



June 17, 2021

Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

We wanted to update you on a few end – of – school year tasks.

**Picking up Student Belongings:**

Teachers will be contacting the families of their students to let them know how to get student materials that remained in classrooms.

If the schedule indicated by the teacher, does not work for your schedule, I will be in the school on the following dates at which point you could come to pick up any belongings:

Tues. June 22 (9:00 a.m. until noon), Wed. June 23 (noon until 3:00 p.m.), Thurs. June 24 (9:00 a.m. until noon), Mon. June 28 (9 :00 a.m. until noon), Tues. June 29 (noon until 3:00 p.m.), Wed. June 30 (9:00 a.m. until noon)

**Returning TDSB Computer Devices That Were Distributed to Families:**

If your family has a computer device that was distributed to you by the TDSB during the pandemic, you may return it to the school using the same dates and times listed above. Even if the device you have is for an older child who attends a different TDSB school, you may return it to G/S.

**Distribution of Kindergarten Communication of Learning, Report Cards and Individual Education Plans:**

All KCL's, report cards, and IEPs will be sent home electronically via email. You will receive two emails. One email will have a password you will need to open the second email that contains the report itself. Our plan is to send out the reports on Thursday, June 24. The process we are using for distribution this year is new to the school so please just let your home room teacher know if you have not received the report by Monday, June 28. We appreciate your patience and understanding in advance.

For the Year 2 Kindergarten students to Grade 5 students, the report card will indicate the room number of the assigned classroom for the 2021/22 school year. Please keep in mind that with all the uncertainty regarding virtual and physical school for next year, there is a high likelihood that the school may need to re-organize in the fall so all assigned classes are tentative, as are teaching assignments, and subject to change in the new school year.

**Givins/Shaw staffing news:**

Each spring the TDSB uses a collectively agreed upon process to determine placement for its Educational Assistants (EA), Special Needs Assistants (SNA), and Early Childhood Educator (ECE) employees. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of the support and service provided by our EA's, SNA's and ECE's. Our EA's provide specified academic support for students and our SNA's assist those with diagnosed needs. The ECE's work in concert with the Kindergarten teacher to provide rich programming, and a supportive and welcoming environment for our youngest learners. Ensuring all the students at Givins/Shaw receive the support they need to succeed is a co-ordinated team effort and the professionalism of our EA, SNA, and ECEs play an integral role.

In February 2021, the EA/SNA assigned to Givins/Shaw, Ms. Sherry Alves, began to support students in the TDSB virtual program. At that point, we welcomed Ms. Cidalia Da Silva to the role in a temporary capacity. Ms. Da Silva has provided exemplary support for our students and staff and we are pleased that we will be able to keep her at G/S in her role as a Lunch-Room Supervisor. Ms. Alves returned to the EA/SNA role in early June and will be with us in September.

Ms. Momtaz Sultana has served as the ECE in Room 6, in a temporary capacity, for most of the school year. As of right now, the kindergarten class in room 6 will not have an ECE for the 2021/22 school year as it will have less than 15 students. We have loved having Ms. S with us as part of the G/S team this year and wish her all the best.

In September, Ms. Kellyann Hardyal will be joining our G/S staff as an ECE and will be tentatively assigned to the Room 1 kindergarten classroom. We welcome Ms. Hardyal to Givins/Shaw.

As many of you know, Ms. Marilyn Palaio has worked for many years at G/S as an ECE and is a crucial piece of the teaching team in Room 1. Marilyn started with us in a temporary capacity and was able to move up to the permanent ranks in the past year. At this point, we do not know in which school Marilyn will be working in September (we hope it is Givins/Shaw once again), but we know that any school would indeed be fortunate to have her as part of their staff.

Thanks again to the Givins/Shaw community for your understanding and support throughout this year. If you receive this letter while finding yourself in an incredibly long vaccine line, I am glad to have provided you with something to read while you wait. We wish you all a safe, healthy, happy, and fun summer and look forward to seeing you all in person in September. The final school day for students and staff is June 29 and we are to open for the 2021/22 school year on September 9, 2021.

Dan Taylor

Principal