



January 2017



Mr. Tim Sullivan will be taking over as the new principal of Bayview Middle School starting in January. He has been an administrator in four schools now, so has considerable experience in TDSB schools. The Parent Council chairs, staff and students have met him and made him feel very welcome here at Bayview. I am confident I am leaving Bayview in good hands!

I would like to thank everyone for your kind words and thoughts expressed over the past few weeks. I truly appreciate your kindness and caring.

Bayview continues to thrive. We had a rousing holiday concert today, thanks to Mr. Pylyp and the bands. A boys' basketball team, led by Ms. Bianchi, will compete in the New Year. Students receive rich academic programs from their teachers and have shown school spirit by taking part in Spirit Days as well as contributing to the community through supporting the food drive and the selling of red noses for the Toronto Foundation for Student Success. I am very proud of all we have accomplished here.

Please be sure to check Bayview's website regularly - we are now updating it regularly and all newsletters and calendars, as well as other important information, will be available there.

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bayviewms/Home.aspx>

Ms. McFarlane and Mrs. Neiman

Dental Screening

Toronto Public Health will be here the week of January 23 to 27, doing their annual screening program. A letter should be emailed to you in January giving more details. There is also a letter on our website, outlining the information you will need to know.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to be screened, please inform the core teacher as well as the school office.

Traffic Safety Reminders

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

The Bayview Brief

Character Trait of the Month: Teamwork



Character Counts!



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Your child can show teamwork by:

- helping to complete a household chore with other members of the family
- working with peers in a group to complete school assignments
- participating in a sport and working as part of a team to be successful
- taking responsibility in household chores for the benefit of the family

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be a team player at home and to be an integral part of the family?
- How do you deal appropriately with conflict when it occurs during teamwork?
- What are some of the ways to resolve some of the arguments that occur at home?
- Sometimes a teammate may have to make a sacrifice so that the team can succeed. What does this mean?

Projects to do together:

- Play games as a family to develop teamwork and good sportsmanship.
- Participate in sports or leisure activities together and encourage communication including active listening.

Encouraging teamwork in your child:

- Stress the importance of teamwork and the aspects of being a team player that make being on a team worthwhile.
- Stress the importance of willing to work and play with others at school, in the home, and in the community.
- Share a story that will help your child understand that sometimes "fair" does not mean "equal."

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

**BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS**

Upcoming Events:

Holidays: Dec. 26 to Jan. 6; Feb. 20; March 13 to 17; April 14, 17; May 22

PA Days: Nov. 18; Dec. 2; Jan. 20; Feb. 17; June 9; June 30

Pizza Lunches: Nov. 4, Dec. 1, Jan. 13



PARENT SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Please join us for the next meeting of our Parent School Council **on January 16, 2017**
at 7 p.m. in the Library.

**ROUND OF
APPLAUSE!**

To
Ms. Buchanan for intramural
volleyball!



Go Bengals, Go!