principal Mr. Sean McLaughlin to the school. Sean has previously been a principal and since moving to Campbell River has been teaching at Southgate, as well as serving the last two years as one of the principals at School District 72's Summer School. Both Sean and I look forward to working and learning with your child and you next year.

Have a great and restful summer and we are hopeful that in September all our students can return to Ecole Phoenix Middle School at the same time!! We will certainly keep you informed of the plans for learning over the summer so we are ready to go in September!

For your information, report cards will be mailed to parents and guardians at the end of next week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. McLaughlin', written in a cursive style.

Principal, Ecole Phoenix Middle School  
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