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Dear Lakeroad Families,

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Happy New Year, and Welcome "Back"!

I am extremely hopeful & optimistic about what 2021 will bring for all of us. There is no doubt that 2020 was a very challenging year in so many ways. But, as is the case when we go through difficult times, we have learned so many skills and perhaps realized that we are stronger and more resilient than we believed!

I'd like to thank our incredibly dedicated and caring Lakeroad staff for the work they are all doing to roll out this phase of "remote" learning. Thank you so much Mrs. Beaudoin, Mrs. White, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Kedwell, Mrs. Norcross, Mrs. Perron, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Core, Mrs. Shanks, Mrs. Harley, Mrs. Murphy, Mme. Ciccone, Miss Beach, Mrs. Bramham, Miss Jackie, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Eagleson and Mrs. Terpstra for all you are doing to support our students and their families.

We know that remote learning is far from ideal. It's extremely difficult for all of us to work in a "virtual" world without all the benefits that come with real interactions. Many of us are trying to meet the demands of our jobs along with trying to support our children in their learning. The pressures of living through a global pandemic, along with financial stressors, isolation and a lack of regular routine is extremely stressful for all of us.

So, let's meet these pressures with grace & patience, and cut ourselves (and each other) some slack. I believe that these hardships have highlighted the things that matter the most in our lives, so let's focus on those things. Let's focus on taking time to listen to each other with open hearts and minds. Let's slow down a bit, giving our full attention to one thing at a time and doing our best. Let's remember that sometimes "our best" changes, depending on the other demands we're experiencing at the time. Most importantly, let's give our children our attention, our patience and lots of love. As parents and educators, that needs to be our priority right now.

I'm sure that we'll have some hiccups as we get things rolling this week. When they occur, please reach out to your child's teacher first. Mrs. Bramham and I are working from Lakeroad, and we are also here to support you in any way we can. This school year has already had so many challenges, and we really appreciate your trust and patience as we navigate these challenges. We care so much about the wellbeing and development of your children, and we know that we can work together to ensure they stay healthy and moving towards their dreams.

I hope to "see" you all very soon!!!!

Sincerely,

Lisa MacDonald
Principal, Lakeroad Public School

