## Principal's Message

As a seasoned teacher and Administrator, Lawrence Station Elementary is my sixth school across Ontario and New Brunswick. Each school presents its own character, culture, and challenges. It has been my privilege to get to know the children and their families. I am always aware of the distinct character of this school, its wide spread community, strong sense of supporting its members and its ready acceptance of all who live and work here. It is a pleasure to work in this beautiful country community where there are many connections to nature, to community, to family and to each other. It is important to me and to the teaching staff that we, as a small school, provide students with the best education possible and to provide rich challenges and opportunities for all children. We want to challenge them academically, artistically, socially and emotionally. We want our students to set their own sights high, and we want to help them achieve their goals. This was the discussion amongst the staff that led to our Mission Statement:

## Lawrence Station School: Connect...Challenge...Achieve...

We talked about the future and we decided that we want to be a community learning centre that can be the hub of learning for all in the community. We recognize that this is the place where students begin to see their place in the world and in these days of technology the entire world becomes their playing field. We need to prepare students for a global economy and we do this by building on strengths rather than focusing on deficits. Thus we have a vision statement:

We want to be a community learning centre that empowers children to achieve their goals, build on their strengths and become contributing global citizens.

Our school families and the community are an essential component in these endeavors. Please bring your ideas, volunteer, be part of the PSSC or Home and School Association. Drop by or call when things are going well and especially when they are not. Let us know how we can help you and your child.

Sincerely,

Paddy Huizinga, Principal