

Dear Delwood Staff,

We wanted to let all staff know how much we appreciate the time and efforts that you have put in to providing enrichment opportunities for our children. Our daughters have had opportunities to go skiing to Sundridge, to the 1881 School House, the Waste Treatment Centre, Profiles Gallery, participated in skating, Carnaval, multiple videoconference, in-school Bennett Centre Programs, and theatre programs.

We feel our children benefit socially, physically, and academically from these activities. We know that the links to curriculum are there and we are strong supporters of all different types of learning opportunities. For example, just thinking about the ski trips, what better way for children to learn the importance of maintaining our environment and our resources than having them outdoors appreciating nature and then having that opportunity to experience a physical activity that could very well become part of their lifestyle. Last week having them participate in Carnaval gave them a chance to understand and appreciate the French Canadian culture more. Our daughters come home from school everyday very happy and eager to share their experiences but when they have "special" activities they talk about it for weeks before and after. For us, these are unique experiences that we hope will always be part of Delwoods' educational offerings.

We know that for every non-traditional learning opportunity there are many hands involved from the additional work in planning, booking facilities/groups, buses, arranging parent helpers, collecting money, permission forms, maintaining communication with the rest of the staff, and assuming the risk and responsibility of taking students out of the classroom into a less controlled environment. We thank each and every one of you involved in these activities; we appreciate the time and effort you have committed to these activities. Thank you Delwood!

Sincerely,  
Jeff and Arleen Gibbons