



## *Beverly Glen's Le Gazette*

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### February Message from the Administration

#### Winter is winding down!!



Thank you to the many parents who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences during mid-February. We appreciate your continued support and partnership to make BG a positive learning environment for all. Should parents still wish to meet with their child's teacher, please call the school office to arrange an appointment.

Despite February being the shortest month of the year, there were many opportunities abound at Beverly Glen! 100th Day of School, celebrating Chinese New Year, recognizing Black History Month, Student Sharing

Assemblies, class trips to Forest Valley, the Valentine's Post Office, Popcorn Fundraising, Ball Hockey, Volleyball and Basketball - so many ways to get involved at BG!!

# FEBRUARY



#### BG School Council Update

#### February 2017

The winter term is well on its way and all activities are up and running. Parents, thank you for your continuous support of BG's School Council events. Together we can "make BG the best it can be for our children". Here are updates from your School Council:

**Dance-A-Thon:** The annual dance-a-thon was a grand success. It was held on February 15. Classes had set times to dance in the gym to their choice of music. Ms. Advani's class raised the most money. Micah Yemane raised the most donations. Congratulations!!! As a school, we raised more than \$3,000.

**Next School Council meeting:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7 pm. All parents/guardians of BG students are welcome. Many thanks to our BG families and community for your continuous support.



#### Upcoming Dates:

##### Feb. 28th

123 Kids' Movement  
Cricket @ Brookmill

##### Mar. 1st

123 Kids Movement  
Toronto Public Outreach  
(FDK & Gr.4 Classes)

##### Mar. 7th

Me to We Carnival

##### Mar. 12th - 16th

March Break

##### Mar. 20th

Pizza Day

##### Mar. 28th - 29th

Fire Fighter Presentations

#### Beverly Glen JPS Mission Statement

We believe that learning is a life-long process which promotes: *Acceptance, Communication, Co-operation, Enjoyment, Problem-solving, Respect, Responsibility, Self-motivation.* Learners at Beverly Glen are stimulated and challenged in a safe, caring and student-centered environment.

Please check our school webpage regularly for the latest information about Beverly Glen Jr. P.S.

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/beverlyglen>

## March Character Trait Focus: Honesty



The definition of HONESTY is the quality or fact of being truthful, sincere, and fair. Honesty requires several other character traits such as good judgment, responsibility, loyalty, and courage. Teaching your students the importance of practicing honesty on a daily basis not only sets the dynamic of your classroom for the year, but it sets each student up for success in their future endeavors. It is a huge part of our job to begin molding our students into outstanding and trustworthy citizens, which is why teaching honesty is an essential piece of the big picture.

### What Parents or Teachers Can Do...

1. Explain the meaning of honesty.
2. Share your experiences with them. Let them know that you aren't perfect. Explain a time when it was difficult for you to tell the truth and how honesty helped you.
3. Explain that there are consequences of dishonesty, such as losing the trust and respect of others, covering up a lie leads to more lies, and often times will result in embarrassment or punishment.
4. Use mentor text to show examples of different characters.
5. Use songs about honesty to add a fun twist. Analyze the lyrics and/or sing along!
6. Plan some hands-on activities with your child/children.
7. Praise and/or reward them when they display the trait of honesty.



## Turtle Island @ BG



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First Nation peoples have known for a long time that North America is in the shape of a Turtle. If you look at the image below you can see the Turtle for yourself!



1. Head of the Turtle:  
Arctic Islands
2. Front right leg:  
Labrador and Quebec
3. Back right leg:  
Florida
4. Tail:  
Mexico and Central America
5. Back left leg:  
Baja California
6. Front left leg:  
Alaska



# Earth Rangers Visit BG



## APPLE PIE!!!!

Gr 4 & 5 Students make an apple pie as part of their procedural writing unit.



# Helping All Students Succeed

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In December, the Enhancing Equity Task Force shared a report that provided a number of recommendations for how to support student achievement and well-being through improving equity within our system.

Our team has now reviewed that report and I want to share with you our response and proposed directions to move our system forward to enhance our support for each and every student in the TDSB.

Ensuring that each and every student is successful means providing every student with the right tools, resources, supports, access and opportunities they need to thrive. Making this happen requires a whole-system perspective which includes examining our policies, procedures and practices; building staff capacity; reviewing our resources and how they're distributed; and setting high expectations and increasing access. Real change, we know, happens in the classroom but it must be supported by changes at the system level to be transformational.

This report is the next step in our equity commitment. It will be discussed by Trustees at the Planning and Priorities Committee on January 31 and then at the Board meeting on February 7. Its proposed direction - if approved by the Board in February - will inform our work moving forward. Finally, if approved, these broad directions this will lead to more detailed implementation. And, it should be noted that where implementation requires a change to an existing Board policy, staff will bring a report to Board on the proposed policy change that will also offer opportunities for public input and consultation.

We will continue to work with and listen to our communities. Thank you to all students, staff, families and community members who have shared their voice, experiences, insights and time. This work is important and we appreciate your commitment to and involvement in the process.

Read more at [www.tdsb.on.ca/expectmore](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/expectmore)

# Google Translate

*The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) website now has Google Translate, an online translation service that makes information more accessible for our community. Because the TDSB website and its web pages are written in English, with the help of Google Translate, the free tool can translate information posted on the web site in over 100 languages.*

*The TDSB is committed to equity and community engagement, and by providing this tool, we are making our information more accessible to families whose first language is not English.*

## African Heritage Month

February is African Heritage Month

February is African Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board and an opportunity to recognize the experiences, contributions and achievements of African Canadians. This year's theme is "From Africa to the World."

Throughout the month of February, we will highlight the many contributions that the African community has made by offering several educational opportunities to our students, staff and the TDSB community. Opportunities include student visits to the ROM to experience exciting exhibits on the theme of Identity and Belonging to attending the Know Your Worth Conference. This conference is a joint collaboration with the TDSB and the Black Law Students' Association and will take place at York University on February 28, 2018.

## Asian Heritage Month

Chinese Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February. The theme selected by the CHM Planning Committee for the year is "Year of the Dog."

During this month, we celebrate the energetic culture and traditions of the Chinese community with students, staff and community members of the Toronto District School Board and the City of Toronto. The Chinese community is integral to the growth and success of the City of Toronto and Canada. Members of the Chinese community represent approximately 10 per cent of the total GTA population and form its second largest visible minority group. Canadians remember and appreciate the Chinese workers who helped build the Canadian Pacific Railway that united our country.

Chinese-Canadians will recognize Chinese New Year on Friday, February 16 with celebrations throughout the month of February. The Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year. This occasion is celebrated over many days which include a range of activities from fireworks displays, drumming, distinctive foods and **arts and crafts**.



## Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.



For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health), contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.

## Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 246,000 students in our schools and sites each day, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

