

## **Class Placements for next year**

From time to time, parents want to request specific placements for the upcoming school year. However, it is important to understand that the placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. At North Ridge we will work carefully and collaboratively to determine the most suitable placement for your child based on the following criteria: student intellectual, social and emotional development, learning styles and strengths of students, degree of independence, integration of students with special needs, social compatibility, gender balance, maintaining reasonable teacher-student ratios.

If you have educational concerns regarding the placement of your child, please put it in writing to Mrs. Stubbings for consideration by June 6<sup>th</sup>. It is not appropriate to request that your son/daughter be placed with a specific teacher or with particular friends. While we understand that there are varying opinions on combined grade classes, it is also not appropriate to request that your child be places in a straight grade. It is important to understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of strengths and abilities. Combined classes have many educational benefits. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class.

For further information regarding class placements and combined grades, please refer to the district information on the district website.

With the trust and support of you at home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive and rewarding 2016/17 school year. Your support and understanding as we begin planning for next year is appreciated.

## **School Start Supply Orders**

School Supply orders were sent home last week. We have extended the ordering deadline to Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please have your orders in to the school by that date. Remember you can also place your school supply order online through schoolstart.ca (ordering on-line puts you in a draw to win \$1000). School supplies will be delivered to the school and distributed to the students in September. If you are purchasing supplies on your own, please see the lists posted on our school website