

Monday, 11th September, 2017

Dear Parents and students,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2017/2018 school year. Our custodians, Mr. Frankie Smith and Mr. Troy Govia, have done an excellent job ensuring that Somerset Primary was ready to receive our students. Our teachers and administrative staff put in additional work hours to ensure that each class is warm and welcoming. Please remember to compliment them.

This year Somerset Primary will embark on a new journey: we are one of 6 schools selected to be a "Demonstration School". As "Demonstration School" Somerset Primary will be a model for all other schools; best teaching practices and active and engaged student learning that is inquiry based. In order to achieve this, the entire staff will undergo professional development, throughout the course of the school year. We have adjusted our teaching time table to allow for teachers to receive off-site training, without disrupting teaching and learning. Our **purpose** is to create a learning environment where all students are successful based on their individual needs. We aim to **passionately** help all students discover their strengths, skills, and talents, so that self-motivated and self-generated to experience a world of **possibilities**.

It is indeed an honor to be afforded the opportunity to serve as the principal of Somerset Primary School. With your support, I look forward to continuing the fine tradition of all around excellence. I and "The Team" desire to work with each of you in order to make this a very successful year. Nothing helps your child to succeed more than your involvement. Hence, it is of vital importance that you be an active participant in your child's education. Your participation is that catalyst for helping our students to develop a healthy attitude towards learning; I and "The Team" welcome it.

Our Back-to-School meet-the-teacher night is tomorrow at 6:30pm. We will meet in the auditorium before proceeding to classrooms.

- Please set aside time to thoroughly read the school handbook, with your child. I also remind you that our website (<http://schools.moed.bm/SP/default.aspx>), mass email and Facebook are our key forms of communication. Please ensure that the office has an up-to-date email address.
- Somerset Primary achieved a Gold rating from the Ministry of Health. Please help us to maintain this rating by ensuring that your child has a healthy and trash free lunch. This year our goal is to drink just water.

I look forward to meeting and developing positive and respectful relationships with each of you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Osborne,

Principal