



July 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the summer with friends and family! This has been a very busy month at Dwight despite the fact that there are no students, parents or staff here. I would like to take this opportunity to share some updates with you.

**First**, Dwight has received some wonderful upgrades that will make functioning, and the teaching and learning process even better!

- We have a new extended bus loop in the front of Dwight that will enable a safer and easier bus arrival and dismissal.
- I have ordered and received a great deal of flexible seating for classrooms. Flexible seating enables students to move about the room to work and collaborate comfortably. I have also ordered seating that will help students maintain and build core strength.
- We have a dedicated computer space for grades K-2 .
- The Grade 5 class, who just graduated, donated 24 brand new Adirondacks chairs to Dwight for reading outside!

**Second**, there are several staff updates for the 2018-2019 school year. New staff members will send letters of introduction closer to the start of the school year.

- Mark Bilotta - Band teacher
- Nina Weiss - Art teacher
- Jody Harkins - CLC teacher. Mr. Oddo just accepted a resource position out of district
- Max Capshaw - School Psychologist
- Patti Morrow – Elementary Program Facilitator
- Christine Paradis – STEAM/Gifted Teacher
- Alyssa Gatto – SPL pathologist along with Jen Lau
- Tara Dempsey – Long Term Substitute for Mrs. Begonja

**Third**, we have some personal news to share!

- I have officially taken on the new role of grandmother to my grandson, Benjamin Richard Tanner! I call him Ben since he is way too tiny for such a big name.
- Lindsay Begonja's baby, Luka, was born later in July as well. He is healthy and beautiful and Mrs. Begonja is "Over the Moon Happy!"

I will be away from August 4 - August 11; I am going to Block Island for some rest and time with family, but will be around town outside of those dates.

I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Mimi Maniscalco