



Beverly Glen's Le Gazette

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April Message from the Administration

All About Education— Tout à propos de l'éducation



April showers (and we have had many) give way to May flowers! At this time of year, we observe growth and the many wonders of nature. At BG, this is a time to reflect on the months of learning, our growth, and our next steps. Each failure gives way to persistence and a new triumph.

The coming weeks will be especially busy. Education Week, EQAO begins, grades 6s are off to Kearney, many athletic events, Math Night, Film Festivals, Speech Arts Competition, and so much more...Wow!!

Despite the rather damp weather and the conditions on the field, students are back on the field, indulging in a game of soccer. Field conditions were favourable enough that we could conduct our BG Track & Field events, much to the excitement of our students. During the events the students demonstrated perseverance, persistence, and sportsmanship. Many smiling faces were seen.

A reminder to parents and guardians with students in grades 3 and 6, that EQAO begins very shortly. It is very important that students are present during the EQAO period. As well, please ensure that the students have plenty of sleep, have a good breakfast, and water and snacks during the EQAO period.

We are approaching the end of a busy school year. Your child has learned a lot. They read new books and mastered new skills. Now is the perfect time to talk about all of the lessons they have learned. Find a time when you can have a relaxing chat about school. You might even plan something special, such as going out for a treat or making a favorite meal together.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin

Enjoy the warmer weather!



Upcoming Dates:

May 1st

Pita Day

June 3rd

EQAO Ends

May 2nd

- Lacrosse
Tournament
- Math Night

June 4th

Environmental
Picnic

May 3rd

Speech Arts
Competition

June 6th

Welcome to
Kindergarten

May 6th

- Education
Week
- Track and
Field @ Esther
Shiner
- Book Fair
Begins

June 13th

Play Day

June 17th

Dental
Screening

June 18th

BBQ

May 7th

Bring Your
Parent to
School

June 21st

Gr. 6
Graduation

June 25th

Awards
Assembly

May 10th-13th

Grade 6s @
Kearney

June 26th

Report Cards
Go Home

Beverly Glen SCHOOL COUNCIL BG School Council Update

I hope all of you are enjoying the wonderful spring weather. At the last meeting, the school council decided to express its concerns with the recent changes to the province's education policy. A letter to that effect was sent to Ms. Lisa Thompson, education minister. The demand in the letter was for high-quality, fully-funded and equitable public education. It was also determined to send a letter to all the staff at Beverly Glen expressing our solidarity with them.

The council has approved \$400 to organize a volunteer appreciation event. All of our activities are

run by volunteers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service.

The council also decided to allow teachers to use the \$5 field trip subsidy to bring-in unique programs if the class is for some reason unable to use the subsidy for a field trip.

Next School Council meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7 pm. All parents/guardians of BG students are welcome. Child minding for school age children will be provided by graduated BG students.

Many thanks to our BG families and community for your continuous support.

Regards,

Nithya

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>



BG Choir Won Award



In mid-March, I received wonderful news that the **BG Choir** was selected to receive the **John Bird Memorial Award** sponsored by the **Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma**. It was awarded upon the recommendations of the adjudicators at the Kiwanis Festival.

I had the honour of attending the awards dinner on April 9 and receiving the award on behalf of the choir. It was an enjoyable evening with performances of other solo award winners.

The choir members were thrilled to hear the good news. It was such an encouragement for us to continue making music and striving for the best!

Once again, congratulations girls and boys! You've made BG proud!



Ms. Yip

If your child has a **talent in singing** and is interested in joining a good quality community choir, I would recommend the following around the **GTA**. Most of their auditions take place around May. Please visit their websites to find out **when and how**:

1. **Toronto Children's Chorus (TCC):**

<https://www.torontochildrenschorus.com/>

2. **Bach Children's Chorus (BCC):**

<http://bachchildrenschorus.ca/>

3. **Young Voices Toronto Children's Choir:**

<http://youngvoicestoronto.com/>

4. **The Canadian Children's Opera Company (CCOC):**

<https://www.canadianchildrensopera.com/>

5. **Hamilton Children's Choir (HCC):**

<http://hamiltonchildrenschoir.com/>

Ms. Yip



Track & Field



SKIP! HOP! JUMP!

Once again, BG students take part in our annual Track & Field meet! The students were very excited and had a great time. Some of our students will move on to compete at the TDSB Track & Field competition at Esther Shiner.



DEVELOPING OUR CHARACTER!!

May- Integrity



1. They are trustworthy

These people are reliable and trustworthy. Once they have gained your trust they will do their best to keep it.

2. They are honest

People with integrity never lie. They want to get what they need in life without lying and they build relationships based on trust.

3. They are authentic

These people have a truly authentic personality. They are unobtrusive and want others to accept them as they are.

4. They do good things

People with integrity always help others. That gives them a chance to improve other people's lives.

5. They are modest

They seem unaware of their own worth. They may do a lot of good things but their modesty prevents them to notice their acts of kindness.

6. These people apologize first

People with integrity do make mistakes just like everyone else. So, if they have done something wrong they will apologize for it.

7. They put their trust in others

If these people trust you, consider yourself as a lucky person. If they catch you in a lie, you will lose them forever.

8. They are particularly kind towards vulnerable people

If you feel vulnerable or you lack positive energy, these people will do everything in their power to brighten up your day.

9. They have very strong intuition

People with integrity are very intuitive. They can easily realize when something bad is going on. In case you are in a depressive mood, they will notice it without any difficulty.

10. They see the good in others

They want to believe that all people are good.



Ten Personality Traits of People



Elementary Summer School

Elementary summer programs increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 3 – 26, we are opening schools across the city to help build reading, writing and math skills in our students. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer for a complete list of participating schools.

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Education - Improve your English with us

Adults are welcome to join the many English as a Second Language classes offered at various locations across Toronto. In addition to classes throughout the year, summer school will be offered from July 8-31. We offer a wide range of levels, from beginner to advanced, to help you build your language skills and to help you reach your life goals. The Adult ESL program is free for eligible learners.

For more information, visit www.ESLtoronto.ca or call 416-338-4300. @TDSB_ConEd

Continuing Education - Adult High School

Find a career path and meet your educational goals every year. Register now for the new semester beginning April 23. Tuition is free! Earn credits in nine weeks and gain Canadian work experience. Discover programs in business & technology, social science, mathematics and specialty programs such as accounting, office administration, childcare assistant, and more.

Visit www.adultschoolstoronto.ca for more information. @TDSB_ConEd

May is Asian Heritage Month at the TDSB

Asian Heritage Month is recognized during the month of May at the Toronto District School Board. Our theme this year is, "Our stories. Our voices. Our journey."

Asia is a land of great political, economic, social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity; this diversity creates challenges when we attempt to define Asia in geographic and political terms. More than 40% of TDSB students identify as Asian. During May there will be many opportunities to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Canadians and to recognize the narratives and wisdom of various Asian cultures.

We are pleased to share with you that a number of Asian Heritage Month Events being held across the system. A few of these initiatives are listed below.

Asian Heritage Month Launch

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Asian Heritage Month – Student Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Asian Heritage Month – Culminating Arts Event

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019

In addition to the above, a student poster competition was held for grades kindergarten to 12. We are pleased to inform you that the first place poster is from a Grade 11 Lester B Pearson Collegiate Institute student and that this poster will be shared with all schools. The second place poster design was from North Albion Collegiate Institute, and the third place poster design from Princess Margaret Junior School. Schools were also invited to share their photographs that represents the theme of "Our stories. Our voices. Our journey." at our Administrative sites during the month of May. Further, students and staff were also invited to showcase their photography through a slideshow presentation that will be showcased at 5050 Yonge Street throughout the month of May.



Bike to School Week at the TDSB

May 27 - 31

Let's get rolling! Join students and teachers across the province in celebrating Bike to School Week.

Schools participate in Bike to School Week by encouraging their students to walk and/or roll to school, and by holding events both inside and outside the classroom to promote the benefits of active transportation.

For more information and resources, please visit our Bike to School Week web page at

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/Environmental-Events/Bike-to-School-Week>

Pedestrian Safety - Safety Tips for Parents

Children under nine should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Teach your children the rules of the road - start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age nine and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

- Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street. Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.
- Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.
- Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.
- Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.
- Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.
- Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.
- Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).
- Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.

Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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