

Givins/Shaw
Junior Public School
Toronto District School Board



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Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

The final week of a school year is celebratory. Our students are preparing for the summer break anticipating the time ahead and feeling a great sense of accomplishment for all they have done. Our graduating class knows that they are ready for the next phase of their academic careers and are enjoying their last days at Givins/Shaw together. Many families of our incoming Junior Kindergarten students drop by the school to see where they will be next year as they are already excitedly discussing the upcoming year at home. As always, our amazing staff is doing all the things that need to be done in order to successfully complete the year. It is always a very busy time and incredibly rewarding time. I wanted to take this moment to thank all of our families for making the 2018/19 school year such a success.

Of course, not everyone on the staff will be returning to Givins/Shaw. Each year brings changes and we are always sad to say farewell to those who have quickly become such key members of our team. We have been extremely fortunate to have three people on our staff, for most of the school year, as long term occasional teachers. We would like to thank Alexandra Melanson and Jessica Marrello, who became such vital members of our Kindergarten team after we opened a new kindergarten class in September, and Margaret Atanasoff who did an amazing job teaching our Grade 3 / 4 students in Room 4 following Ms. Brennan's retirement. We wish Alex, Jessica, and Margaret all the best and we know that the professional growth they have demonstrated while at Givins/Shaw will benefit them regardless of where they teach next.

We may also be saying good-bye to two of the Early Childhood Educators in our Kindergarten program. Marilyn Palaio (Ms. Marilyn) has worked with Annie Eskandar (Ms. Annie) to create an amazing learning environment for the students in Room 1. At this point in time we are not sure if Ms. Marilyn will be able to return to us permanently for the 2019/20 school year and she will be sorely missed if indeed she is relocated. Claudia Araujo (Ms. Claudia) has been an ECE at Givins/Shaw since 2015 and has been a key member of the teaching team in Room 7 with both Ms. Mac and Rachael Chang. Ms. Claudia was successful in her application to the Master's of Teaching program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). Ms. Claudia is to start her studies in September. We wish Ms. Claudia all the best at OISE and hope that she returns to us once she receives her degree. We are also going to be losing one of our longest serving lunch room supervisors who also helps run our morning nutrition program and teaches in the TDSB international languages program. Ms. Maria Silvia Serrano Mireles is moving to a new neighbourhood and we wish her and her family the best of luck in their new location.

With regards to July and August at Givins/Shaw we did want to inform the community that there will be construction ongoing. There will be a team working in order to prepare our library for September and there will also be some structural work being done on the outside of the building. We are hoping the work will start immediately in the first week of July and that all the work will be completed for the start of the new school year. The office will be closing on Friday, June 28.

I wish you all a healthy and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Dan Taylor

Principal

Tentative Homeroom Teacher Classroom Allocations for the 2019/20 School Year

Rm. 1	Ms. Eskandar -- Kindergarten
Rm. 2	Ms. Garcia -- Kindergarten
Rm. 4	Ms. Miller -- Grade 5 / 6
Rm. 5	Ms. Nikolic -- Kindergarten
Rm. 6/7	Ms. Chang -- Kindergarten
Rm. 8	Ms. Metter -- Grade 3
Rm. 9	Mr. Smith -- Grade 1 / 2
Rm. 10	Ms. Halton -- Grade 2 / 3
Rm. 11	Ms. Di Zio -- Grade 4 / 5
Rm. 12	Mr. Lightbody -- Grade 2 / 3
Rm. 13	Mr. Salerno -- Grade 5 / 6
Rm. 15	Ms. Baker -- Grade 1
Rm. 16	Ms. Robb -- Grade 4 / 5
Rm. 17	Ms. Brammanis -- Grade 1 / 2