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Administrator's Message

We had a beautiful September, but with October now upon us, Fall is underway!

We want to thank all our Bayview Glen P.S. families who came out to the Curriculum Night Meet and Greet. We had a wonderful turnout from our community, and it was especially enjoyable being outside for part of the evening, thanks to the milder weather. Though the school year is only just underway, we're already planning for a number of special events we'll be sharing about in the weeks to come. More recently, our annual Terry Fox School run was held on Thursday, September 26th and our community responded with considerable generosity and our students responded with great enthusiasm. *Thank you!*

October looks to be an equally busy month, and we will be looking to expand on our **Lion's Pride** and **Royal Roar** with some new character-related initiatives. And remember, there is always an opportunity for parents to become involved. Do you have something to share about the good character of one of our students? We want to hear all about it! Please submit a Royal Roar

to roar@bayviewglenps.com!

A few weeks ago, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released a School Report for 2018-2019 for each elementary school across the province on their web-site at www.eqao.com. We use data from these reports to discuss results from the assessment, alongside other classroom assessment data, in an effort to move our improvement planning agenda forward on behalf of all students. Our goal is to look for sustained growth in achievement over time, aligning our school efforts with the York Region District's School Board's Improvement Plan. We would encourage those interested to view the detailed School Report available online at the EQAO website. Please note that EQAO assessment data provide one source of data, alongside many that are used to support our improvement efforts.

As always, we thank our parents and community for being our trusted partners in promoting a shared commitment to the best teaching and learning we can provide for our students.

School Council 2019-20

On the evening of September 26, 2019 we hosted our first School Council meeting of the year. Elections were held at the meeting and Voula Kladis and Maris Langer were elected as co-chairs, Jennifer Leung was elected as treasurer and Mandy Stenzler was elected as secretary. Other elected executive members include Homa Alammanesh (Lunchtime Food Chair), Sabrina Costa (Community Chair), Adelaide Nguyen (Lunchtime Program Chair), Vaz Qazi (Outdoor Classroom Chair) and John Wong (Fundraising Chair).

We wanted to thank all the parents who attended yesterday's meeting, and we encourage everyone to consider becoming involved in School Council –you needn't be an elected member of the School Council to get involved. In particular, School Council would appreciate support from interested parents supporting areas including lunchtime food programs, fundraising, and community events. For more information on any of these committees, don't hesitate to contact the School Council co-chairs. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend meetings at any time. We have set (tentative) dates for subsequent meetings as follows: October 24, November 28, January 30, February 27, March 26, April 30 and May 28. All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. We look forward to working with you to support our students!

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Year at a Glance

Oct 14, 2019—Thanksgiving Day
 Oct 21, 2019—P.A. Day
 Oct 24, 2019—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 Oct 28, 2019—Photo Retakes
 Nov 15, 2019—P.A. Day
 Nov 28, 2019—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 Dec 23, 2019-Jan 3, 2020—Winter Break
 Jan 17, 2020—P.A. Day
 Jan 20, 2020—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 Jan 31, 2020—P.A. Day
 Feb 17, 2020—Family Day
 Feb 27, 2020—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 Mar 16, 2020-Mar 20, 2020—March Break
 Mar 26, 2020—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 April 10, 2020—Good Friday
 April 13, 2020—Easter Monday
 April 30, 2020—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 May 18, 2020—Victoria Day
 May 28, 2020—School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 June 1, 2020—P.A. Day
 June 26, 2020—P.A. Day



The most comprehensive and up-to-date list of important dates is maintained on the Bayview Glen P.S. Blog. It can be found on the right side-bar widget of the web-site.

Halloween, Fall Fun and a Note about Costumes



Each year, many students choose to show off their Halloween spirit by dressing up in costumes that meet our school's dress code. Students will be able to dress up on Thursday, October 31st.

Please note that on October 31st, the focus of the day remains on instruction, any Halloween related activities are optional, and students will have a choice to participate in alternative activities. Students will be allowed to dress up but they must follow Board Protocol. York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0 in accordance with the Ontario Safe Schools Act, includes the following mandatory expulsion criteria: *"A student shall be expelled from school if the student commits one or more of the following infractions while at school or engaged in a school-related activity (as set out in the Ontario Code of Conduct): (a) possessing a weapon or replica weapon, including a fire-arm."* Students celebrating this occasion in costume at our school must comply with this policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. Similarly, costumes should be respectful of others. For example, if something is representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, then it should not be worn as another person's costume. We ask all students to reserve coming to school in costume to *Thursday, October 31st, only*.

As always, we wish to promote healthy eating at our school, and strongly discourage students from bringing candies that are in abundance around Halloween to school. We kindly ask our community to be especially mindful that nut and nut products —often found in Halloween candy—are not brought in to the school, as well. Bayview Glen P.S. has a very popular healthy snacks program, where preferred options for snacking, such as a variety of fruits and vegetables, are available for our students to enjoy.

We're also planning for a special Fall Dance on Wednesday, October 30th hosted by Bounce Entertainment. There will be no cost for students to attend the dance, though we will be asking students to kindly bring in non-perishable food items to support a local charitable organization (additional details will follow in the weeks ahead).

We are looking forward to a fun, safe, and healthy October!

YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019. Youth suicide is a complex, emotionally-charged and sadly real problem in Canada. It is the second leading cause of death amongst young people. It's important to recognize that those who struggle with mental health have personal strength and resilience and the potential to overcome difficulties to ultimately thrive.

The YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol is designed to address the six steps involved when responding to current and present thoughts of suicide, as well as actions related to suicide. In addition, the Protocol is governed by a set of guiding principles which are underpinned by a culturally responsive and reflective practice.

Suicide is not culturally neutral. Our cultural and ethnic backgrounds will inform how each of us understands suicide. To see all the guiding principles, refer to the print version of the [YRDSB - Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) on the on the board website.

Given the urgent need to help keep students safe from suicide, each school has access to Board staff trained in suicide intervention. In the urgent situation of suicide intervention, staff trained in suicide intervention do not require parental / guardian consent to intervene. However, we do make every effort to contact parents/ guardians to apprise you of your child's situation and the assistance provided. Parents/guardians are an integral part of keeping their children safe. In the event that the intervention protocol is used, a record of the intervention will be shared with you and a copy will be created and stored in a private and confidential on-line records management system. In accordance with privacy and health records legislation, a copy will be retained until the student turns 31 years of age. As per the protocol parental/guardian (student if 18 or over) consent will be sought to share the intervention plan with those members identified in the record. If you have any questions about the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol please contact your school principal.

International Walk to School Day

October 2nd 2010 is [International Walk to School Day!](#) There are many good reasons for students to walk to school. Walking to school: Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn; Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness; Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones; Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

With this in mind, it may also be a good time for parents to remind their children about pedestrian safety. York Regional Police have provided the following safety tips on their website to help keep students safe on their way to and from school:

- Walk on available sidewalks
- Always cross at intersections
- Obey crossing guards
- Stop before stepping into roadway
- Be visible and indicate crossing intentions
- Look and listen for traffic in all directions
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Cross safely when the roadway is clear
- Walk ... do not run or cycle across roads
- If possible use the buddy system.

For more information, visit www.yrp.ca.

Monthly Wellness Tip

AFTER SCHOOL-TIME TO GET ACTIVE!

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Most children spend their after school time sitting playing video or computer games, watching television or reading. Tips to get your kids active after school:

- Get outside with your kids
- Use active modes of travel such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games during the after school period
- Encourage your child to participate in sports or intramural activities after school
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Department
- Help your child find activities that they enjoy and best suit their abilities



ACTIVE PLAY

Active play is a key behavior that contributes to overall physical activity in children and youth. In 2018, the [ParticipACTION Report Card](#) gave children and youth's active play a D grade, based on the percentage of children and youth who engage in active play and non-organized/unstructured leisure activities for several hours a day.

Active play is unstructured, child-led, often spontaneous physical activity which happens during leisure time. It can happen alone, with friends or with family. Importantly, active play is perceived enjoyable by the child. The play tends to be unsupervised, or minimally supervised, as appropriate to each child's age and developmental stage.

Active play can include such things as: Heights - climbing a tree; Speed - going for a bike ride, sledding; Use of tools - building a fort; Elements of nature - playing near water; Rough and tumble play - wrestling, playing tag; Disappearing - hiding behind a rock or a tree; Unstructured physical activities or sports - dancing to music, playing basketball in the driveway.

What active play is **not**: Organized sports, scheduled activities or guided by rules, time limits or requiring equipment; School-based physical education; Playing active video games; Play that is known to be harmful or dangerous - skating on thin ice, a preschooler going to the park alone.

Active play happens mainly outdoors and this allows children: The freedom to shout and make noise; More space to move around; Places to hide or explore; To be messy; Fresh air and sunlight.

When children are outside, they move more, sit less and play longer.

This material is provided by York Region Public Health. For more information on physical activity please visit [Physical Activity for Schools | York Region](#)