

ST. JOSEPH

June has been a hectic yet wonderful month at St. Joseph's School. The students have been loving the beautiful weather. We are so fortunate to have such a picturesque school yard for our students. There's nothing better than watching the children play and have fun with all the trees and Fairy Lake in the background. We are blessed indeed.

Our grade threes spent a fun and educational day at Guelph Lake to celebrate World Environment Day. They investigated soils, studied different life systems, planted trees, and spent a great day in nature.

Congratulations to our Track and Field team. Students in grades five to eight competed at Bishop Reding Secondary School on June 6. Congratulations to Seamus, Savannah and Abby who moved on to the Regional Finals. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

June is a busy time for our grade eight students—and teachers too. The students travelled to

our Nation's Capital to visit the sights and sounds of Ottawa. They enjoyed visits to the Aviation Museum, Parliament, Notre Dame Basilica, The Peace Tower, The Kingston Penitentiary Museum, and lots more. Everyone had such a great time. We thank the staff members who accompanied the students on this excursion.

The grade eights also had a fun day Tree Trekking at Treetop Adventures in Brampton. Such a fun way to celebrate and enjoy the last few days of elementary school.

Our school was excited to be the winners of the Halton Waste Challenge and to be once again deemed a "Gold Status" Eco School. The students loved their prize of the "Junkyard Symphony". Thank you to Mlle. Andrey who coordinated the Eco Club all year.

Our grade eight graduation was held on June 21 in the gym. The theme was "Hollywood" and we thank all the parent volunteers who helped us to decorate

and make the evening so special. Congratulations to all our graduates!

Play Day and Talent Show is always a fun way to end off the school year. The students look forward to this day every year. Thank you to all the staff who coordinate these events.

As we close off this school year there are a few people we would like to thank. Thank you to Father Robert for the spiritual guidance you have provided for our students. We wish you well with your surgery and your new parish.

We want to wish our principal, Ms. Laforet, well as she embarks on her new journey—

retirement. We thank you for everything you have done for the families of St. Joseph's School. Your dedication and expertise were appreciated by all of the students and staff. We will miss you.

Finally, we wish to thank

Tyler Transport for everything you have done for our school and for the community of Acton. Thank you to Mr. Tyler, Angela and all the staff who have continually worked with us and helped us over the years to best meet the needs of our students. We can't imagine Acton without you. Please know that your dedication to our town and our school will not soon be forgotten. We wish all the drivers, office staff, and management a wonderful summer and all the best on the next phase of your careers. We will miss your smiling faces as you greet our students every day.



and HDSB's Instructional Program Lead of First Nation, Métis, Inuit Education Ms. Tammy Hardwick. Our students have learned about the importance of honouring the land, and treaty and land territory relationships with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Additionally, they have learned about respecting diversity, that it's okay to be different, and to always be themselves.

Congratulations to our grade five graduates who will be moving on to either Stewarttown or McKenzie Smith Bennett for their middle school years. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch these young students grow into leaders that are willing to pursue their curiosities, gain the confidence to be innovative, take risks, and engage in project and inquiry-based learning. We know they will continue to be their authentic selves, apply kindness and respect for others and the environ-

ment, and will share their optimism with their new schools. We wish them the very best as they embark on their new journey.

Our first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 4. Class lists will be posted on our school website on Friday, August 31. You will need your child(ren)'s Ontario Education Number (OEN) to access this information. Families can also access their child(ren)'s bussing information on August 31, by visiting the Halton Student Transportation Services website at www.haltonbus.ca.

On behalf of the staff at Limehouse, we'd like to wish our students and the Halton Hills community a wonderful and safe summer break. Enjoy your time together!

Please visit our website at lim.hdsb.ca for up-dates in August and follow our happenings on Twitter @LimehousePS

Students of Excellence 2018



Callie Abel
Limehouse Public School, Grade 5

Callie is an enthusiastic learner who models inclusion and empathy and can often be seen helping younger students. She is a quiet leader who excels to do her best in all subjects. Callie is actively involved in sports and volunteer opportunities and encourages others to do the same.



Kate Grootendorst
Robert Little Public School, Grade 5

Kate is polite, kind to others and is an excellent role model and leader who always has a smile on her face. She seeks constructive criticism on how to improve and is always looking to challenge herself. On the volleyball team, she worked hard to improve her skills and is a positive, encouraging part of the team.



Jackson Vallance
McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School, Grade 8

Jackson is a dedicated student with exemplary learning skills. He is kind, caring and helpful, listens attentively and is a collaborative problem solver. His peers think highly of him, and he is genuinely engaged in all aspects of learning. Jackson's character, thoughts, words and actions help make his school a better place.



Anna Humber
Acton District High School, Grade 12

Anna is a kind, conscientious student who is committed to helping others. She is a leader in the school's French and Social Sciences departments and is involved in many extracurriculars including stage managing plays, directing Sears and playing the lead role in Romeo and Juliet. Anna wants to know the world, and she has an infectious can-do attitude. She is supportive of fellow students, is positive, mature and always helpful.

Submitted photos

LIMEHOUSE

It's been another tremendously successful year at Limehouse Public School. As the academic year comes to an end, there's much to be proud of. There are so many accomplishments to celebrate. At the top of our list is our community partners. We'd like to offer our sincerest gratitude to all of our donors and Halton Hills partners. This year we have been able to enhance our technology, literacy and math resources, enhance our MakerSpace program in the library—which includes hands-on building materials such as robotics and Lego—purchase a curriculum cabinet and picnic tables for our Kindergarten all thanks to our partners. Limehouse is so fortunate to have had many donors who have contributed towards our school improvement goals in one form or another. We'd like to thank the following partners for their contributions to our school: Halton Learning Foundation, Halton Food For Thought, Halton Region-Health, Superior Glove, Tyler Transport Ltd. Coyote Carts, Indigenous Knowledge Guide: Stephen Paquette, Representatives

from The Town of Halton Hills: Rick Bonnette, Clark Somerville, Ted Brown, Bryan Lewis, and MPP Ted Arnott, our Halton Hills School Trustee Jeanne Gray, the Limehouse Community Centre, the Limehouse Presbyterian Church, and our Superintendent Scott Podrebarac. And last but certainly not least, thank you to our amazing School Council and parent/guardian volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to our school. Many great things can happen when we all work together to make schools a great place to be for students and families. Thank you to all of our partners for helping us this past year.

We've had many learning highlights this year. One of our year-long learning goals has been connected to responding to the Calls of Action made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada for schools to learn about the history and culture of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. Our students and staff have been able to access this knowledge through working with Knowledge Guide Mr. Stephen Paquette