



## *Beverly Glen's Le Gazette*

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### **November/December Message from the Administration** **Winter is here!!/Hiver est arrive!!**

The cloudy and cooler days have given us a preview of the months ahead. The warmer weather and sunshine are now a distant memory and dreams for the future. Beaches and sun umbrellas will have to wait. Even with snowy weather and the gusty wind, our children reluctantly wear warmer clothing and footwear. Time to ready the supply of winter jackets, hats, boots, mittens and scarves! All of this aside, it is time for good cheer and a well deserved break.

November and December were especially busy months. Report cards went home, Parent / Teacher interviews took place, 123 Movement and many extracurricular activities are in full



As always, the past months at Beverly Glen have been extremely busy! We just completed our Chocolate Fundraiser on November

30th and our Dance-a-thon will be on December 20th. Our two major fundraisers go towards school technology and student learning experiences for all students.

**Our next School Council Meeting will be January 17 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

swing, Power X will begin shortly and the Chocolate fundraiser took place. WOW!!

We have been reviewing our practices in equity and are working towards refining inclusive education for all of our students. Stay tuned, there is some amazing work ahead.

We would like to welcome Mme. B. Camara who is returning to her FI Grade 2/3 Class

Happy Holidays !!

From the Staff at BG



a part of our discussions. Child minding is available for school age children. The BG School Council wishes you a happy holiday! We hope you will be able to join us at our council meeting in 2019!

Kimberly Liu

**Co-Chair of BG School Council**

### **School Hours**

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

**Visitors to the school**, please report to the office when you first enter the school to maintain a safe and orderly environment at Beverly Glen.

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:**

**Dec. 18th**

Pizza Day

BG Holiday Concert

**Dec. 19th**

Crazy Shirt Day

Carol Singing

**Dec. 20th**

Dance-A-Thon

**Dec. 21st**

Carol Singing

**Dec. 22nd**

Holiday Break begins

**Jan. 7th**

School Reconvenes

### **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>



## **Winter's Back...**

We've got our first fresh cover of snow outside so there's no better time to talk about slips and falls than the present. We've all heard that "Slips and falls hurt us all" but not many of us truly understand the truth behind this statement.

To avoid a painful slip and fall remember these few simple measures that can help your chances of making it safely through the winter months:

### **Wear the Proper Footwear**

Always ensure that you have low, broad heels with non-slip soles when walking outdoors.

### **Watch Where You Walk**

Always be aware of where you are stepping. We do our best to have our walkways salted and cleared but always take responsibility for your own safety. Avoid parts of the walkway that look like they may not have been cleared. There is often a coating of ice hiding underneath that cover of snow.

### **Clear Your Ice At Home**

Do your part at home and ensure that your walkways are cleared and salted. As the saying goes, "Be nice and clear your ice".

### **Take Your Time**

When the weather outside is frightful, dashing through the snow is not a good idea. Take your time. Even your body movements can help improve your stability. Keep your body loose and spread your feet apart as you walk. Keeping your knees slightly bent will lower your centre of gravity and help keep you stable. Some people prefer to shuffle or drag their feet. This motion also helps to stabilize you but only if you place your whole foot down at once. Never tip-toe!

Remember these simple safety tips as you go through the winter.

**Stay alert, stay safe and give falls the slip this year!**

# Severe Weather

Regardless of the season, weather can have an impact on system-wide school board operations or individual schools, staff and students. Whether it's cold and snow or extreme heat, the Toronto District School Board has a number of practices and policies in place to manage the impact of this weather on the school board.

## **Snow/Cold Weather**

From time to time it is 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 245,000 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.

## [TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather](#)

### **How does the TDSB make snow day decisions?**

A number of factors are considered on days where severe weather is (or could be) an issue. Very early in the morning, a team made up of the Director, Associate Directors, transportation, and communications staff look at various pieces of information including current and forecasted weather conditions and road conditions. Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6:00 a.m.

### **Why are TDSB schools often still open when buses aren't running?**

The TDSB is unique when it comes to student transportation. Unlike other schools boards across the Greater Toronto Area, a vast majority of TDSB students — approximately 90 percent — do not use school buses. That means, if school buses are cancelled, it is still possible for students to get to school by walking or other means. However, if schools are closed, 245,000 students would not be able to go to school and thousands of parents are left to make childcare arrangements at a moment's notice — something we know will not be possible in every case.

### **How are daycare centres affected by weather decisions?**

The TDSB communicates any decision to close schools to daycare operators, which are independent from the school board. With that in mind, any cancellations or closures of daycares will be communicated to parents by the daycare and not the school board. Any questions surrounding daycares should be directed to the daycare operator.

### **How are decisions made for school recess being inside or out?**

From time to time, it is necessary to hold indoor recess or a shortened recess due to inclement weather (rain, extreme cold or heat, severe icy conditions). This decision is typically made at the school-level depending on local conditions which can vary widely across the city; however in some cases, a board-wide directive may be issued.

### **How can school activities be affected by weather?**

School activities including sport practices/games and rehearsals may also be cancelled due to severe weather. These decisions are typically made on a school-by-school basis; however in cases where board-wide activities and programs, such as Continuing Education classes, are cancelled, this will be communicated on the TDSB website and social media.



## Scare Hunger Away Beverly Glen Food Drive

Great thinkers from Martin Luther King Jr. to the Dalai Lama all have had something to say about the importance of helping others. The civil-rights leader stated, "Life's most persistent and nagging question is 'What are you doing for others?'"

In that spirit, the "Me to We" Student Group at Beverly Glen held their annual food drive from October 29<sup>th</sup> until November 9<sup>th</sup>. In those two weeks, Joe Farley Lane exploded with food items to be donated to Agincourt Community Services. We would like to send a heartfelt thank-you to our students and families of Beverly Glen for an overwhelming, positive response to our food drive.

These simple acts of kindness teach our children to be kind, generous, and value the importance of helping others. A one of our BG students stated, "Helping feels good because it's nice for the other person and for you."

Mrs.Kouzmanis



## Remembrance Day

On November 12th, BG had our Remembrance Day Assembly. All the students stood for one minute of silence.

We remembered that Remembrance Day is all about commemorating the sacrifice of veterans and civilians in World War 1, World War 2 and many other wars. Remembrance Day also tells us about how valiant the veterans were, when they fought for world peace and freedom.

Thank you to all of the students who carried out the observance and to all the staff for organizing the ceremony. **Also a big thank you to Ms. Yip!!**

Remembrance Day



The Beverly Glen Girls Empowerment Club &  
The Aisling Discoveries, Child and Family Centre are  
pleased to announce:

# THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

## *Hamper Drive*

**Monday, December 4 to Friday, December 14, 2017.**



Please help out by donating a new toy, article of clothing or gift card towards a

## December's Character Trait: Caring and Kindness

### Kindness and Caring at the TDSB

Incredible acts of kindness happen across the TDSB in our schools and communities every day. Kindness and caring are at the centre of everything we do and are the foundation for positive relationships between staff, students, parents and the community.

Schools across the board recognize kindness and caring in many ways, including assemblies, special events, fundraisers and many other initiatives.

#### What is kindness and caring?

- Showing understanding and treating others with compassion, generosity, and a forgiving spirit
- Being gentle, friendly, considerate, and willing to help
- Showing concern or sympathy for others and being sensitive to the needs of others
- Offering support and giving your time, talents, and resources to help others
- Talking positively about others
- Considering the needs of others, not just your own

#### What does kindness/caring look like and sound like?

- Doing something nice for somebody--a random act of kindness
- Smiling at those you know and those you don't know
- Saying "Good Morning"
- Reminding someone how special he or she is
- Volunteering time to help others in need or donating to a charity
- Asking "How can I help?" or "How are you?"



#### What can families do at home?

Parents, guardians, caregivers and family members are the first and most important character educators of children. Working together with the school and community, we can guide our children towards common beliefs. When families reinforce kindness and caring at home, it becomes a way of life for children.

#### Tips for Supporting Character Development and Reinforcing Kindness and Caring

- Use kind and caring language at home with family members and friends
- Model and teach respectful manners
- Listen to your children and be clear about your ideals
- As a family, take part in community service projects or civic activities
- Establish family traditions and enjoy family celebrations together
- Identify and talk to your children when you witness a random act of kindness
- Teach your children to be responsible and discerning with their choices in media, entertainment and online interactions
- Teach your children how to resolve conflict in a respectful and caring way
- Encourage kindness, caring and empathy by asking: "How would you feel if...?"



[Kindness and Caring in the TDSB - Parent/Guardian Resources](#)



**From The Staff at Beverly Glen**