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It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. - Albert Einstein

Dear Westwood Faculty and Staff,

On behalf of the School Advisory Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all of you.

The oversubscription of the recent Primary 1 Registration Exercise is a very clear testament to Westwood's very successful inaugural academic year! And it is the fruit of all your hard work, dedication, passion and commitment to Westwood's ideals that made all of this possible. No other infrastructure is more valuable than the combination of all your hearts – to set this strong foundation early on.

As a parent, I am very much aware of the kind of influence that a teacher can bring to a young child's life. It is someone like you who our children will remember because you will leave lasting and long-reaching impressions in their lives. You will create memorable experiences and make ideas clearer and brighter in their young minds. You can become one of their first heroes, models, morale boosters, biggest fans and yes, second parents. In fact, in many cases, primary school teachers' names (and the memories it evoke) are one of the things that a person never forgets. I myself can still recall the name and the face of my Primary One teacher.

As we prepare our children for their first years of school we hope to send them off to a teacher who will take them under their wing, nurture them, teach them and guide them. A teacher who will not talk down to them but treat them all as individuals with respect, empathy and love. A teacher who is willing to take the time to hear them and listen to their hopes, dreams, aspirations, concerns and the joy we have for our children. A teacher who will find unique, fun and inspiring ways to educate and keep the imaginations flowing.

At the Open House last July, each member of the SAC saw how the children genuinely reveled in what they have accomplished in a year's time and how they proudly showed-off their "home" to the guests. The genuine bond of love and respect between the students, teachers and staff were also very evident.

I am proud and very privileged to be part of Westwood Primary School. There is only a bright future ahead.

Four words to sum it all up: Well done. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond Goh