

Dear Skyhawks/Ecohawks,

“It takes a whole village to raise a child.’ The much-quoted African proverb say sit can’t be done by an individual teacher, or even by several teachers working independently. Instead, it requires effort of many adults, in a variety of roles, who share a unified common purpose, and who help one another to teach and socialize their youth.”

The year is coming to an end, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for all the hard work done, all the time spent, all the ideas shared, and all the passion expended by students, staff, parents, and community partners as we worked hard to achieve success. As I reflect on this past year, the words productive and positive come to mind. I would like to highlight some of the things that have happened this year that helped make Sheridan Park such an amazing place to learn and work. From our team efforts at Queenston Height, the Turkey Trot, Student Led Conferences, School Wide Luncheon and the Christmas Concert, first term was a definite success. January 2009 provided us with an opportunity to reflect on our goals and continue to share our successes. Literacy and Numeracy Nights, Library updates, 100th Day of School, skating, Eco Feast- Pasta-Fest, Camp & Ottawa were just a few memories that our students will take with them.

“It you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it.” Lord Calvin. And so, the Ecohawks set a goal and made it happen! Our eco accomplishments were recognized by Climate Savers, Ontario Power Authority, DSBN -Director’s Challenge, Mayor McMullan and Minister Bradley. As Ecohawks, we continue to heighten environmental awareness and instill the importance of this journey. Many new learning experiences and opportunities have come our way as we champion environmentally green ways.

It is with great pride that I share these accomplishments with you and encourage each of you to get involved in our school next year in any way that you can. Because of our strong relationships and high level of commitment, Sheridan Park demonstrates true character.

As teachers and care givers, we best instruct when we are modeling the joys and risks of true learning. Thank you for your support this year — it is a pleasure to spend each day with our students!

A message to our graduates,

- Follow your passion.
- The journey is a process, listen to yourself, it is how you will find fulfillment and happiness.
- You can’t achieve what you don’t see, reach for the lead and make the commitment!
- Your family is your greatest supporters-show your true character.

- Think green!

Wishing them much success as they move onto the next phase of their lives, we hope that we have instilled the 'wish to learn' in each and every one of our graduating students!

I hope each and every one of you have a great summer. Go out and enjoy the beautiful weather and get involved in community activities, stay active, spend quality time with your family and spread the word, be eco-friendly! Remember, read and journal wherever you are!

Yours in education,

J.M. Roberto

Principal