

Weekender

Children's Page



A fond farewell

A clown tries to add a happy note to the going-away assembly for outgoing Parkview Public School principal Doug Ford. Mr. Ford is now principal of German Mills Public School in Thornhill. — Sjoerd Witteveen

Parkview Public School

Goodbye from Principal Ford

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents of Parkview Public School, I wish to thank you for all your letters, cards and gifts on my transfer from Parkview. The assemblies that the teachers and students organized pleased me very much. The primary children with their chants, cheers and recitations were very cute. The juniors with their class collages of greetings, the balloon clown and the children drinking a toast with orange drink all showed careful planning. The intermediates with their giant cards, choir and band were remarkably well-prepared given the short time available for practicing.

My 6½ years at Parkview have been a most rewarding part of my career. Working with the children has been stimulating, delightful. Co-operating with Parkview parents who are supportive, helpful and talented has been very pleasing. Participating with the teaching and non-teaching staff of Parkview to present a high-calibre program has provided me with excellence in professional development that would be difficult to match in any school in Ontario. Thank you for your good wishes. It has been great to be your principal. Sincerely, Doug Ford

Lively verse for St. Patrick's Day

Once I met a funny man
His name was Dan
He lived in a tree
And was always full of glee
He was short
And worked in a court
Which was in a bush
When I gave him a little push
He fell down
On the ground
I asked him what he was
He said he was a Leprechaun
Then I asked him what sign he was
He said he was a Capricorn
Katie Bloem
Grade 6

Hats off to Mr. Ford

The important thing about Mr. Ford is that he is the best principal. He is tall and handsome. He is kind and nice. He is a lovable man. He is gentle. He speaks on the P.A. He likes us. He tries to keep everyone safe. He makes sure everyone learns something. But, the important thing about Mr. Ford is that he is the best principal. The sad thing about Mr. Ford is that he is leaving us.
Mrs. Kimmel's
Grade 1 class
Our principal is leaving
And boy that really stinks
We hope that you liked teaching
All of us little finks
You're great and number one
You're fair and handsome too
Oh gosh, you're really fun
And some of that's even true!
Richard Blount
Grade 6

To jest a bit in pure delight
Before you went away
You took the time to lend a hand
when I was faced with care
To give the strength of fellowship
To comfort and to share
You took the time to announce a note
On every special day
A birthday note, a valentine
A wish for Christmas day
You took the time for words of praise
That filled me through and through
You took the time to be a friend
So patient, kind and true.
Yours truly
Mary-Lynn Seeley
Grade 8
Good luck to our ex-principal,
From this school you'll depart,
But we hope that you'll remember
Us deep down in your heart.
Parkview will be a sweet
memory,
You'll soon be at German Mills,
You will be far away from us,

O'er the valleys and the hills
Goodbye dear ex-principal
You were an inspiration in school.
Later we hope that you'll retire,
And maybe take up playing pool.
Nancy A. Pallas
Grade 7
So long, it's been great to know
yuh
So long, it's been great to know
yuh
So long, it's been great to know
yuh
What a great time since you've
been here
And you've got to be drifting
along.
You're going to leave Parkview
We know you must go to German
Mills
And we want you to know
We are going to miss you
And that is so true
Their gain is our loss
'Cause we really know you!
Class 8 A

Rules for a good principal

The following rules were compiled by a Grade 1 class in Room 32 at Parkview Public School. Each rule was illustrated by the students and bound into a book form before being presented to the departing Mr. Ford.
A good principal always gives you an allowance. Hans Yeung
A good principal always calls the buses early. Karen McIsaac
A good principal always stays and doesn't leave. George Tstoros
A good principal always takes you out to lunch to McDonalds. Nicole Preston
A good principal always lets you do anything you want to do. Brian Campbell
A good principal always drives you home if you're bad. Raphe Gosling
A good principal always is happy everyday. Jennifer Crain
A good principal always makes me good. Diana Lam
A good principal always gives us play time. Christopher Blount
A good principal always lets you break dance. Ryan Cairney
A good principal always is good. Allison Gardner
A good principal always lets you eat bubblegum. Karen Yang
A good principal always is handsome like you. Janet Martin
A good principal does the children's work. Jenvein Cheong
A good principal always needs to smile. Becky Scott
Grade 1

Vibrant colors of the world

I like red
I like luscious red
I like red boots
I like red balls
I like blue
I like extraordinary blue
I like blue books
I like blue oceans
I like yellow
I like radiant yellow
I like yellow sunshine
I like yellow sun hats
I like green
I like gem green
I like green grass
I like green flowers
I like purple
I like fiery purple
I like purple rain
I like purple violets
I like brown
I like grubby brown
I like brown trees
I like brown bears
I like pink
I like bright pink
I like pink T-shirts
I like pink sweatpants
I like black
I like frightening black
I like black roads
I like black sky
I like orange
I like surprising orange
I like orange oranges
I like orange foot stools
I like all the colors of the rainbow:
red, orange, yellow, green, blue,
purple, pink, brown, black.
I like pink
I like pink T-shirts
I like pink sweatpants