



Beverly Glen's Le Gazette

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November/December Message from the Administration **Winter is on it's Way/Hiver Sur Son Chemin**



The snow has made an early appearance and the Fall seems like a distant memory. Time to ready the supply of winter jackets, hats, boots, mittens and scarves!

November and December were are especially busy months. Report cards went home, Parent / Teacher interviews took place, our student Well-being and Diversity groups are underway, our Sports, Councils and Clubs continue to run strong as well. Don't forget our Lunch-time programs!! WOW!! To quote John D. Rockefeller: Think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege. Thank you to the staff for providing these co-curricular activities. Teaching is indeed touching a life forever.



The School Council wishes everyone a restful and safe Winter Break. See you in the New year!!



We continue to review our safety and equity practices in that we are working towards updating the lighting, monitoring, ease of access to the building and enhancing student voice for all of our students. Stay tuned, there is some amazing work ahead.

A reminder that our parking lot is very busy over the winter months. Please be mindful and courteous of other drivers. As always, please remember to not block the Kiss 'n Ride and Bus stop areas.

Happy Holidays !!
From the Staff at BG



Thursday, January 23rd @ 6:30pm



Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 29th

Popcorn Fundraiser

Dec. 4th

Pita Day

Dec. 9th—13th

Hearing & Vision
Clinic

Dec. 12th

Winter Concert

Dec. 17th

Pizza Day

Dec. 18th

Pita Day

Dec. 23rd—Jan. 3rd

****Winter Break****

Jan. 6th

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. Sure, high heels are nice but bring them with you in a bag and put them on for use indoors.

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.

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

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Hamper Drive

Monday, November 25 to Friday, December 13, 2019.



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

French as a Second Language

Early French Immersion and Junior Extended French

Early French Immersion

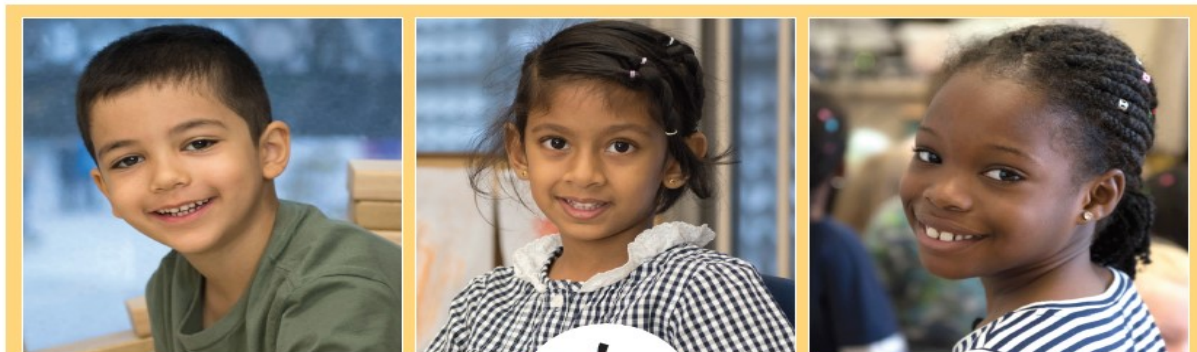
Application process opens November 4, 2019

Deadline is November 29, 2019

Junior Extended French

Application process opens January 6, 2020

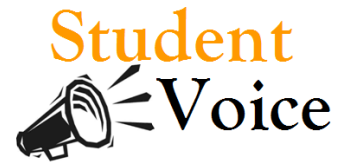
Deadline is January 31, 2020



Apply online at tdsb.on.ca/pars



Our Students Speak!!



Referee

By Joey Lin (FI Gr. 6 Student)

[Created to the tune of “Old Town Road”
Music Plays]

Yeah, I’m the referee so don’t mess with me
I got control over the entire match
I’m the referee so don’t mess with me
I got control over the entire match

I got a red card in the back
Yellow on that chest
Don’t you dare foul hard
I got the cards to match
Don’t you dare yell, ha
You can score your goals
But remember I’m staying on
‘Cause you might end up kicked out

I won’t hesitate at all
To give you those cards
I won’t hesitate at all
To give you those cards

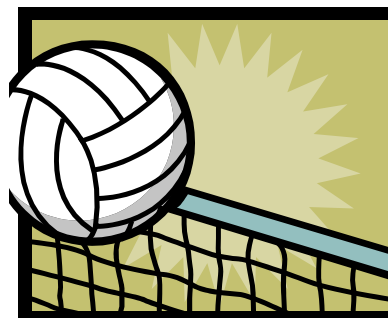
It’s February
Giving cards daily
Don’t you cheat on me ‘cause
I know how to play fair
This tackle’s a PK
You’re gonna be sent off
Red card from my pocket
‘Cause I need to give more cards

I won’t hesitate at all
To give you those cards

SPORTS/SPORTS/SPORTS!!!!!!

BG Grade 6 Boys Soccer Team

Congratulations to our Boys Soccer Team on representing Beverly Glen with the true spirit of Determine-Nation! Despite things not going their way on the scoreboard, our boys controlled their minds every step of the way. Their positive attitude, team effort and courage shown even against the tough weather conditions are all great wins they will carry with them the rest of their lives. There are no words to describe how proud Mr. Vrantsis is of all our boys!



Grades 1 to 3 Pick-Up Soccer Program

Any grade 1, 2 or 3 students interested in participating in this year's Pick-Up Soccer Program may come to gym A during morning recess every Monday throughout the school year.

Grades 4 to 6 Pick-Up Soccer Program

Any grade 4, 5 or 6 students interested in participating in this year's Pick-Up Soccer Program may come to gym A during morning recess every Tuesday throughout the school year.

Grades 1 to 3 Pick-Up Basketball Program

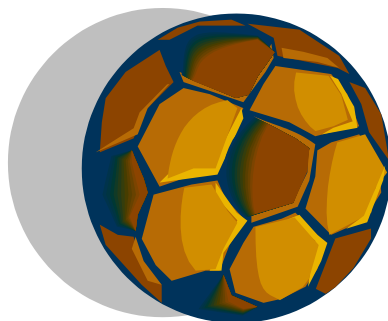
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Grades 4 to 6 Pick-Up Basketball Program

Any grade 4, 5 or 6 students interested in participating in this year's Pick-Up Basketball Program may come to gym A during morning recess every Thursday throughout the school year.

Determine-Nation/GYM: All Staff and Students at BG

Hello Beverly Glen Staff, Students and Community! Do you want more GYM? Do you want to Grow Your Mind power and learn how to win at anything in life together? Do you want to be happy? Join Mr. Vrantsis and Determine-Nation every morning in the GYM before the regular school day begins. Take charge of your day. Take charge of your life. YOU were born to WIN! Believe IT! DETERMINATION!



KM Club

Thank-you to all of our students from Grades 1-6 who participated in this term's Km Club. Every afternoon recess, the students enjoyed running around the school yard and receiving sticks that led to point totals, earning them a variety of ribbons.

This term, our top runner with the most sticks collected was Hailey in Mme Camara's Class. Way to go Hailey! Our top class this term was Mrs. Davies' Grade 2 class. They earned a combined total of 718 sticks! Impressive!

We will continue Km Club once again in the spring. All students are welcome to join and participate at their own pace.

Mrs. Kouzmanis

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](#)