

June 21, 2018

Dear Students, Staff, Parents & Guardians of West Rouge Jr. P.S.

RE: West Rouge Junior Public School – Farewell and Welcome

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board, we take this opportunity to inform you that on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 the Board acknowledged a series of Principal/Vice-Principal promotions and transfers. At the meeting the following was confirmed effective September 1, 2018.

Ted Vine	Principal West Rouge Jr. P.S	Transfer to Principal Birch Cliff P.S.
Michael Murphy	Vice-Principal Brookside P.S.	Promotion to Principal West Rouge Jr. P.S.

At this time we would like to thank Ted Vine for his leadership and commitment to student achievement and success of West Rouge students and to the community. Please join us in wishing him all the best in his new position.

Mr. Michael Murphy brings with him administrative experience as a Vice-Principal at Brookside Public School, and teaching and leadership experiences at Walter Perry Jr. PS, Bliss Carman Sr. PS and Poplar Road Jr. PS. He is a very proactive, positive and collaborative leader with very strong problem-solving and decision-making skills.

He is known for being highly visible and available to students, staff and parents. He has facilitated professional learning for staff to promote the Outdoor Play and Learning Program (OPAL); and has initiated the creation of a sustainable STEAM lab; and works with staff members to integrate Global Competencies through “real world” problem solving and passion projects that results in greater student voice, leadership and engagement and student awareness of global issues. Mr. Murphy actively supports academic, sports and leadership opportunities for students. He provides leadership to staff and students with regard to purchasing and incorporating various technologies; he supported the Technology Committee in a successful \$15,000 grant that resulted in a “Dash and Dot” robots; initiated the use of Google Apps for Education as a tool to promote a paperless school culture by digitizing a variety of staff forms and data collection form surveys for staff and students resulting in a Platinum Eco-Status recognition. Michael Murphy works with staff members to establish a weekly Boys’ Club that encourages and promotes positive choices and leadership opportunities; implemented mindfulness, stress reduction and yoga techniques in classrooms and physical education programs; and has coached many TDESSA sports, such as cross-country, volleyball, badminton, track and field, ice hockey, floor hockey, ultimate Frisbee, and has partnered with community partners such as Toronto Youth Rugby Foundation, Right to Play and Aussie X football.

Mr. Murphy quickly establishes a positive rapport with students and community members through fairness and approachability by having clear and consistent expectations. He works collaboratively with the School Council members to ensure their voices are heard when making school decisions and supports the School Council initiatives, specifically providing leadership to the annual Fun Fair. He consistently promotes a safe and caring school culture and inclusive school environment. For example

special education professional learning is a monthly agenda item at every staff meeting; staff are engaged through professional learning communities in deconstructing barriers to student achievement as a result of implicit or explicit bias.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Michael Murphy to the West Rouge Community. Mr. Murphy will be at West Rouge Jr. PS the first week of July (July 2-6) should you wish to drop by and welcome him. We look forward to working with Principal Murphy in September.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Education – LN16



Jerry Chadwick
Trustee, Ward 22

