



Beverly Glen's Le Gazette

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January Message from the Administration **Term 2 Begins!! — Terme 2 commence!!**



rigid temperatures visited BG this past month. With many indoor recesses, our students could use a break to play outside. Building snow sculptures and sliding around in the snow would be a welcome relief.

A reminder to parents and guardians to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for winter weather. Boots, mittens/gloves, snow pants, scarves and coats are essential during this time of the year.

The snow during this time of year can be plentiful and our parking lot and roadway in front of the school tends to get a bit smaller. Please be mindful of students in the parking lot and when crossing the road. Please leave plenty of space from other cars, and park so that you do not create blindspots.

Extra-curricular activities are alive and well at BG. Remind your child to get involved!!!!!! This month we celebrate African Heritage

Month and recognize the experiences, contributions and achievements of African Canadians. This year's theme is ***Out of many we are one: Across differences our commonalities uplift our African heritage, culture and people.*** At BG, some of our celebrations include: information and music will be part of the morning announcements, we have special guests coming to speak with students, and student presentations.

This month we also wish Happy New Year to all of our BG families who celebrate the Lunar New Year. February is also Chinese Heritage Month. We will be honouring Chinese Heritage during the month of May, along with Asian Heritage Month, as we have many families from different parts of Asia represented at BG.

Please be advised that Term 1 report cards will be going home on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 and Parent/Teacher meeting will take place February 14th & 15th.

BG Beverly Glen SCHOOL COUNCIL Update

Thank you to all parents for your continuous support! As a team, we were able to fundraise to help our children in providing them with additional learning tools and educational experiences. The school council was able to help our school get some new iPads, robotic learning gadgets and help bring in various learning opportunities such as Kickstart Arts and our upcoming Stem night. Also a special thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make pizza day, popcorn day and pita

day possible. **Our next School Council meeting will be on February 21st at 7:00 PM in the staffroom.** All BG parents/guardians are welcome to join to get school updates on what's happening at BG, express your ideas and be a part of our discussions. Child minding is available for school age children.

Kimberly Liu
Co-Chair of BG School Council

School Hours

School Office: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday.

A regular school day is as follows:

Morning entry: 8:40 a.m.

Morning program: 8:45 - 11:30 am

Morning recess: 10:05 - 10:20 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon entry: 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon program: 12:35 - 3:20 p.m.

Afternoon recess: 1:55 - 2:10 p.m.

End of day dismissal: 3:20 p.m.

School bus dismissal: 3:20 - 3:35 p.m.

Remedial assistance: 3:20 - 3:50 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 6th

- Grade 4/5 Ball Hockey/Earth Rangers/Pita Day

Feb. 11th

- Black History Presentation

Feb. 12th

- Reports Go Home

Feb. 13th & 20th

- 1,2,3 Movement

Feb. 14th & 15th

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Feb. 15th

- Black History Presentation

Feb. 21st

-SAC Meeting

Feb. 22nd

- Sharing Assembly

Feb. 27th

- Pink Shirt Day

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>

February Character Trait Focus: Fairness



Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus this month has been on TEAMWORK. For the month of February we will be recognizing FAIRNESS.

Your child can show fairness by:

- ~ playing and working fairly with others in the family
- ~ treating family members with respect and without prejudice
- ~ treating others in the family in the way that they would like to be treated

Questions to discuss with your child:

- ~ What is fairness, and what does it mean to be fair?
- ~ Do you treat others the way you would like to be treated?
- ~ When someone is unfair, how does that make you feel?
- ~ Does equality mean that everyone gets the same, or that everyone gets what they need?

Projects to do together:

- ~ Watch a television program together. Talk about the various ways in which certain characters may have acted unfairly toward each other. Discuss how the situation could have been avoided.
- ~ Think about something that is happening at home, at school, or in the community. What might be done about it? What would your role be?

Encouraging fairness in your child:

- ~ Listen to your child if he or she has a concern or request. Engage in fair discussion to resolve the issue.
- ~ Show that fairness is important, and that it is crucial to treat others with respect and without judgment.
- ~ Share a situation in which you felt you were treated fairly or unfairly, and describe how that impacted your day.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.



Connecting With Our Indigenous Friends Through Letter Writing



For the second year, my Grade 6 class has partnered with fellow Grade 6 students on First Nations reserves. This year, my class has become pen pals with students in Attawapiskat, Ontario on the shores of James Bay.

The Attawapiskat First Nation is not accessible by car. The letters must be delivered by airplane. In the first letters, the students have shared their “winter experiences” with each other along with some of their hobbies and interests.

The students have learned that temperatures in Attawapiskat during the winter can reach -45°C ! They have also learned about some of the cultural dishes enjoyed by our new friends, one of them being Moose stew. Some favourite hobbies and activities the children of Attawapiskat like to do are, snowmobiling, hunting and playing outside.

Even though there are numerous differences between the children, they are learning that despite the vast geographic distance between them, they are very similar (Fortnite and online games bring everyone closer!).

This cultural exchange exercise is designed to help our students learn more about the Indigenous peoples of our province in an authentic way. The class hopes to connect with them via Skype before the end of the school year. This is just one way we can do our part toward reconciliation.

M. Gordon



Trailblazer 2019

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, Beverly Glen held their first Trailblazer event for all grade 5 & 6 girls. In addition to our students, we also invited girls from Chester Le and Brookmill to attend this exciting event. The Trailblazer event showcased 4 fabulous parents who have demonstrated genuine leadership and empowerment in our community. The presenters included:

Panelists

Betty Leung
Director, Customer Success
Salesforce.com



Maria Arvanites
VP, Solution Sales
TempAgencyBrokers Inc., Contrax Co.



Dr. Karen Stel
Family Medicine / Obstetrics



Anita Ghazariansteja
Vice Principal at Agincourt CI



Mrs. Tassopoulos would like to thank Betty Leung, Maria Arvanites, Dr. Karen Stel and Anita Ghazariansteja for their time and inspiring messages. All of the girls left feeling empowered and excited knowing that they could be their own Trailblazers!

A special thank you goes to Betty Leung and Salesforce for providing all of the swag that the girls got to go home with!

We look forward to holding another Trailblazing event in the future! We hope that in the future our presenters will be the students from Beverly Glen!

Mrs. Tassopoulos

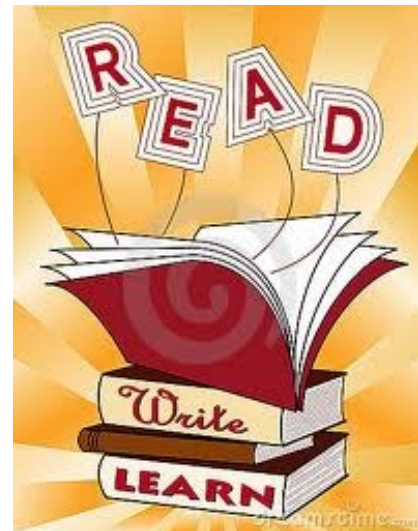
Read & Write Student Ambassadors

Beverly Glen is proud to announce that we have our very own Read & Write Student Ambassadors. These students have been selected to train other staff and students from BG, and from other neighbouring schools, on how to use the Read & Write extension that is now accessible for all TDSB students. These Ambassadors have already presented and trained the students from Mr. Gordon's class and they look forward to training another class in February.

The Read & Write program is an assistive technology program designed to improve reading comprehension, assist struggling readers process, comprehend large amounts of text, helps users conduct research and it allows struggling writers to produce quality written documents. This program is not only available at school, but it can be easily accessed from home. The goal from the Ambassadors is to ensure that all students are trained and are using this program on a frequent basis.

We look forward to building a community of eager readers and writers!

Mrs. Tassopoulos



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

National Winter Walk Day

Wednesday, February 16th is Winter Walk Day across Canada. It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs! Walk to school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun! Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get those 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need.

Winter is still a great time to walk and be outside and it's also a great cure for those winter blues! Dress properly and don't let cold, wind, snow or rain keep you from heading out for a walk. Below are some great winter weather dressing tips from Green Communities Canada:

- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss;
- Wear warm, waterproof boots;
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind;
- Woolen clothing helps to retain heat;
- On really cold days, wear a scarf over your face and mouth;
- If possible, change wet clothes at school;
- Wear clothing or carry knapsacks with reflective material - it's important to be seen;
- Below -25 degrees Celsius is considered too cold for walking, so move your walk indoors or select another day.



Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

February 18 is a Statutory Holiday

There will be no classes on Monday, February 18th to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

Because teachers are involved in professional learning on Friday, February 15 for the Board-wide Professional Activity Day, students will not be attending school on Friday, February 15 and Monday, February 18 which is the statutory holiday - Family Day.

Visit the TDSB public web site at www.tdsb.on.ca to view the school year calendar.