School Newsletter June 1, 2017

# Sir Wilfrid Laurier

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### **Dear Laurier Community**,

June is here and while the warmer weather sees our students out and about exploring this fantastic city, we also find ourselves busy preparing for final performances, finishing off any last assignments and getting ready for another exciting year at Laurier.

June offers the opportunity to commemorate all that we have accomplished together this year, and wow, have we ever accomplished a lot. From incredibly insightful inquiry projects, to 'Busy Town', to our 'Canadian Celebration', choir performances, dance performances, concerts, track and field, basketball, cross-country, our list of accomplishments goes on and on. This list doesn't even cover all the incredible growth our students have experienced in their writing, reading and general academic achievement.

While June is always a time of celebration, recognition and goodbyes it is also a time for final thank you's. I have so many people to thank for making this year a SOARing success. In this Newsletter I would like to make a special mention of our staff and students

First, to the all the student volunteers who impress me daily with their generosity and commitment to our school. In particular, I would like to thank all the students who volunteered to be on the SOAR committee. With their help, our students earned over 3000 SOAR tickets for demonstrating examples of being Supportive, Open Minded, Awesome and Respectful.

To the office staff... to Laura Horne for all of her behind the scenes work. From registration to budgets, student records to endless bandaids and ice packs, Laura's tremendous organization and dedication to our school is the glue that holds us together. To Kathryn Ayres for assisting us with all of our extra clerical tasks with her characteristic warmth and smile.

To our school engineers Rudy Pangilinan and Jose Batalla for keeping our school looking its best and for going above and beyond to support our needs. They are always there for us when we need them and we appreciate all of their support.

To Ms. Altman in the library, who manages the heart of our school. The learning commons is where students discover their passions, extend their thinking and explore new worlds and Ms. Altman is always there to help guide them on their journey to success.

To Ms Chung for fostering a love and passion for music in our students. Laurier would not be Laurier without our the sounds of children singing drifting through our hallways. Her dedication always shines through in what she is able to bring out in our students.

To our itinerant staff who provide expertise in the areas of counselling, speech pathology and school psychology. Indira Rai, Aoife McNamara and Lydia Bergant add to our team and we appreciate all of their hard work.

And last but not least, to the classroom teachers...our classroom teacher's are charged with the enormous task of being, all at once, your child's teacher, mentor, facilitator, counsellor, problemsolver, editor, coach, and cheerleader. We are so fortunate to have a team of teachers at Laurier that set out to accomplish this with a sense of joy and compassion.

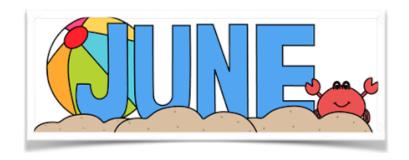
It is the staff and students who make Laurier such an incredible place to to work, and I feel honoured to be a part of this great team. I can't wait to see all the ways we SOAR in 2017-2018!

#### Sincerely,

### Risha Golby







## **Important Dates in June:**

Friday, June 2nd: Primary Concert 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Volunteer Tea 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Tuesday, June 6th: Staff Appreciation Lunch - sponsored by PAC 12:15

PAC Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Library

Friday, June 9th: Intermediate Concert and Strings Performance- 9:15 - 10:30

Thursday, June 15th: Evening Concert - 7:00 PM in the gym

Friday, June 16th: Student Recognition Assembly - Parents Welcome

Last Hot Lunch Day

Thursday, June 29th: Last Day of School for Students - Report Cards Go Home

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony and Luncheon



# Japanese Teacher Home Stay Opportunity

We are thrilled to have an opportunity for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to participate in the International Internship Program and welcome a volunteer "Japanese cultural ambassador in-residence" to introduce the culture, customs and language of Japan to out students.

The program is a wonderful cross-cultural experience that exposes our students first-hand to the diversity of world cultures. There is no cost to our school.

### The Opportunity

- <u>International Internship Programs</u> (IIP) is a Tokyo-based international exchange organization that has placed Asian teaching assistants in leading schools throughout North America for more than 30 years. To date, more than 6,000 schools have enriched their students' lives by enabling them to experience cultural exchange first-hand.
- <u>Cross-Cultural Exchange</u>: The program provides our students with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand cross-cultural experience, one that sparks a stronger connection with other countries and the world around us.
- <u>Timing</u>: Our Japanese teaching assistant would arrive in early 2018. She would volunteer her time, energy and expertise, supporting our staff and enabling our students to learn first-hand about Japan.

### Sir Wilfrid's Host Family

- In order to bring this wonderful opportunity to our community, we need to identify one or more families who would enjoy hosting our Japanese intern.
- Hosting creates a rich, memorable opportunity to experience cultural exchange within your home, learn about Japanese traditions, and make a lifelong friend in Japan.
- More than one family can host. Our Japanese teaching assistant will contribute a modest monthly stipend of \$400 to her host family.

Please email or call me directly if you are interested in bringing this unique cultural experience to your home and family, hosting our Japanese intern for part or all of the internship.

I look forward to hearing from interested families!

Thank you. Risha Golby

# Will You Child be returning back to school later than September 5th?

A <u>Notice of Late Return Form</u> is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017** but prior to **September 29, 2017**.

The Late Return form is attached and also available in the office. Return the form to the office by June  $23^{\rm rd}$ .



### Canada 150 celebrations:

The City has announced their schedule of events celebrating Canada 150+.

Check the website for all the details, including the nine-day The Drum is Calling Festival happening July 22-30

https://canada150plus.ca/



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