



Beverly Glen's Le Gazette

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March Message from the Administration ***Spring Into Action — Le Printemps En Action!!***

*S*pring is now in full swing! The weather is finally beginning to warm up and we are graced with the sunshine more frequently! Although temperatures are on the rise, please remember to ensure that your child is dressed warmly for the weather. Despite everyone's best efforts to stay away from muddy areas and puddles, rubber boots are still a good idea!

March was a particularly busy month. Our Kindergarten registration ended. We look forward to welcoming our new and returning families. Once again, BG hosted the ME to We Carnival. The students had a wonderful time attending the event. The Earth Rangers paid us a visit this month. The BG community was dazzled by many of native animals who made their appearance.

As we look forward to our final quarter of the school year, we enter a very busy time. Many sporting events will take place, EQAO for Grade 3 & 6 will take place May 21st to June 3rd, trips continue to take place, and so much more. Please remember to visit our website to stay posted for the latest information. More specifically, please visit the

Calendar area of our website, where information is updated in real time.

Elementary summer programs are tailored to increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, we are opening schools across the city to offer an engaging curriculum for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. These locally driven programs support students to build literacy and numeracy skills through a creative curriculum that can include technology, physical fitness, art, music and drama.

For more information visit: [@TDSB_ConEd](http://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School)

Onwards and upwards!!!

BG School Council Update

Thank you for all the parent volunteers who have been helping with our ongoing fundraisers that provide funds to run valuable learning experiences for our children. Besides being busy with our ongoing fundraisers, school council members are busy working with the school on grade 6 graduation items, spirit wear, traffic issues, and many other ways we can support our school.

Unfortunately, we also sprung into spring with so many worries on news about government

uncertainties and possible school budget cuts for next school year. School council is here to discuss any concerns parents may have.

Our next 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!**

Kimberly Liu

Co-Chair of BG School Council



Upcoming Dates:

Apr. 2nd
Cricket Tournament
Fire Safety Presentations begin
Apr. 3rd
Pita Day
Apr. 4th
Badminton Tournament
Apr. 9th
Girl's Cricket Tournament
Apr. 11th
Parent Council Meeting
Apr. 15th
Track & Field Week @ BG
Apr. 16th
Pizza Day
Apr. 24th
Spring Concert
Apr. 25th
Les Batons Dance
May 1st
Pita Day
May 2nd
Lacrosse Tournament
Math Night
May 3rd
Speech Arts Competition
May 6th
Education Week
Track and Field @ Esther Shiner
Book Fair Begins
May 7th
Parent Workshop
May 10th—13th
Grade 6s @ Kearney
May 21st
EQAO Begins
June 3rd
EQAO Ends

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>

CLASS PLACEMENTS



In April and May the staff and administration put forth a great deal of time and thought into the organization of creating new class lists. Creating class lists is a complex, thoughtful and cooperative process that involves a variety of components and perspectives. Instructional needs, social/emotional needs and gender distributions are carefully considered as well as taking into account the Ministry of Education's Primary Class Size which places a 'hard cap' of 20 students in primary classes (Gr. 1 - 3). Teachers meet with school administration to discuss the needs of each student. In order to best meet the individual needs of every student and ensure balanced and cohesive classrooms, the following factors are taken into consideration in the placement process:

- ⇒ the academic needs and the learning styles of the children
- ⇒ the social/emotional/behavioural strengths and needs of the children
- ⇒ even distribution of genders
- ⇒ support programs - care is taken when placing children who are withdrawn for special programs such as special education or ESL
- ⇒ a range of ability levels of the students in the class



Your child's teacher will bring all pertinent information to the placement meeting. Some of the information will come directly from parent discussions with the teacher concerning progress, learning style, and social-emotional growth. Additional information about your child's needs, in consideration of placement, may be directed to the teacher in writing. **Requests must be program-specific only.** Requests for a specific teacher will NOT be considered. Please also note that placements are not finalized until September of the next school year. Enrolment in September may necessitate a reorganization to keep in line with the Ministry of Education's requirements, and students may have to be moved to accommodate this reorganization. Reorganization occurs by the end of September.

Thank you for supporting this placement process. Beverly Glen is exceptionally fortunate to have highly qualified and dedicated teachers with a high level of commitment and passion for teaching and learning. We are confident that everyone involved in the placement process will work together to make your child's new school year productive, meaningful and enjoyable. We feel privileged to be part of an outstanding school team dedicated to the goal of working together to provide the best possible educational experiences for our children.

Read & Write Student Ambassadors

The Read & Write Student Ambassadors are a group of students from grades 4-6 who have learned and now train other staff and students on the Read & Write Google Extension program. Read & Write is a tool that anyone can use independently to support their reading and writing. Just recently, the Read & Write Student Ambassadors trained Mr. Gordon's Grade 6 classroom and students from Sir John A. MacDonald.

On Saturday, March 30, the Read & Write Student Ambassadors will present at the Parent TDSB's Parents as Partners Conference 2019 at the Canadian National Exhibition. The Ambassadors are all very excited for this opportunity and they look forward to training many others in the future.

Mrs. Tassopoulos

Read & Write Teacher Mentor



DEVELOPING OUR CHARACTER!!

April - Co-operation

What is cooperation?

Cooperation (say ko-op-er-ay-shun) is when two or more people work together so that they are all better off.

For cooperation to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do.



What does cooperation look like?

People who are working as a team and cooperating with each other:

- listen to each other without interrupting
- encourage everyone to join in
- are willing to hear and accept the ideas of others
- are willing to change roles in the group, eg. may be a leader some-times and a follower at other times
- recognise the skills and strengths of others
- don't compete with each other
- discuss problems calmly
- show respect for each other
- take responsibility for their part of the task
- are willing to work towards the success of the group rather than their own individual success



Cooperation in the family

Your family is the most important 'team' that you will ever work with.

To be successful everyone in the family needs to:

- respect each other
- respect each others space and belongings
- listen to each other
- do chores at the right time and willingly
- learn how to work out problems without fighting each other
- communicate well so that every-one knows what is happening
- spend time together as a family
- celebrate each others successes and support each other through the sad times
- learn to share.



Cooperation at school

To have real cooperation at school everyone needs to keep the school rules. These rules have been put into place to keep everyone in the school community safe and cared for.

Your teacher and the kids in your class may work together to add some more special rules about how you will work together so that everyone in the classroom gets a 'fair go'.



Adult ESL

Gaining proficiency in English is a critical skill for newcomers to our city, especially for many parents of children in our schools to connect with the community. Every year, over 18,000 adults benefit from the TDSB's English as a Second Language classes in 75 locations across the city. We offer free ESL classes to adults who are residents of Canada. We also offer classes for visitors on a fee per hour basis. Registration is ongoing.
[@TDSB_ConEd](http://www.ESLToronto.ca)

TDSB Earth Hour 2019

On Friday, March 29th, schools across the TDSB are recognizing Earth Hour from 2-3pm. Schools are asked to reduce their electricity usage for one hour.

During Earth Hour, our school will be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, gym, cafeteria. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend.

More information is available on the EcoSchools website at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools>.

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 is now open at www.parentsaspartners.ca

Budget Ward Forums and Community Consultations

Community consultation is a very important part of the Toronto District School Board's (TDSB) budget process. There are a number of ways you can get involved in the TDSB 2019-20 Budget.

Trustees will be holding ward forums to hear feedback from students, parents and the community. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca for the list of dates and times of the ward forums.

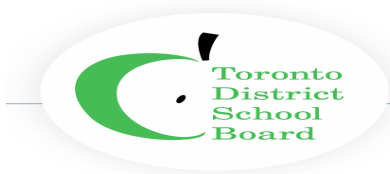
If you are unable to attend a budget ward forum in person, we will be posting our online survey on our public website in early March. The survey was created to give parents, students and staff the opportunity to provide feedback on the TDSB 2019-20 Operating Budget.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/2019-20-Budget>

World Autism Day

On Tuesday, April 2nd our school will Raise the Flag along with Autism Ontario and schools across the TDSB in recognition of World Autism Awareness Day. Raising the Flag helps school communities recognize this day and bring to light people who live with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). To learn more, please visit www.autismontario.com.

FROM THE TDSB



Pedestrian Safety Education

In light of recent tragic events and in support of the City's [Vision Zero Plan](#), we remind all schools that pedestrian safety is a mandatory part of the curriculum. We have provided the following links and lesson plans for your reference.

Let's Go Walking! Lesson 2: [Crossing Streets Safely - Video](#)

Resources for Teachers: [Pedestrian Safety - Curriculum Support](#)

Tips for Parents: [Pedestrian Safety Information for Parents - TPH](#)
<http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/pedestrian-faqs>

Pedestrian Safety: <http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/topic/C14>
[Active Transportation: HPE Curriculum Connections](#)
[Making the Case for Active School Travel Fact Sheet](#)
[Canadian School Travel Planning Facilitator Guide](#)
[School Traffic Management Protocol](#)
[Vision Zero - Road Safety Plan](#)

Toronto Public Health supports schools to promote active transportation through a multi-pronged approach that includes family, school, and community components as well as working with community partners. Using a consultative approach, activities are customized to meet the needs and interest level of each individual school. Support provided by Public Health Nurses can include:

- Providing content for newsletters and announcements
- Delivering presentations to student and/or parents
- Directing schools to relevant resources

For more details, contact the Public Health Nurse assigned to your school or Toronto Public Health at 416.338.7600 or publichealth@toronto.ca.

This information is available on the TDSBweb through the following links:

[The Toronto District School Board](#)