



North Saanich Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Student Class Placement for 2014-2015

At the end of May we will start making our classes for next year. Every effort is made to place children in the best situation for their success.

Our general philosophy for our grade 6/7 multi-age classrooms is to keep our grade 6 students moving into grade 7 in the same class with the same teachers. We call this 'looping'. Current research and our experience with looping this years grade 7's make it clear that grade 7 students are less anxious about coming back to school. Furthermore, teachers are able to challenge these students earlier in the school year because they already understand their learning style and needs. We also find that these grade 7 students take on a positive leadership role in their classrooms, because they are familiar with the class expectations and routines. Even more importantly they have already established a relationship with their teacher.

This being said, we are aware that there are some students who will need a change of classroom or special considerations for placement for grade 7 or 8 for next year. The final placement decisions are the responsibility of the school, but we do take input from parents in two ways:

1. Parents can speak with their current teacher about their child.
2. Parents may fill in a Student Placement Information form by **May 30, 2014** and return it to the office. Forms can be picked up from our school secretaries.

Thank you in advance for making any placement requests or concerns this month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Russell".

K. Russell
Principal