

## Principal's Message 2022-2023

Dear WFJLPS Students and Families,

I am honoured to lead a school with such motivated students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community. I feel very fortunate to take up this integral role and to work with everyone to raise our children.

I have been dedicated to education for years. I have a strong desire to make a difference in students' lives. I believe that every child has their own talent and is capable of learning when given the right guidance, support and opportunities. Education is a journey to equip students with the values, attitudes, knowledge and skills to live a meaningful life, face future challenges, improve oneself to be a better person, and serve the community and the world. And in this journey, teachers take up a significant role and make a lifelong impact on students. Not only do they support students' acquiring academic knowledge and skills, but they also foster students' motivation and confidence in learning, and build their social-emotional competencies.

These four years in WFJLPS have been a fruitful journey for me. I witnessed a school walking the talk, and I am honoured to be growing with the school. The school is committed to promoting Character Building and the development of students' multiple intelligences. Students have high capacity and motivation in learning. The school has strong partnerships with the community and professional organisations. In this school, kids are nurtured with positive social values and become community-minded individuals with resiliency and a sense of belonging. Staff are committed and dedicated to student well-being and school success. I see so much potential in realising the concept of a 'localised international school'.

My vision for the school is to develop well-rounded, confident and responsible citizens who always strive to achieve their full potential. To move the school from good to great, we will continue to work on the following directions so that students are prepared for the ever-changing world:

- to enhance the curriculum planning capacity of teachers;
- to further emphasise on students' development on social and emotional learning;
- and
- to work as a community to support student learning and work for the community.

This year's theme is *Happiness*. It includes both momentary positive emotions and a deeper sense of meaning and purpose in life. Together with students and parents, we will pursue happiness making reference to Professor Martin Seligmen's PERMA model, which is pillared with Positive Emotion, Engagement, Positive Relationships, Meaning, and Accomplishment<sup>1</sup>. H was later added to represent Health which is an important factor in well-being.

As the principal of WFJLPS, my main objective would be to ensure the overall success of the school. I will be a leader who can bring the team to see WFJLPS' powerful vision and walk together for the betterment of our students and society. I look forward to working together to support every child to fulfil the school motto: "Wisdom, Faith, Love". Wishing all our children a happy and successful journey of learning!

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