



Bedford Park public school

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la sécurité est la priorité à Bedford.*

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Principal Message

There is no time like the New Year to stop, catch your breath, and reflect on how much we have accomplished this fall! As we begin the month of January, we set our sights on a brand-new year with a positive and hopeful vision for 2021. We are so grateful for your trust, support, and commitment to making a difference every day! Thank you to our School Council Co-Chairs and all of the members for their unwavering support. We truly appreciate all that you do.

We take this time to thank Ms. Goldenberg and Ms. Sullivan for their dedication to Bedford students and families. We wish them the very best on their future endeavours. They will both be missed. We know we will see them both soon!

Winter is here, so it is time to send in extra mittens and socks! We love our outdoor time at Bedford and we will be going outside for recess, unless the temperature is extreme. It is important that students dress for the cold conditions.

After today, the TDSB will be taking a winter break to allow students and staff time to rest and rejuvenate. We wish you and your family incredible safety and joy during your time of gathering. We look forward to seeing everyone back Monday, 04 January 2021!



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Mme Susan Pitre | Principal | Directrice

Ms. Melissa Berger | Vice-Principal | Directrice-Adjointe



Preparing to Pivot

15 December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we all prepare for a much-needed winter break, the TDSB is planning ahead for the New Year and what learning may look like as we return to school in January. As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Toronto, so too does the possibility of individual classes, schools, or the system moving to remote learning for a period of time. As a result, we want to be as prepared as possible. It is important to note that any decision on the closure of a school or the system is made based on the advice of public health officials or the provincial government and is not made by the TDSB. We have received no indication that schools will close, however, we do want to make sure we are prepared to implement any decision smoothly and efficiently and continue to support our students' learning and well-being.

So, to ensure your family is prepared for any shift to remote learning — whether at the class, school or system level — please consider the following actions:

- Ensure you have a working device at home.
- Ensure that the school has your correct email address.
- Login to teacher's online platform to confirm you have access. Your child should have done this with their teacher.
- Bookmark the [Student Virtual Learning IT Support page](#).

Also, as we get ready to leave for a couple of restful weeks, please ensure personal belongings, such as shoes, clothing, and anything else your child may need over the break is brought home, as well as any food that may be left in their locker or cubby.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish your family a safe and healthy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

Dr. Kathy Witherow
Interim Director of Education



Hello Bedford Families!

Bedford Loves Local

This month we launched our *Bedford loves Lawrence Park Local Businesses* initiative on our website and social media. If you're doing any last-minute shopping, be sure to check out our [listings](#) on www.bedfordpark.ca and buy local where possible. The participating businesses are very appreciative of this initiative and the support of the community. Let's continue to find ways to help each other!



Mark your Calendar!

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held **January 19th, 7pm** on zoom. The agenda and zoom link will be sent out the week before the meeting.

If you missed our last Parent Council meeting and want to hear the facilities update from Ron Alymar, Head of Facilities on Bedford air quality or learn about the Ward updates from Rachel Chernos-Lin, Board Trustee the meeting minutes are posted on www.bedfordpark.ca.

THANK YOU and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

On behalf of all Bedford Park Families the Parent Council would like to thank all of the Bedford Staff and Administration for a phenomenal job this term as they adopted quickly to the "new normal" and charged ahead with the year with a smile on their face and a positive attitude. We thank you for keeping our school safe, keeping the children engaged, providing a sense of community, and giving them stability during these uncertain times.

Finally, Happy Holidays to all our Bedford families! We wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday. We know this Holiday Season will be very different but we hope everyone finds a unique way to enjoy and connect with your loved ones. We look forward to the New Year as we kick off some exciting COVID friendly events to keep the Bedford spirit alive! Stay tuned for more details in January.



Grade 4 Middle Immersion

This is a special message to all Grade 3 Bedford families!

The central system-wide application process for the **NEW** Middle French Immersion Program will begin in January 2021. The first cohort will begin September 2021. The Middle French Immersion application process opens on **04 January 2021** and the deadline to apply online is **29 January 2021**. NB: This program will replace the Junior Extended French program as the Grade 4 entry program in the TDSB.

This year, there will be no print packages distributed due to the current circumstances. Instead, **all** Grade 3 families (both in the 4 elementary virtual schools and in-person schools) will receive a message including the information package via SchoolMessenger.

This year, the FSL Department will host three virtual information sessions. They are scheduled on the following dates/times:

- January 14, 2021 – 10 am
- January 21, 2021 – 7 pm
- January 27, 2021 – 7 pm



For families seeking more information regarding the sessions, please go to the following link:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions>

Daily Reminders



To start our days off on the right foot, we would like to remind families of the following:

Every morning, the daily health screening process is to be completed with the Mobile Now App or using the Paper Passport Paper. Prior to entry, Bedford staff are checking to ensure this is completed for every student. Help us get into the classroom even faster by completing the daily health screening self-assessment every morning. If your child is not feeling well in the morning, we respectfully ask that you keep them at home.

There are many daily items that need to be remembered:

- **Water bottle:** Fountains are open for water bottle filling only; therefore, students need their clean water bottles every day;
 - **Boomerang lunch:** All garbage is coming home;
 - **Utensils for lunch:** Cutlery will not be provided by the school when forgotten; and
 - **Winter clothing:** Be sure your child is dressed for the weather, has an extra pair of socks, and indoor shoes when outdoor footwear is needed!
- Remember to bring back your indoor shoes when you return in January!!**

Community Safety

We want to continue to ensure our school is a safe place. Should you ever see any suspicious activity around our building after school hours, please contact Toronto Police Services Dispatch at 416-808-2222 or the TDSB's 24-hour Call Centre at 416-395-4620. Merci beaucoup!





The Bedford Blues eNewsletter

A little news about the
Bedford Blues eNewsletters

You are receiving this month's publication of "The Bedford eNewsletter" via email. All publications will be distributed using email and posted on the Bedford website. To ensure that you receive all information from the school and the TDSB, it is important that we be given your email address and your permission to communicate using your email.

Today, your child will get a small "Welcome" package as the TDSB has moved to digital forms! Please watch your email this coming week for the message with the "Permission Click" link and login information.

Let's stay connected!

Secure Access Systems A Reminder to You

As per Operational Procedure PR663, we have a secure access system at our main entry that gives our Staff more control over who enters our school. The outside doors will be locked and a buzzer system is to be used to gain access to the front of the school. Using this system will provide a safe, welcoming environment, and a single point of entry where visitors will be directed to the office. Thank you! Merci!

Character Trait of the Month

Teamwork | Le travail d'équipe

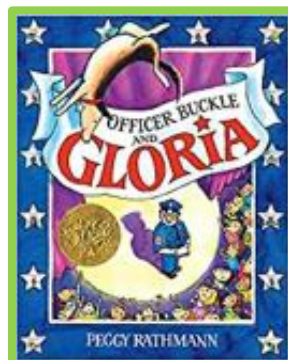
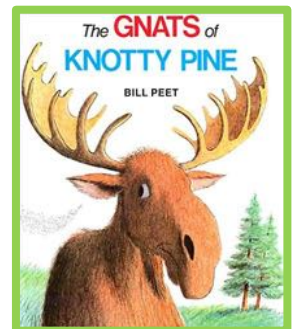
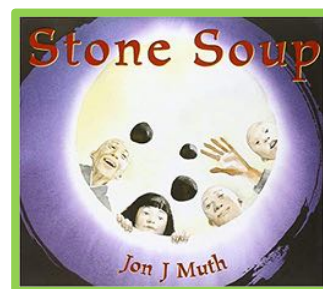
Teamwork is a way to teach children positive social skills and co-operation, which is in turn related to a number of positive outcomes for children and youth. Research shows that providing children with opportunities for positive teamwork opportunities (e.g., playing on a sports team with other children) can decrease anxiety and enhance peer relationships. Increased social skills learned through teamwork can also lead to enhanced self-esteem.

Goals

- To help our students understand the meaning of teamwork.
- To help our students improve their positive teamwork skills with others.
- To help our students think about the different ways they can work together as a team of individuals, as a classroom, and as a school.

During the month of January, students will develop TEAMWORK | LE TRAVAIL D'EQUIPE through classroom activities and lessons that develop collaboration, communication, conflict resolution, decision-making, problem solving, and persuasion skills.

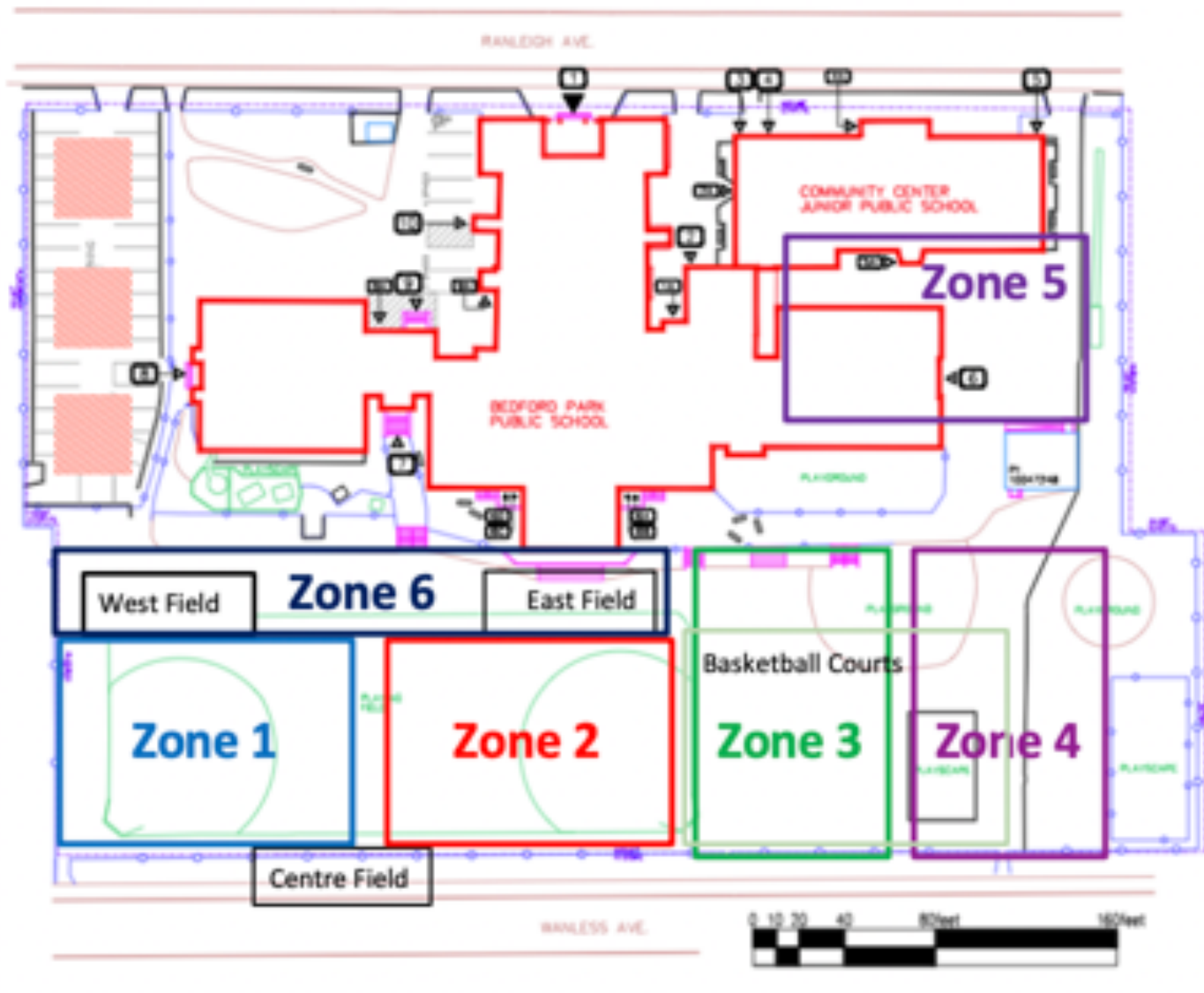
Suggested Readings



Recess | Lunch Zones

Every month, we are publishing the new zone each recess cohort will use for the month.

We greatly appreciate your support as we navigate new ways of teaching, learning, growing, and playing during these unprecedented times.



January 2021

Recess	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6
Group A	Ms. Gryfe Ms. Penate	Ms. Corner Ms. Diakos	Ms. Nelson Ms. Komlos	Ms. Burk Ms. Balogh	Ms. Mitz Mr. Grant	Mme Webb Ms. Yip
Group B	Ms. Kim Ms. Haque Mr. Carmona Ms. Malouin	Mr. Ianni Ms. Abamoussa	Mr. Ludin Ms. Rix	Mr. Pimentel Ms. Nadel		Ms. Brownlee Mr. Norris

*Playscape may be used for single-class use outside of recess time.
Entry for washroom during recess time will be Exit 8.*

Welcome Superintendent Felsen!



We would like to take this time to give a special welcome to Superintendent Ron Felsen to Learning Network 6!

Bienvenue, M. Felsen!



Professional Support Services - Newsletter

This month's publication of "Hearts and Minds" from the TDSB's Professional Support Services department focuses on ADHD. This edition has great tips on slowing down during the holidays, including a winter activity calendar!



Kindness Matters!



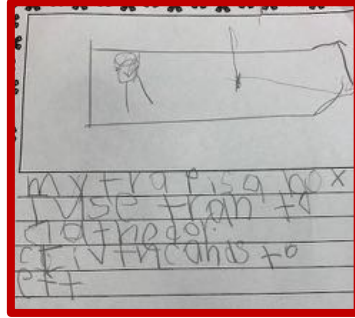
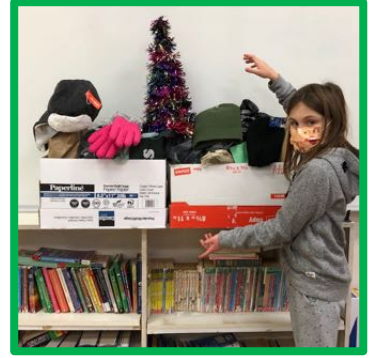
The Action for Happiness organization is filled with amazing resources.

"Everyone's path to happiness is different. Based on the latest research, we have identified **10 Keys to Happier Living** that consistently tend to make life happier and more fulfilling. Together, they spell "GREAT DREAM".

If you or a family member is in crisis, please contact
Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or
The Distress Centre: 416-408-4357.

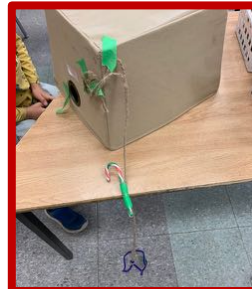
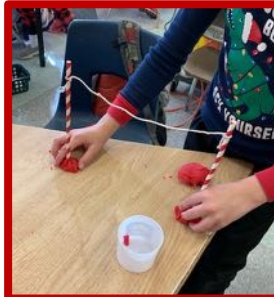
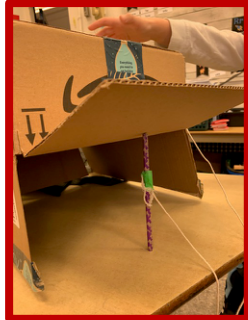
Inside the Classrooms!

Millie is showing off all the mitts, scarves, and hats Room 14 collected for Holiday Helpers. Talk about holiday spirit. Way to go Ms. Corner's class.



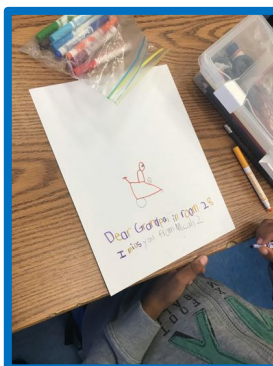
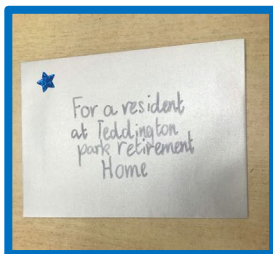
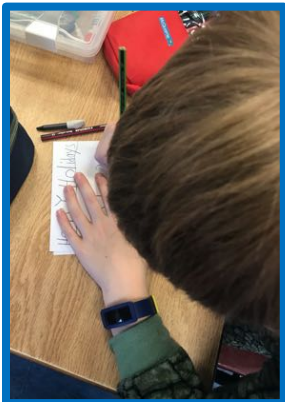
In Mrs. Gryfe's class, the students have read many different versions of the Gingerbread stories. We learned about retelling the stories in our own words. We loved the stories so much that Mrs. Gryfe brought in a Gingerbread stuffy

for the classroom. One day, we came to class and found that he was missing. The students wrote letters asking for him to return. We decided the only thing left to do was set traps for him. We planned our traps with our blueprints, built them, and left them out overnight. The next morning, we got him! We were so excited to see that some of our traps worked.



Ms. Mitz's Grade 2

students are showing their kindness and caring by writing holiday cards to the residence at Teddington's Retirement Residence ♥



Ms. Nadel and Mr. Pimentel's Grade 5/6 students were in a "spell off"! Here we are in the finals!!



Inside the Classrooms!

As the month of December draws to a close, we wanted to share some of the creativity that is shining in the school!



Grade 8 Challenge – Week of Spirit Challenge!

14 – 18 December 2020

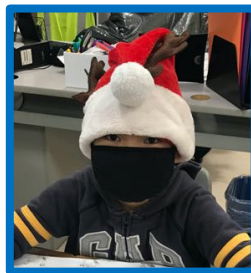
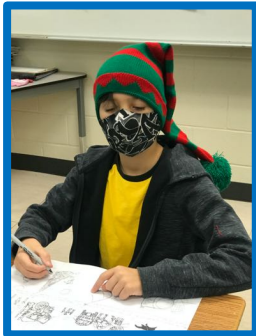


Can you name
the spirit day
by the colour
of the border?!!



Grade 8 Challenge – Week of Spirit Challenge!

14 – 18 December 2020



Special “merci beaucoup” to the Grade 8 staff and students for our exceptionally fun week!



Toronto Public Health

Guidance for the Holiday Season

Toronto is still under Lockdown (**Grey Zone under the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework**). Toronto Public Health has prepared a Holiday Guide with information on how you and your family can safely plan for and celebrate the holiday season this year.

The Holiday Guide includes information on:

- Shopping and gift giving.
- Alternative ways to celebrate with family and friends.
- Making events memorable.
- Accessing religious rites and services.
- Managing holiday stress.
- Making donations.

Additional information about gift giving and celebrations specific to the school community is available [here](#).

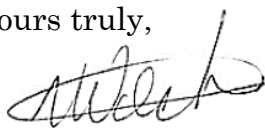
As we continue to see high rates of COVID-19 cases in Toronto, it is very important that you and your family continue to follow these public health measures:

- Stay home except for essential trips, such as work, school, or healthcare visits.
- Stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if they are mild, self-isolate, and arrange to get tested.
- Limit gatherings in your home to the people you live with. If you live alone, you may include one person from outside your household.
- Go out for fresh air and exercise only with the people
- Check in with vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbours virtually or by phone.
- Download the COVID Alert App to be notified if you were close to someone who is contagious with COVID-19.

More information on the Grey Lockdown restrictions is available [here](#). Visit school information for parents & caregivers regularly for updates.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. I would like to wish you and yours a joyous and safe holiday season!

Yours truly,



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Director, Toronto Public Health



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If your child will be late or absent, please email the school at BedfordParkPS@tdsb.on.ca or call us at 416-393-0967.



Characteristic of the Month:

Teamwork | Le travail d'équipe

Sunday dimanche	Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi	Saturday samedi
	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	1	2
					HAPPY NEW 2021 YEAR	
3	Day 3 4 BACK 2 SCHOOL	Day 4 5	Day 5 6	Day 1 7	Day 2 8	9
10	Day 3 11	Day 4 12	Day 5 13	Day 1 14	15 PA Day <i>No school for students</i>	16
17	Day 2 18 Martin Luther King Jr Day 	Day 3 19 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm <i>Link to come!</i>	Day 4 20	Day 5 21	Day 1 22	23
24 31	Day 2 25	Day 3 26	Day 4 27	Day 5 28	Day 1 29	30

**BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS**

Next Characteristic of the Month:

Fairness | La justice

Some Upcoming February Dates:

10 February 2021 → Report Card #1 and the Kindergarten Communication of Learning Goes Home

12 February 2021 → PA Day - Parent-Teacher Interviews - No School

Be sure to visit the live Google Calendar on the Bedford Park website!