Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you of the planning that has taken place to develop well balanced classes for the Grade 5/6 students in 2016.

Conscious of the need to create classes where students will experience social, emotional and learning success, we have considered a range of factors including gender balance, a balance of students from both grades 5 and 6, a spread of academic traits and personality types and children's social groupings. Care has also been taken to consider the combination of students to enable each person to feel comfortable and yet challenged in the learning environment.

A particular consideration has been the smaller than usual cohort of grade 6 girls in 2016. To ensure these students will be placed in a supportive learning environment, the grade 6 girls will be placed in three of the five Grade 5/6 classes. All classes will have a balance of genders and an appropriate range of leaders and role models. All children will participate in the same Grade 5/6 program and will have consistent opportunities across the classes. Students will regularly be involved in activities that allow them to mix and learn with and from each other.

The 2015 and 2016 class teachers and I have collaborated on these plans and we are confident that the classes will accommodate all students' needs well. The classes and teachers will be announced on Monday, December 14th.

If you have any questions or concerns about the classes, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher