

It's my pleasure to introduce the Division One class of 2026. My 23rd class at Garden City.

Logan Agla – Logan has literally grown up before our eyes in the past 16 months at Garden City. He was so nervous when he first came to class, he could barely even look at his classmates. Now, he's running past them in P.E. and standing up proud and handsome like he is today.

Nathan Cai - Nathan is the newest student in our school ~ 4 months only and it seems like a blur. He is learning English as we speak and I think his classmates will agree that he is patient, kind, and genuine ~ qualities that we would all be happy to possess. Plus, he got to do all of our fun field trips at the end of the year without all the work in term one and two! Lucky guy.

Hugo Chan – Hugo is one of the few students I've ever taught that has earned A's (extendings) in every subject in one term. He deserves it; he works as hard as any of his classmates while always making good choices at school. He's quiet and unassuming so you would never quite know how smart he is. Just hope he is not **it** when you play manhunt; you'll never escape him!

Lavya Choudhary – We appreciate Lavya's efforts to be a leader in our school with his contributions to leadership, monitors, and our school teams all year long. He is trying each day to be a better person, and that is what school is all about. Like Hugo, Lavya will do us proud in the Incentive Program at Palmer in grade eight. He's ready for that challenge.

Kaitlyn Chow – Kaitlyn is awesome. She seems to just breeze through life. It's almost like she floats. She's sporty. She's smart. She's artistic. She's fun-loving. She never looks stressed, but everything with her seems to turn out great. She should have her own fan-club. She will certainly represent Garden City well anywhere she goes.

Annabelle Guo – Annabelle is like a character from anime or Studio Ghibli. She sings, she dances, she draws, but she never raises her hand. Mysterious. Sometimes she has purple hair. She's talented but she needs no attention. Unfortunately, her classmates will not see her next year as she will be attending private school in Vancouver. Best wishes to you, Annabelle.

Carter Hou – I better speak quickly because soon, Carter will ask to go to the washroom. My first memory of Carter, two years ago, was him lying on the ground during P.E. I looked at him and said, "there's no lying on the ground in Division One!". But I soon realized that Carter is different. He sees things in different ways. He learns things more quickly and easily than his peers. Maybe, the view from the ground is a better one and Carter knows it. Yeah, Carter.

Elena Huang – Elena, also, has achieved straight "A"s this term because she has tremendous work habits. For someone so quiet, she is very smart, dedicated, and

focused. She has talents in all areas; the only way you can distract her is if you show her a bunny. Then, you'll get her attention. Otherwise, she's unflappable. Best of luck in the Incentive Program at Palmer, Elena!

Ryan Ishida – I remember Ryan marshmallow walking down the hallway when he was Kindergarten student. He's always been kind and good-natured, never causing problems for his classmates with that handsome, bashful face. That is until, dodgeball. Then, he will eliminate you – one by one, painfully. Luckily, life is not dodgeball. Next time you see him, he's likely to be six feet tall.

Kaylee Kwan – Kaylee is a part of the quiet girls' club. Though, I'm sure they're not as quiet when they're not at school. She is smart, artistic, and hard working. She rarely misses a day at school, and I can always count on her to make good choices in her day. Even though you can barely hear her when she speaks, she seems like she is a fixture in our class each day that we will miss next year.

Carly Law – Carly is our competitive gymnast. She twists and turns through her school day like a floor routine. Socializing, gossiping, going to Mr. Tan for free snacks, then getting a concerned look or lecture from me. All in a day's work. But, I will say that she is very likely the most improved student in my class this year. That is a testament to her.

Grace Lee – Grace is Division One's walker. Washroom or water, one of the two. Maybe she's going to see what's happening in the school? Maybe she's going to see what new snacks are in the community fridge? Maybe she's bored by what I'm saying. Hmmm. It doesn't matter, because she's done everything we've asked of her, and she's been a great classmate all year long.

Lucas Leung – I'm sure Lucas longs for the carefree days of Kindergarten with Ms. Williams - centers, carpet time, show and tell, and longer snack times. His mind moves so quickly that he will take a part in everyone's conversations all at the same time. He has been a member of leadership, lunch monitors, MCs, and all school sports teams this year. The class will be quieter, but we'll definitely miss him next year.

William Li – William will do us proud at Palmer in the Incentive program in September. He is a thoughtful, intelligent student who can write an essay easily without the use of AI. Amazing. Sometimes when he is whispering with his friends, I nervously wonder if he is planning a quiet takeover of the classroom. Mr. Li. Sounds about right.

Abdurrahman Mansoor – Abdurrahman is a history and geography genius. Ask him a political question at your risk. He seems to know random facts about almost everything that other people do not know. "How do you know that?" his classmates ask? He is just plain smart. Now, if we can only get him to clean his desk and do his homework on time! One day, he may be Mayor Mansoor.

Eoin Ng – You'll see Eoin on the basketball court breaking ankles and shooting threes. He likely scored half of the boys' basketball team's points this year. And, he loves to run track around and around. In fact, he never tires. Maybe after this, he will run laps with Ms. Gupta. Luckily, his energy translates well to the classroom where he enjoys spending time with his friends and doing his best work. Eoin is ready for the challenge of high school.

Kimmy Thang – Kimmy is an extremely talented artist. You'll see her projects and art from the Roman Colosseum and Pantheon models to her oil paintings on canvas decorating our room. Who made that, people ask me? Kimmy. I'm sure she gained a lot of her style from Ms. Williams, Ms. Grigoriadis, Ms. Inniger, Ms. Paton, and her family. It's on to McRoberts High School next year where she will continue to make magic.

Shawn Yuan – Shawn, what are you doing? Shawn, where are you going? Shawn, can you write a little more? That's a typical day for Shawn. But, it says a lot about him that his teachers all have a soft spot for him in their hearts. He will be representing Garden City at Tim Horton's camp in Alberta in the summer. Make good choices and make us proud, Shawn.

That is our Division One Graduates. I'd like to give a shout out to our grade sixes!

Kate Billings – Kate is great. Sometimes she is late. But, her spirit will never break. She will always participate. She will not tolerate, people who are fake. Snacks she will take. A grade seven leader will be Kate!

Jasmine Chong – You don't hear Jasmine very much, but she was the highest achieving grade six this year. Her work is always high quality, and she works hard to be her best. We hope she keeps it up next year!

Matt Gai – Matt is one of the happiest people you'll ever meet. Pepsi or Coca Cola? Costco or Church's chicken!? Hi "Matt"! We can't wait to hear that again in September!

Joanna Ho – Joanna might be the most improved student in grade six of Division One this year. She likes to be silly and enjoy herself, but she knows when to focus and lock in. Good luck at the Summer Games, Joanna!

Serene Liao – Serene is one of our many talented artists in class. She is a master at quickly drawing awesome tribe tags and cool posters. She's a math whiz. P.E.? She can take it or leave it. K-Pop fangirl supreme!

Katie Mau – Katie is the conscience of our class; she does what she is told, and she doesn't question a thing. You need people like Katie in every group or class otherwise, the world would be absolute chaos!

Seba Omran – Seba is much smarter than she wants to show everyone. Maybe she just wants to chill and not be bothered. It's like she has the devil and angel on each shoulder pushing and pulling her back and forth. The angel is winning, but the devil is fun, isn't it?

Takis To – Takis challenged himself to be in class and at school each day this year. And he did great😊. Did he want to do all the work? No. But, he tried and that's all I can ask. Next year grade seven!

Stephan Zhang – You'll know him from his distinct laugh. He's a break-dancing pro and sharpshooting bball player. Now he's a big brother to Remy! That's why he's always so sleepy now – crying baby at home! Stephan!

Vicky Zhao – Vicky quietly is everyone's friend. She does what she is asked even if she doesn't want to. She tries her best each day despite it getting in the way of her time to read Demonslayer and play with her pets. I thank her for being one of the only people to say good-morning and good-bye each day! A small but big thing😊