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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is always a great pleasure to communicate with parents, guardians and community members, and it is particularly meaningful when we do it, as in this case, with a newsletter designed and produced by our talented students. Thank you Isabelle, Kelsey and Mr. Hobbs.

We have had a busy fall with many trips, events, sports and celebrations. Old time favourites like the battle of the niners and the junior conference took place along new favourites such as orange shirt day and our first overnight trip to camp Wanakita for all grade ten mainstream students. The Awards Ceremony was well attended and a great reminder of the high academic achievements of our students and teachers. The athletic achievements of our students are recognized in the spring Athletic Banquet.

All events were supported by our students in the Arts; the music program has grown to include classes in strings and in guitar. Also, this year BCI offers 4 grade 9 classes of NAC10 – a visual arts course which develops skills along with a focus on Indigenous Art and 3 grade 9 Digital art courses. Finally, we welcome new courses in robotics, religion, natural Disasters and a third SHSM in Business.

This fall's story is a story of growth; we received 90 more students than anticipated and our enrollment is almost 800. BCI is a school of choice supported by families from the neighbourhood and beyond: we now have 62 international students. High EQAO scores, a commitment to academic and athletic excellence, a diversity rich and caring environment have made this fall's growth not only possible but also exciting to manage. This success does not happen by chance, it is the product of a collective vision and partnership between students, teachers, support staff and families. Congratulations to you all!

See you at parent/guardian teacher interviews this Thursday, November 23. Book on line or drop by. - Susana Arnott – Your Proud Principal

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Robotics



Bloor wins the STEMley Cup! B.C.I. has enjoyed being a member of FRC- First Robotics since 2016. Arctos, our team, participated in the STEMley Cup FRC challenged in Hamilton on Saturday, Nov. 11 along 32 teams and brought home "The" cup after 11 hours of intense collaborative work. We want to thank our mentors, parents and teachers for their support. A special thank you to Sarah, our mentor and long-time FRC participant for having spent every evening for the last 6 weeks at BCI with us. Bravo team! - S. Arnott

Welcome New Teachers

Bloor C. I. has the pleasure of welcoming many new teachers to our school this year. Specifically, we would like to welcome Ms. Deurloo, Mr. Filipe, Ms. Flutrel, Ms. Gillespie, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Surtees, Mr. Tsilfidis, Ms. Wilson, Ms. French, Ms. Lang, Mr. Saifer, Ms. Singh, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Hayward, Ms. Islail, Mr. Douglas, and Ms. Warner to our school. We hope that you all feel at home at Bloor and we know that you will all be great assets to our learning environment and to our community as a whole. On behalf of all the staff, students and administration, welcome to Bloor! - Isabelle S.



TRIPS

YMCA Camp Pinecrest

In early September, the grade 9 TOPS on Bloor class went to Gullwing Lake as part of their enrichment program. Students participated in 3 days of challenging orientation activities designed to develop communication, leadership, teamwork and friendship. - K. Craigie



Green Acres

All Grade 9s went on a team building session early in the year. They had the chance to build new meaningful relationships with their peers, senior student leaders and staff. It was a fun exciting day and an important event in helping our Grade 9s to become part of the Bloor family. Students participated in team sports, group challenges, and reflected on how trusting each other and working together can help everyone reach their goals. - O. Stam

YMCA Camp Wanakita

For 3 days in October Bloor staff accompanied the school's mainstream 10's on an exciting trip to Camp Wanakita, near Haliburton. On arrival, students were divided into cabin groups and rotation groups. They had fun with outdoor activities designed to expose students to the natural environment, develop leadership skills and to bond with their classmates. These included low ropes, high ropes, orienteering, archery, volleyball and campfires. - D. Hobbs



Huntsman Institute

This fall the TOPS on Bloor grade 12's went to the Bay of Fundy to explore marine sciences at the Huntsman Institute in St. Andrews, NB. Despite the long bus ride, everyone loved the ocean and will never forget the horizontal rain in the intertidal zone. - K. Craigie



EVENTS



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day at Bloor Collegiate this year was a collaboration between Mr. McNaughton and the choir and strings students, Ms. Lang and her drama students, and Mr. Filipe and his grade 10 history students. The assembly took a special look at current conflicts ongoing in the world; the impact of PTSD on veterans and their families; the role of Indigenous women and men in military conflicts; and anti-war movements in Toronto. The goal of the assembly was to balance remembrance with a commitment to peace, so "never again" becomes a statement about the present, not just a hope for the future. - L. Filipe

Commencement

Bloor C. I. celebrated its 92nd Annual Commencement on October 6th with 144 Ontario Secondary School graduates and 110 Ontario Scholars with many other award, contest and scholarship winners. The evening was extremely successful for students, their families, scholarship donors, guests and staff. Congratulations to all our graduates! Well done. - T. Bruno



Club Fair

On September 29th, Bloor's Student Council put together another successful spirit assembly and club fair. Representatives from Bloor's 30+ clubs went on stage to present their respective groups to the student body, then moved to the cafeteria afterwards to recruit new members. From math to sports to social justice to art, Bloor has a great variety of opportunities for teachers and students to meet people who share the same passions. - Isabelle S.





Bloor Athletic Council

This year's first term brought many fun events from the BAC. Grade 9 students participated in a variety of games during the annual event Challenge of the Niners. They showed their competitiveness throughout the event. The first intramural sport of the year, dodgeball, started and is soon coming to an end.

A new initiative to support wellness and mental health was introduced by the BAC this year. On the last Friday of every month, an event is organized at lunch where all students are welcome. Upcoming is the 2-ball competition where students partner up to show their shooting skills.
- Mackenzie C.



Terry Fox Run

Bloor had a very successful Terry Fox Run this year. Bloor partnered up with Brock Elementary School so while Brock's Terry Fox Run was held in the morning, Bloor's run was held in the afternoon, after an assembly Terry Fox was and the importance of the run. We were lucky enough to have beautiful weather throughout the day. The grade 12 leadership class worked hard to organize the event and went around the school fundraising and spreading awareness about Terry Fox and all the amazing work he did to fundraise for Cancer research and spread awareness. - Rosa M.

Cross Country

After a successful and fun season of mini-meets throughout the GTA, Bloor's Cross-country team started into the post-season with Regional races, followed up by the City Championships at Centennial Park. A competitive showing there resulted in two of Bloor's runners, novice girls Sophie Rashid-Cocker and Amelia Pfohl, qualifying for OFSAA. Petawawa was a frosty but exciting venue for the races, held on a picturesque golf course within the armed forces base, overlooking the Petawawa river. Both runners posted personal bests and are already looking forward to next year. Well done girls and congratulations to all Bloor runners on a great season. - Coaches Ms. Buchner & Mr. Hobbs



DECA About 90 students are part of Bloor CI's DECA chapter where students competitively apply their knowledge of a specific business sector to real-world business scenarios. Besides a tough 100-question multiple choice test, DECA competitors role-play their solution to a business case study before a judge. This year's regional competitions took place at Cederbrae CI on the November PA Day and involved over 2000 students from around Toronto. Bloor CI students enjoyed great success with Nigel Qiu, Dalia Amer and Emon Sen Majumder earning medals as top three overall finishers and 38 other students receiving a top 10 ribbon for the results of their test or role-play. At the time of press, we are still waiting to find out exactly who will advance to the DECA provincial competition in February 2018, but we will undoubtedly be well represented. Congratulations to all Bloor CI competitors who have shown how unlimited they are this year! - M. Douglas and E. Wilson



Health and Wellness



Just like adults, teenagers can feel anxious or stressed about new situations, school assignments, meeting new people or having too many things to worry about. Stress in your teen may show up in many ways including headaches, stomach aches or just not feeling well, trouble sleeping, eating more or less, not wanting to go to school, becoming more quiet, looking sad or worried. You can help your teen if they feel stressed by spending time and doing things together, listening to them when they talk, showing them that you love them, giving them time to relax as they may feel too busy, asking the teacher if she/he notices any problems, and tell her/him your concerns.

For more information you can consult with your school's social work, psychology or guidance departments, call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600, or visit www.toronto.ca/health.
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