



## MESSAGE FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a season of joy and giving. In this Christmas/New Year edition of our school-wide newsletter I would like to convey to you the joy I have being part of the elementary team here at RIS. This joy comes from the optimism, dedication and collaboration that I see daily. As I move from one class to another, or into the playgrounds, or even into a meeting, I continue to be impressed by the spirit of team in our building. I hear from so many that our school feels like a family and in many ways it is. A family of students, teachers, parents, support staff and administration all dedicated to providing the best for our students.

My hope is that as you look at the pictures in our newsletter you get a sense of this spirit. I hope you notice the parents supporting teachers and students in the Grade One We Are Family event, and at the Early Learning Center Loy Kratong celebrations. Also spot the teachers on early release days planning and reviewing the current best practice in their subject areas. When doing this not only are they planning for next month but also wondering about how should we be teaching in the future. Notice the students sharing and teaching each other the joy of reading in the Grade 1 & 5 Reading Buddies program. And finally I hope you notice the breadth and diversity of our family in all the celebrations and activities that happen at RIS.

I am confident as we move into the New Year that our spirit will continue to move us forward, to learn from each other, as well as face the challenges of being a large diverse family.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas I wish you a Merry Christmas and for all a happy, healthy and joyful New Year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Massiah