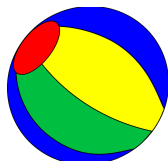




BIRCH CLIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

As we come to the conclusion of the school year I would like to take a moment to recognize how welcome you have all made me feel in my first year at BC! This is a wonderful school and I have really enjoyed getting to know the amazing staff, students and parents/guardians of Birch Cliff!



The school year has flown by and that is because there are so many wonderful activities offered by the staff and SAC. There really is a truly family type feel to this school and you feel it when you first enter the doors or grounds. Our students get so many opportunities in addition to an excellent academic program, and I want to express my appreciation for all that the staff does and the parents/guardians for their outstanding support of all things BC!

Have an amazing summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back happy and healthy next September!

~ T. Vine



Dates to Remember

- ~ June 6, 21 - Popcorn Snack
- ~ June 7 - P.A. Day
- ~ June 14 - Pizza Lunch
- ~ June 21 - Kindie Grad. 2:00 pm
- ~ June 25 - Playday
- ~ June 26 - Gr. 8 Grad. 6:30 pm
- ~ June 27 - Last day of school



Visit the TDSB public website at www.tdsb.on.ca to view the school year calendar or the [Birch Cliff calendar](#) for specific events.

[2018-2019 TDSB Dates of Significance can be found here.](#)

From the Office

If there are any changes in your home or business phone numbers, please inform us as soon as possible!

Lates and Absences

The *Safe Arrival* line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child will be late or absent from school, call the *Safe Arrival* number to let us know!



Safe Arrival:

416-396-6060

Parent Visitors

Please check in at the main office! Unannounced visitors often create concern for our students who might think a stranger has entered the building. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe school environment.

Lost and Found

The lost and found will be cleared out for the summer. If your child(ren) are missing anything, please make sure to take a look at our lost and found in the basement before the end of the school year.

Small Parking Lot

There has been a significant increase in the number of people walking through the small parking lot at the main entrance to Birch Cliff. As a friendly reminder, please use the sidewalks surrounding Birch Cliff to walk into Birch Cliff. The parking lot is for staff vehicles only. Thank you for continuing to keep Birch Cliff an extremely safe community.



~ The Caretaking Staff



Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart



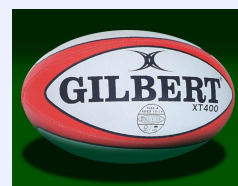
~ Miss Secher

For the 17th year, Birch Cliff Public School took part in the Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart. The Birch Cliff students and community have raised over \$5,000.00 toward the Heart and Stroke Foundation. There was a three-on-three basketball tourney for the 7/8 students, staff/student challenge, skipping, and fun jumping competitions for the K-6 students, plus live music from our number one fan DJ Mike to keep us going all afternoon. Thank you again to all for your continued support.



Flag Rugby

The 5/6 team learned all about rugby rules, skills and strategy of rugby. It was a huge success introducing many of them to the game, while providing a school rugby experience for a few of our club-playing teammates. In the end, the 5/6 Flag Rugby team lost in the semi-finals to the eventual champions. Great job to everyone! Keep practicing for next year!

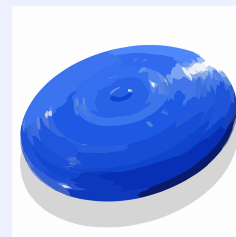


The 7/8 team is also demonstrating a lot of new skills and strategy with rugby. Their tournament will be on June 5th at Cedarbrae C.I. Best of luck to the team!

~ Mr. Kavaratzis & Mr. Brown

Ultimate

The 5/6 Ultimate team did a great job learning many of the skills needed to throw a Frisbee. For many of the students it was their first time playing Ultimate and did a fantastic job at the tournament. Overall, we came in 3rd place and showed so much improvement throughout the year. Great job everyone!



~ Mr. Bolton & Mr. Brown

Monthly Character Trait for June

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Caregiver:

Every month the TDSB staff and students focus their attention on a specific character trait. Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus for June is **PERSEVERANCE**.

What does perseverance mean to you?

Your child can show perseverance by:

- completing tasks once you begin
- seeking help when you are stuck and need help
- completing homework and keeping his or her school work organized
- helping with household chores even when they are difficult and you don't want to do them
- Goal setting and achieving your goals

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What is perseverance, and what does it mean to be perseverance?
- When did you have to persevere at school, at home, and in the community?
- How can perseverance affect others in a group?

Projects to do together:

- Assist your child with organizing his or her school notebooks and agenda.
- Plan family activities, and involve your child in the planning process.
- Set clear expectations for your child, and hold him or her accountable for his or her actions (for example, setting bedtimes, curfews, and wake-up times).
- Teach your child to set realistic goals and support your child when achieving those goals.

Encouraging Perseverance in Your Child:

- Remind your child about being perseverance for his or her daily school work by helping with homework or reviewing their day.
- Remember to be patient as your child's perseverance improves (this may take time).
- Encourage and praise your child when he or she perseveres.
- Share an example of a situation in which someone you know persevered and was successful.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS

From the SAC

With the school year end approaching quickly we would like to take the opportunity to THANK all of our Birch Cliff families for their continued support through our fundraising efforts.

With the funds raised we were able to provide our kids with items such as; a large amount of non curriculum reading books, math fundamentals, iPads and cases for the kindergarten classes, Chrome Books, Scientists in the School, French books and materials, Skate Day treats, Financial aid to students in need for trips/lunches, Brain Pop, Dance lessons for grades 4-8, Robotics Club, Basketball jerseys for school, Grad financial assistance, Science Guides, Welcome to Birch Cliff Books for new kindies, Teacher workshops and luncheons, and much more....

The SAC as a group of parent reps were able to advocate for safer driving/parking surrounding our school, voice and share our concerns regarding the Education Fund Cuts to the Minister of Education, introduce the Walk, Ride and Roll awareness to promote smaller carbon footprints and increase school safety, continued support and relationship with the Bluffs Food Bank, stay in close conversations with TDSB regarding the building of the Day Care on our school and the concerns involving it, discussed and supported decisions regarding classroom set ups for 2020, shared ideas and feedback with principal for school events such as ;Curriculum night/holiday concert. Through parents voice and feedback we were able to nudge for the set up of "Cashless System" for school related activities to be paid for making it easier for parents and teachers.

AS a group we assisted with curriculum night, had a Pumpkinfest with Haunted House, winter clothing drive, Telus Cyber Bullying and Safety Online Workshop, Meet with Santa event, several Bluffs Food Bank Drives, Skate Day treats, Purdy's Easter Chocolate, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, PIZZA Fridays, Popcorn Fridays, Hot Meal Mondays, and our upcoming Fun Fair on June 1st.

Thank you to our guest speakers this year that came to our SAC meetings including; Parthi Kandavel- School Trustee, Mathieu Yuill - Bluffs Food Bank, Wendy Doucette - Telus Safety Online Workshop, Alia Anderson - children mindfulness Yoga instructor, Samuel Perry - The Bike To School Project, Doly Begum - Scarborough Southwest MPP, Doug Whiteside and Shelly Candel - Bee City Canada.

This was a very busy and exciting year for the School Council. I personally want to Thank all the committee members for their continued support and sharing of ideas. Thank you to the Student Council for attending all of our meetings and updating us on the upcoming student led activities. Thank You to Ms Secher, our Teacher Representative for SAC for updating us every meeting on extra curricular activities at our school. Lastly a HUGE Thank You to Principal Vine for his continued Leadership and open and candid sharing at our meetings.

School Council meetings will continue in September with the Nomination and Voting in of the Committee positions/members. Stay tuned for further information in early September.

As always your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Have a Safe and Fun Filled Summer and we will see you in the School Yard!!!