



# ISLAND TREES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families of Stokes Students,

On behalf of the staff at Michael F. Stokes School, I would like to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. For us, it *IS* the most wonderful time of year! For some of you, you are walking into our school family for the first time as second graders. We hope to develop a strong partnership with you, as we ensure that our children can achieve their highest potential together. For those of you who are returning, we look forward to continuing our joint venture and make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility ...we ask that you continue to guide and support your child's learning along with us. Here are some ways you can get started!

- Ensure that your child arrives to school on time daily. School begins at 9:00 AM.
- Send in your child prepared each day. You can use your child's agenda book and classroom notices to keep up to date.
- Call us if you need help! We are here to answer questions.
- Read through the material sent home in this packet. It contains valuable information that will help support your child on a daily basis. Your reinforcement of this information helps to ensure success.
- Stay positive! It is going to be a wonderful school year. So much learning ahead!
- Be sure to stay connected. Follow us on twitter @ WeRStokes (instructions are on the reverse side)
- **Please send in your child's mandatory summer reading assignment and math suggested activities no later than September 16<sup>th</sup> so that we can recognize their accomplishment!**

Inspired by "Positive Post It Day," we are going to create a Positive Post It Parade within the first few days of school. Watch this video at home! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zLtelN7IS0>. You will love it! Please read this to your child or have them read it on their own.

*Dear Student,*

*We are going to celebrate all things positive when you return to school. Please use this post it to write a positive message. We are going to "post it" to our walls for a positive post it parade in school. You can write anything you want on it as long as it is positive! Inspired by the heroes all around us, mine will say, "I am my own superhero." What will yours be? I can't wait to post it for our parade!*


*Remember Think Happy ☺ Be Happy ☺...*

Mrs. Ackerman

Stokes School is officially on Twitter! Please join us at: WeRStokes  
Here are the directions:

Download the free TWITTER app on your smart device or on your computer. Establish a free account! You can do this by hitting the Accounts button, select "add an existing account" and follow the steps.



1. In the search bar (magnifying glass), search WeRStokes.
2. You will see "go to @WeRStokes": select it by touching it.
3. Click the "Follow" bar on the right (person with the + sign) 
4. Your request will be sent to me and I will accept! "It will read pending"

Be part of the fun and stay connected!

Here are some positive thoughts to get you thinking!

