



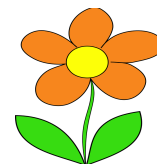
BIRCH CLIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

It's been a very busy and wet April and we hope May brings sunshine and even more great opportunities for the wonderful students at B.C.!



The '4 As' at Birch Cliff are always in full force. In May, there will be a lot of **A**thletics happening such as: slo-pitch, ultimate frisbee, and track & field. While in the **A**cademics, we are preparing for our EQAO (Grades 3 and 6) as well as beginning to focus on the final curriculum expectations of all subjects. **Special thanks to the SAC for organizing the Purdy's fundraiser which allows all of our classes to experience Scientists in the School!**

I want to recognize the wonderful **A**ttitudes of our B.C. students and in particular the intermediate kids who do a great job demonstrating how both to act, and how to help others at our school. Finally the **A**rts - we are planning a Spring Concert on May 29th in the evening and we will have our intermediate band classes performing and hopefully a couple other groups! Let's all continue focusing on the '4 As' and enjoy this warmer spring weather. Have a great May! That will also be the evening we welcome next year's JK's to Birch Cliff P.S. for the first time!!

~ T. Vine



Dates to Remember

- ~ May. 3 & 17: Pizza Lunch
- ~ May. 9: MADD Presentation Gr 7 & 8 Only
- ~ May 10 & 24: Popcorn Snack
- ~ May 17 Gr 5/6 Ultimate Tournament
- ~ May 21 Gr 3 EQAO
- ~ May 23 Jump Rope for Heart
- ~ May 24 Gr. 5/6 Flag Rugby Tournament
- ~ May 27 Gr 6 EQAO



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.

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



Co-Ed Basketball

Birch Cliff Co-Hosted a Co-Ed Basketball Tournament at Duke of Connaught. It was the First Annual April Madness Invitational Co-Ed Basketball Tournament and was a huge success with 17 schools applying for the opportunity to play, only 8 schools made it in.

Birch Cliff lost their first game by 1 point in a thrilling overtime game. They bounced back knocking off 2 other schools before advancing to the Consolation Championship. In the Finals Birch Cliff jumped all over the other team cruising to a 30 point victory and another Basketball Banner. The Bobcat Team; Gwen, Taylor, Emma, Evelyn, Dayna, Fahad, Leo, Garrett, Eric, Owen & Carson. Game MVP Awards went to Carson, Taylor and Tournament MVP went to Gwen. Well done Bobcats!



~ Mr. Butler & Mr. Inglis

Chess Team

The Jr. Chess, Paula, Harry, Brandon, Khalil, and Jacob did a wonderful job representing Birch Cliff @ the annual TDSB Chess tournament. All of the team members of the Junior team did a great job and played their best!

~ Mr. Brown



Bluffs Food Bank

On Wednesday, April 17th, Kindergarten students from Rm. 19 (Madame Hiler and Madame Dalia) and Rm. 20 (Miss Secher) visited the Bluffs Food Bank. We brought so many donations that we had to transport the food in a wagon, jumbo suitcase, and shopping buggy! The walk helped us observe our local community.



Gail, one of the volunteers at the Bluffs Food Bank, welcomed us once we arrived, helped us place the food to be sorted, gave us a tour of the facility, and even surprised us with a chocolatey treat as we were leaving.

The Bluffs Food Bank is an extremely important community organization. It helps to feed over 3,000 families in the Birch Cliff neighbourhood. To read more about how you can help, please visit: <https://bluffsfoodbank.com/how-you-can-help/>

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for our spring food drive. We worked very hard to exemplify the TDSB's April character trait of *cooperation*.

Challenge: *How can you make a positive difference in your community?*

Monthly Character Trait for May

INTEGRITY

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 May is **INTEGRITY**.

What does integrity mean to you?

Your child can show integrity by:

- being honest and trustworthy toward his or her peers, friends, and family members
- admitting his or her mistakes and learning from them
- making the right choices and following through with the appropriate actions

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Discuss the importance of standing by what you believe.
- Tell your child where you stand on important issues, and discuss your reasons for taking that stand.

Projects to do together:

- Brainstorm a list of controversial issues. Discuss both sides of the issue.
- Watch TV shows or movies in which characters show integrity, and talk about the various ways in which those characters acted with integrity.
- Discuss and share examples of situations in which a family member acted with integrity.

Encouraging integrity in your child:

- Talk to your child about what it means to have integrity.
- Encourage and praise your child when he or she shows integrity.
- Provide your child with opportunities to actively engage in discussions that will help develop his or her opinions.
- Encourage your child to think about whether something is ethically right or wrong.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

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