



September 2019

Dear Clark Families:

Welcome back to the 2019- 2020 school year. As summer begins to move away quickly, we begin to hear the familiar jingle: “It’s the most wonderful time of the year.” My family always teases me when they hear the jingle on the television, because they know it means the opening of school is just around the corner. Summer is a wonderful time to refuel, relax, and have some fun. Hopefully, by the time you hear the jingle you would agree that is a wonderful time of the year and the children are ready to come back to school.

The teachers have been back preparing for a couple of weeks and are ready and waiting for their new students. It always amazes me how hard the maintenance staff works over the summer to get the school so clean and ready for opening. The **first day** of school will be on **Thursday, September 5th**. Kindergarten will begin on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**.

We are looking forward to another incredible and productive school year. We are fortunate to be fully staffed for the school year. We welcome a number of new staff members to the James Clark Family. Alyssa Fortier is our new secretary. Renee Duffus has moved on to Agawam High School. We welcome Jane Bugbee back to our team, and Mackenzie Powers to Grade One. We have many new paraprofessionals: Monica Brown; Alyssa Meade; Dale Miller; Joanne Norris and Thomas Marshall. We are fortunate to have so many talented educators.

Please be patient with the **bus** schedule in the beginning of the year. There are a number of construction projects going on throughout the town that may cause a delay when bringing students home in a timely fashion. **Back to School Night** will be on Thursday, Sept 19th beginning at 6:30. More information will be sent once school begins.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer days. The routines of school will fall quickly into place and summer will be a pleasant memory. We look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Yours in Education,

Shelley Russell, Principal

