

# LETTER FROM IN FOCUS



My first day of grade 1 is a date that has gone down in history with my family. We had recently moved to a new house and I had to take the bus for the very first time. Because we live in a semi-rural area, the elementary and middle school kids were put together on the same bus and my mom, the responsible lady that she is, recruited a middle school-aged neighbour to keep an eye out for me.

That was the plan, at least.

Somewhere in the chaos of the first day of school, the older kids didn't get on the bus at the end of the day. As the bus wound its way through the hills of our fair town, the driver asked who was getting off at what stop. Since I was new to the neighbourhood and also painfully shy, I didn't say anything and, unfortunately for me, no one else from my stop was on the bus that afternoon.

My mom, who was pregnant at the time, had taken the day off of work and was waiting for me at the bus stop with my younger brother and sister. Much to her horror, the bus didn't stop and – to this day – she still clearly remembers seeing my little face peering out the window as the bus flew by. So my mom did what any mother would do: she grabbed my sister with one hand and my brother's stroller with the other and hauled her pregnant body down the road after the bus.

I don't remember what happened after that, but I was eventually brought home and my mom made very sure I – and later my siblings – knew the bus stop intersection near our house.

To all the parents and students getting ready to head back to class, I hope your first day of school is less eventful than my grade 1 adventure. But before you head back, be sure to check out this edition of *In Focus* where you will find photos from the last of the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

Happy September!

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## <<< Before

Parker gets ready to say goodbye to his long locks.



## >>> During

Parker holds up the hair he will be donating.



## After

Parker shows off his new hairstyle, created just for him by Athena Chandra.

When nine-year-old Parker Paulitzki goes back to school this September, he might have to re-introduce himself to some of his friends who may not recognize him with his new, shorter 'do. Last month, the St. Catherine of Alexandria student cut off 10 inches of his hair and donated it to an organization that makes wigs for people with cancer. Parker grew out his hair for two years so it would be long enough to donate and is now rocking a stylish new 'do courtesy of hair stylist Athena Chandra. Work it, Parker!

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