

Dear SGES Families,

Welcome to our new and returning families. It is a pleasure to be part of such a professional, engaged, and dedicated staff in a supportive and involved community. As educators it is our job to concern ourselves with the curriculum and teaching the outcomes required at each grade level. This is of utmost importance but that is not the reason anyone ever became a teacher. Our true passion and purpose is to support children to become happy adults who are prepared to work, have friends and hobbies, love, solve problems and contribute to their communities. It is a dedication of the heart and one that can only be achieved together with parents, families, and the community at large. It is our desire and pleasure to work together with you to ensure that your children have opportunities to be successful academically, socially, and emotionally. At SGES we strive to engage students at their level best academically, behaviorally, and socially. We want to provide opportunities for students to explore new activities, develop leadership skills, learn to handle stress, and regulate their emotions to become responsible and kind people. These are worthy goals that can be achieved through our working together with families and volunteers to model, support and communicate with children in our classrooms, homes and play areas. We appreciate the involvement and support of advocates for our children in many ways and would invite parents to join our Parent School Support Committee or our Home and School Committee to formalize your involvement with your child's education. Here is looking forward to a terrific school year,

Sincerely,

Paddy Huizinga, Principal