



November 2016



Thank you to our Student and Parent Council who helped to make our first dance of the year a great success! The food was excellent, the music was rocking and the costumes were fantastic! Well done, Bayview.

Hopefully you have heard that Bayview's roof is getting resurfaced over the next few weeks. The work is to start in early November and will take about six weeks, weather permitting. We are one of the last schools to be done, so we are lucky that other schools have figured out best practices. If you did not get the letter email from Ms. McFarlane, please check the website, where a copy of the letter can be found.

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

### Claude Watson School for the Arts

offers an enriched arts education for students in grades four through eight who have demonstrated talent in music, drama, dance and visual arts. Each day the students divide their time between challenging academic classes and an exceptional arts program that develops their creative potential. Each student auditions for a place in the Claude Watson School for the Arts program. There are 60 places (30 girls and 30 boys) each year in Grade 4. Students interested in placement in grades 5 – 8 are welcome to audition but there is very limited places available.

We will be holding information sessions at Claude Watson School for the Arts in early November for interested families. Parent information sessions will be held on **Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th** at the school (130 Doris Ave.). The presentation will be the same both nights. The presentations will begin at 7:00 pm in the gym. Please note parking is limited at the school.

Applications are available online. The online application system is now open and can be reached by going to our website at [www.claudewatson.org](http://www.claudewatson.org). Applications will close on Thursday December 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school at 416-395-3180 or visit our website at [www.claudewatson.org](http://www.claudewatson.org).

# The Bayview Brief

Character Trait of the Month: Empathy



## Character Counts!



### Character Trait of the month: Empathy

#### **Your child can show empathy by:**

- helping, and understanding how others in the family feel
- using words to describe how others may be feeling
- understanding, sensing, and sharing in the feelings and emotions of others
- showing love, sympathy, compassion, and encouragement
- speaking from "I" and owning his or her emotions

#### **Questions to discuss with your child:**

- What is empathy? How can we show empathy?
- What does it mean to be empathetic?

#### **Projects to do together:**

- Engage your child in volunteer opportunities, such as helping at the food bank or other community organizations.
- Develop a family project that is meant to help others.
- When reading or watching the news, encourage a discussion about how those involved might feel.

#### **Encouraging empathy in your child:**

- Encourage discussion, and expose your child to the language of emotions.
- Talk with your child about the importance of showing empathy through helping others.
- Share your own feelings with your child, providing him or her with the opportunity to be empathetic.
- Allow your child to express his or her feelings, regardless of whether they are positive or negative.

**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 November 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Library.**



### **Cross Country News**

Since the beginning of September a group of dedicated runners have been meeting early in the morning to prepare for Bayview's Cross Country running team. Bayview's Team consisted of 42 runners in grades 6, 7, and 8. In the mornings we executed warm-ups to properly prepare our running muscles for the work ahead: A's, B's, butt kicks, strides, high skips and grapevine. This was followed by long distance or speed work. Over the 6 weeks of training, our runners became stronger and more confident in their running abilities.

On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful sunny day, we travelled to Earl Bales Park to compete in the Area Meet. Grade 6's ran 2000 m, while grades 7's and 8's ran 3000 m. The top 40 in each race (often racing against 100 students) qualified for the next meet, the North Conference held on Friday, October 21.

This time in the cold and rain, our runners focused and braved the weather and conditions. Top 20 finishers in this race would go on to race against the fastest of TDSB at the City Championships held at Etobicoke's Centennial Park on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all the runners on the Bayview Cross Country running team. It was fun to work with such a dedicated and fun spirited group.

Special congratulations to our City Championship runners:

Alida Stonehouse and Ann Prionas in Grade 6

Rachel Fuh and Mihir Parte in Grade 7

Tomas Velez in Grade 8

It is a real accomplishment to qualify for the City Championships. We were proud to have you represent Bayview at Centennial Park this year.

A special thank you to Alia Karmali, Adrian Hanna, Sabrina Letros and Kiera Holland. These grade 8 leaders came out to each practice and worked as managers and assistant coaches for our runners. Their attendance at morning practices to work with our runners, as well as their additional help at the meets was invaluable to both the runners and the coaches. Thank you for your time.

And, a final special thank you to the parents who came out to cheer and drive our runners to and from the meets. We couldn't have done this without you. Thank you for your support. It really is appreciated.

Coach Marshall, Coach Ward