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Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

Once again we are enjoying a full and vibrant spring season here at Givins/Shaw. Our two wonderful spring concerts last week, led by Ms. Montanera, seemed to bring forth the warm weather and, thanks to the work of our school council, coincided neatly with the arrival of our new orders of Givins/Shaw spirit wear which is being worn proudly throughout the school and playground. Our school teams for the season (track and field, boys and girls slo-pitch softball, and ultimate Frisbee) are practicing in preparation for their upcoming tournaments and our Forest of Reader participants are very excited about the upcoming author festival for both our English (May 16) and French (May 17) literature enthusiasts.

With so many events at the school in the coming weeks, we thought it would be a good idea to highlight a few of them in this newsletter but again we encourage you to go to www.givinsshaw.com for the most up to date information on all things Bulldog.

- ***Program Area Review Team (PART) public meeting in the Givins/Shaw Gym on May 8 starting at 6:30 p.m.***

As you are aware from our school website and our school council's website, Givins/Shaw is currently involved in a process to determine what the grade configuration for our school should be for the years ahead. The name for this process is a Program Area Review Team (PART) Review. The PART representatives consist of three members of our School Council along with our Trustee, Ausma Malik, Superintendent, Mike Gallagher, representative from the TDSB Planning Department, Bill Wallace, and Principal Dan Taylor. The PART has already held two working meetings. A major element of the whole process is an open public meeting so that our community is well-informed of the factors involved in reaching a final decision and people get the opportunity to ask any questions they might have. The date for our public PART meeting is Tuesday, May 8 and it will start at 6:30 p.m. in our gym. Child care will be provided and we hope you are able to attend.

- **EQAO dates in May**

Our grade 3 and 6 students will be completing the Provincial Primary and Junior Assessment from the Education Quality and Accountability Office on May 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, and 30. The time of day during which the students will be working on the EQAO assessment will be from after morning announcements until morning recess (9:00 – 10:30 a.m. approximately) on each of those six days. We kindly ask that you do your best to not book any appointments for your child(ren) during that time.

- **Flooding in our Library**

Like all buildings, our school is also susceptible to damages caused by the elements. The quick melting of the snow and ice we received in April, lead to flooding in the floor of our library. The library has not been used for class visits since the flooding and the TDSB Facilities Services is in the process of determining the extent of the damage and appropriate next steps. We will keep you informed of the information we receive but at this point we think it is highly likely that the library will not be functional before the end of the school year. We thank our new head caretaker, Robert Usai, for all his diligence and attention to this issue and for coordinating the support of so many members of the TDSB team.

- **Fun Fair**

The highly anticipated Givins/Shaw Fun Fair will take place on the morning of Saturday, May 26 on the Givins/Shaw field. Please look for updates from the fantastic Givins/Shaw School Council.

- **Graduation for Grade 6 Students:**

Our Grade 6 students will be graduating from Givins/Shaw. The Graduation Ceremony will be held in our school's gym starting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25 in the school gym.

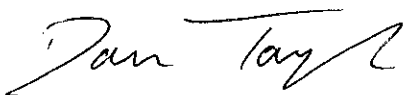
- **Givins/Shaw Staff Update**

Unquestionably, the main focus of school administration in the spring involves planning for the following school year. Just as each year brings change for our student population at Givins/Shaw, the same is also true for our staff.

As you are aware, Ms. Debbie Stockton has decided to retire at the end of the school year after a very distinguished career in the TDSB. Ms. Stockton's letter to the community is posted on our website and we wish her all the best in the next phase of her life and we are confident that we will continue to see her at Givins/Shaw. More recently, Ms. Margaret Gorham has decided to take a leave from the TDSB for the 2018/19 school year in order to pursue some long-time interests and passions. We are excited for what lies ahead for Ms. Gorham next year and we hope to welcome her back to Givins/Shaw in the future.

Next year the number of teachers assigned to Givins/Shaw has increased from 17 to 18. We are currently in the process of hiring for the new position as well as for the ones made available through Ms. Stockton's retirement and Ms. Gorham's leave. Once we have completed this process, we will inform the community of the new members to our Givins/Shaw team.

Thanks again everyone and Go Bulldogs!



Dan Taylor

Principal