

Hi Everyone!

As many of you know, our school holds Monthly Awards Assemblies to recognize students for a variety of reasons. We have spent a lot of time thinking about these assemblies and the role that they might play in Kindergarten. Based on some feedback from parents last year, and considering some of our students and how they might respond to winning and/or not winning an award, **we've decided to not start the year with these awards**. We do plan on finding a couple of times during the year to invite you into the classroom, give you a chance to experience what our students do each day, and celebrate student growth ... *as there is so much of this growth in Kindergarten.*

We both know and believe in the value of continuous reflection, so our thinking on these awards might change during the year. We want to see how our students grow, how they respond to honouring and supporting each other, and if the addition of these awards might further benefit them. If so, we will reconsider our options, and keep you posted on any changes. We might also get involved in these assemblies in other ways, and will let you know if and when this is the case.

Thanks for your support with this! Please feel free to reach out to us (adunsige@hwdsb.on.ca and pcrocket@hwdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions about this decision. We definitely welcome your feedback and are always open for discussion. Have a great day!

Aviva and Paula