



Beverly Glen's Le Gazette

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February Message from the Administration

Winter is winding down!!



Despite February being the shortest month of the year, there were many opportunities abound at Beverly Glen! 100th Day of School, celebrating Chinese New Year, recognizing Black History Month, Student Sharing Assemblies, class trips to Forest Valley, the Valentine's Post Office, Ball

Hockey(North Conference Champions!!!), Volleyball, Basketball and Choir (1st Place at the Kiwanis Festival) - so many ways to get involved at BG!!



Thank you to the many parents who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences during mid-February. We appreciate your continued support and partnership to make BG a positive learning environment for all. Should parents still wish to meet with their child's teacher, please call the school office to arrange an appointment.



Upcoming Dates:

Mar. 1st

Graduation Picture Day

Mar. 7th

Pita Day

Mar. 7th

Me to We Carnival

Mar. 8th

FDK Registration

Mar. 11th - 15th

March Break

Mar. 19th

Pizza Day
Earth Rangers
Presentation

Mar. 21st

Kearney Parent Meeting

Mar. 27th

Director Visit



BG School Council Update

Hope everyone had a wonderful Family day! Though this month was a short month, parents and teachers of BG continued being busy as ever. Parents and teachers of BG worked together as partners to give enriched school experiences for the children of Beverly Glen. Our latest two fundraisers (Popcorn day & Pita day) was a success! Students and teachers were able to enjoy delicious pitas, while raising \$610 for our school. Thanks to Ms. Pfeiffer (Parent of BG), we had our first popcorn day and students were able to enjoy delicious popcorn.

Our next School Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Child minding is available for school age children. All BG parents/guardians are welcome to join us in getting the latest school updates, make suggestions and school council initiatives.

For parents that would like to know more details about "What is School Council?", there is a webinar online - <http://youtu.be/7CJ9OK8PwWk>.

Kimberly Liu
Co-Chair of BG School Council

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>

March Character Trait Focus: Honesty



The definition of HONESTY is the quality or fact of being truthful, sincere, and fair. Honesty requires several other character traits such as good judgment, responsibility, loyalty, and courage. Teaching your students the importance of practicing honesty on a daily basis not only sets the dynamic of your classroom for the year, but it sets each student up for success in their future endeavors. It is a huge part of our job to begin molding our students into outstanding and trustworthy citizens, which is why teaching honesty is an essential piece of the big picture.

What Parents or Teachers Can Do...

1. Explain the meaning of honesty.
2. Share your experiences with them. Let them know that you aren't perfect. Explain a time when it was difficult for you to tell the truth and how honesty helped you.
3. Explain that there are consequences of dishonesty, such as losing the trust and respect of others, covering up a lie leads to more lies, and often times will result in embarrassment or punishment.
4. Use mentor text to show examples of different characters.
5. Use songs about honesty to add a fun twist. Analyze the lyrics and/or sing along!
6. Plan some hands-on activities with your child/children.
7. Praise and/or reward them when they display the trait of honesty.





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BG Choir At Kiwanis



BG Choir:

Mark: 90

1st place

Gold award

On Thursday, Feb. 21, the BG Choir boarded the bus to Crescent School to participate in and compete at the **Kiwanis Music Festival**. It was a great experience for all!

Even though for most of them, it was their 1st time at the Kiwanis and 1st time singing in a choir, they performed 2 songs beautifully. These girls and boys brought back a mark of **90, 1st place and a Gold award**. Their hard work and efforts have paid off! We also learned a lot from the adjudicators' comments. Congratulations and well done!

This trip could not have happened without the generous support of the Parent Council who helped us with half the cost of the bus, the parents of the choir members and the parent volunteers who provided tremendous help during the trip. Thank you to all of you!

If your child has a talent in singing and is interested in joining a good quality community choir, I would suggest the following around the GTA:

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

February 26th, 2019

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To All Members of the Beverly Glen Community,

There are many facets that are essential to student success. Punctuality and consistency with attendance are at the foundation of a prosperous school career. Recently, there has been an increase in students arriving late for school in the morning and in the numbers of parents arriving late to pick up their children in the evening, as well as student absenteeism.

While I understand the busy schedule all of us have as parents and guardians, the message we send our children when they are consistently absent and/or are arriving continually late for school, is less than exemplary.

Please try to ensure that your children are arriving at school on time. There is no part of the day that your child can afford to miss.

Also, it is extremely important that children are being picked up in a timely fashion after school. While we provide supervision should there be an after school or extra-curricular event, we cannot provide supervision for children who have not been picked up by 3:35 PM.

In the interests of your child's safety, please ensure that your children are aware of the plans for how they should get home and who will be picking them and at what time.

Also, a reminder that if your child will be absent, a call to our Safe Arrival Program phone number at 416-396-6055 is greatly appreciated.

We have included additional information with this letter as it seems that absenteeism and tardiness is becoming a problem throughout our society. We owe it to our children to set the example we want them to follow.

Sincerely,

Morag Killackey
Principal

Frank Costa
Vice Principal

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/beverlyglen>

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?



There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

Did you know?

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.

It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

Some Gains for Your Child

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- ⇒ Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- ⇒ Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- ⇒ Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- ⇒ Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- ⇒ Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- ⇒ Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!

Credit: www.mcc.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/newsletter-inserts.../arrive-at-school-on-time.pdf

HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?



Are these some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

- ⇒ Your child won't go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- ⇒ Your child can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- ⇒ The school lunches are not ready
- ⇒ Homework's not done
- ⇒ Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- ⇒ Your child is watching TV late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- ⇒ It's your child's or someone else's birthday
- ⇒ There is a test or presentation at school today
- ⇒ Your child is screaming or not letting go of you.

Things to Try

- ⇒ Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:
- ⇒ Have a set time to go to bed
- ⇒ Have a set time to be out of bed
- ⇒ Have school clothes and school bag ready the night before
- ⇒ Make lunches the night before
- ⇒ Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- ⇒ Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- ⇒ Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate.
- ⇒ Be firm that children must go to school.
- ⇒ Give your child lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organised and get to school on time.
- ⇒ Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday.
- ⇒ On arrival look for some of your child's friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- ⇒ Once settled leave quickly.

REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT

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Parents as Partners Conference 2019

The Parents as Partners Conference 2019 is on Saturday, March 30 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference - planned by parents, for parents - includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Karl Subban, a former TDSB principal and the father of five children, including three NHL hockey players.

Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference. Registration opens mid-February at www.parentsaspartners.ca





Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.



For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.

Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 246,000 students in our schools and sites each day, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

