



Principal's Message 2022-2023



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To The Students, Staff and Parents of Clearpoint Elementary:

We're Starting Another New Amazing Year!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer! Hopefully the recent loosening of COVID-19 restrictions has given you all an opportunity not only to visit with family and friends, but possibly to do things and travel to places that may have been out of reach for the past two years.

As we emerge from the limitations imposed upon us by the pandemic, what becomes immediately apparent are the many successes we have had at our wonderful school despite the challenges. For example, in June of 2022 we had our first in-person grade 6 graduation ceremony since 2019! It was incredibly well-attended by parents, family members and staff and together we gave our grads a send-off to be remembered. Another highlight was our first GIMAC conference to be held in person since the spring of 2019. In May of 2022, we had over 50 girls participating – the most in the 8-year history of this important Clearpoint event! We also had a huge turn-out for our Home & School barbecue – stay tuned for our family corn roast this fall – it is sure to be another fantastic way to bring family, staff, and students together to celebrate - keeping the spirit of family – school collaboration strong. All of these activities are ways that we maintain a Learning Community that is vibrant and alive.

As the school year commences, we are fully in preparation mode for our 5 – year IB recertification evaluation which takes place at the end of March 2023. Through the previous school year, we completed our **self-study**, an in-depth reflection on our program that took into consideration feedback and responses from staff, parents, and students. We will be sharing the results of the self-study with the parent community in September. Recertification is a rigorous process, but we know that we will meet that challenge successfully and thank our parent community for their amazing support.

In 2022-23 will look to build on the gains we have made cultivating a culture of **student-led action** in our school. Action is connected to the concept of **student agency**, which is defined as “...when students partner with teachers and members of the learning community to take charge of what, where, why, with whom and when they learn.” * Moving forward, we will continue to create opportunities for both student-led action and student agency both in the classroom and throughout our Learning Community.

To all of our new students and families – Welcome! We are thrilled that you will be joining us here at Clearpoint. We are proud of the strong spirit of collaboration that we have between the school and our community and encourage you to take advantage of the many ways there are to get involved in the life of the school. We know that you will quickly become attached to the school, the staff and the entire Clearpoint family. Wishing you all a terrific school year!

Warmly,

David Estok,
Principal

*From: The Learner In The Enhanced PYP (November 2017)