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Hello Rapid City Parents and Guardians,

The year has passed quickly and within a day the happy smiling faces, joyful laughter and proud grins will be home with you instead of here with us. We know you realize just how special each and every child who attends here is, we will miss them all through the summer.

The student population should stay about the same or rise just slightly over the summer. We are losing six graduates; Chelsea Bola, Ryley Bola, Zac Deschutter, Bjorn Klockmann, Jason Kozak and Sawyer Mandryk. There are eight eager fresh children waiting to assume their places in Kindergarten here in the fall. They were all in last week with their parents for a visit and the excitement was evident in the halls and their classroom. I wish both the new and the old all the best of luck in the new chapter of their life that will begin in September.

While the year has almost literally flown by with the strong winds and rain there have been many accomplishments achieved here at the school. The students have participated in fun days with games and activities, sports events, Remembrance Day, Christmas Concert and more. Each day has brought energy and enthusiasm to the halls, gym and classrooms either here or at other schools if the students were competing elsewhere. They have proudly represented themselves and their community every time. The Parent Group has continued to support the school students and staff in many ways including another set of lockers in the hallway here.

The students and staff have continued to raise the bar in terms of setting and meeting goals for the benefit of everyone involved. This year has also seen the addition of some new work on assessment which will carry over for years to come. Please look for some changes as early as next year in the way students receive marks and especially in the way they are assessed in the middle years. It will also include some changes in the way teachers and administration evaluates themselves and others. The daily fitness activity was moved to first thing in the morning and it has served everyone well getting us going and the blood flowing to start our days. The new format with skipping, aerobics and walking seemed to make for lots of smiles and happy face right off the bat each day.

Most of the school staff will remain in place for next year. They are once again looking forward to serving the students and learning community in an exemplary fashion. However, Mrs. Gregorash will be remaining with us next year as Mrs. Madill has accepted a full time term position in Minnedosa as their Kindergarten teacher. Congratulations Mrs. Gregorash, you have been a wonderful addition to the learning community here. Mrs. Brown will also be leaving at this point but we would like to thank her for her dedication and caring that she showed to the students here this year. She will be missed. I will be leaving here as well as I have been moved to River's Elementary School and Mrs. Slashinsky will be coming from Erickson Elementary School to be the new Principal/Grade Three and Four Teacher. I wish her and yourselves all the best in the upcoming years. I will miss you all.

Once again I would like to end by saying just how special it has been to work in a place where everyone, students, parents, staff and community members have worked so hard this year to create a better future for Rapid City and the larger communities around us. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Take care, good luck and good health to you all.

For the last time,

Mr. Mike Keith
Principal, Rapid City School