

## From the Desk of Miss Wilber

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In the words of one of my favorite literary characters, “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers”. Anne of Green Gables sees the beauty in the world around her, and I surely feel like a kindred spirit to her this week. The changing colors, warm sun, cool breeze, and general calm of autumn are bringing me renewed awe each day.

As a school we are enjoying the season together. We are reveling in outdoor classes, lunches, and recesses, playing football, creating fall-related art, and clearing leaves from our paths in the woods (and playing in them, of course). It’s interesting to me that despite how much we have had to simplify and slow down this year, the change of season is inspiring in me a further need to slow down, take a deep breath, and smell the roses (as they say).

If you have read the quarterly board report sent yesterday, then you know how serious I am about taking time to breathe, to do what I love, and to consider changes that lead to new beginnings. For those who have not yet read it, let me explain that the board has accepted my resignation from the position of executive director after the close of this academic year. Before I go on, I want to stress that I am not going anywhere! I love this school and still very much feel called to serve here. While sharing this news is somewhat bittersweet, it is mostly sweet. It is sweet, because I believe that hiring a new, full-time executive director is what is best for the school and its future. It is sweet, because I will be in the classroom more and not pulled in so many directions. It is sweet, because God is leading and He is a God who keeps His promises.

As we accept the ending of one season and the beginning of a new one, it’s important for us to pause and be grateful for all we have experienced and look forward to everything the new season has to offer. Many of the students have told me that the best part of this very unique and unexpected year has been having more time with their families. That is so beautiful! Let’s continue to prioritize time with our loved ones in this new season. Let’s go apple picking, climb a mountain, take a drive, watch football, bake pies, visit around a bonfire, carve some pumpkins – enjoy this season and enjoy each other. In that spirit, I hope to see many of you at our Fairy/Hobbit House Tour tomorrow from 10a – 1p.

Sincerely,

Miss Wilber