

We are in the month of December and students are working on curriculum goals and their individual learning goals. Educators continue to meet as a team to ensure that we have the appropriate support and resources available for our students.

In terms of curriculum, our educators are planning diverse lessons where they integrate a variety of perspectives and cross curricular planning to provide rich and engaging lessons that are relevant. We have discussed the gradual release of responsibility where educators are modelling the desired behaviour, then sharing the experience with the students, guiding students in practicing on their own and eventually monitoring as students take on the learning independently. We can see this occur in students who also struggle with self-regulation as well. This not only develops confidence in our students but resiliency.

School Climate is important to BCPS! For the month of December, our school has been working on the core value of the month - CARING..

Each core value is launched during our monthly virtual school assemblies.

We are following the program [Random Acts of Kindness](#) which is a program encouraged by our District to create a safe and caring school climate. This helps prevent bullying, it gives students tools to stop and report bullying, and it fosters core values we wish for all our students as human beings. Our next monthly assembly which will take place Thursday, December 16th, we will be launching our next core value which is INCLUSIVENESS.

The program also provides an at-home curriculum for families to continue the conversations and learning at home. Every week in our parent bulletin, we provide an easy activity families can do at home with their students. The activities align well with the ideas and prompts we provide students over our daily announcements.

Each core value, we take the opportunity to give students a mini activity to reflect. This continues the activity we had the students do at the beginning of the year with our gratitude tree and the leaves. This past month, we asked students to write or draw a relationship they are grateful for and what that person does to make their relationship so special. We have been posting this work all over our hallways for staff and students to appreciate. We have seen students showing appreciation for their pets, their friends, their family, their neighbour and the staff here at the school.

In January, we will be looking at INCLUSIVENESS and talk about mental health.

Our food drive is underway. This has tied in well to our community of care and curriculum such as data management as we graph our progress. The last day for donations is this Friday, December 10th.

School Spirit Days with a cause: we will begin monthly school spirit days in January. We would like to tie the day to a cause being done in that month and select a colour for students to wear. So far, we have January - blue (mental health); February - pink (pink shirt day - anti-bullying). If you have any ideas for March, April, May, June - we would love to hear it.

School News Update:

Vaccination Clinic on December 16th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at BCPS. The gym will be our location for student vaccinations.

The Ministry has sent out rapid testing kits. Every student will receive 5 rapid test kits and more information will follow in the coming weeks. This is not managed by the Ministry and not by the District at this point.

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Play Structure: District planning committee is working on a plan for our yard. This does mean if we can continue to fundraise and potentially secure a grant(s) then we can support the project. At the moment, the money we provide will enhance the yard. There are standard items that will be added but the cost is still a factor in determining what can be achieved.

School Council Updates and use of funds:

Transparency of use of funds regarding what any fundraiser is being used for.

We have purchased classroom licenses for RAZ Kids. Thank you to the School Council for giving \$500 to purchase these licenses. RAZ kids licenses are being used in all classrooms from kindergarten to grade 6. It is a great way to bridge school and home learning.

Middle French Immersion: we will be hosting a virtual MFI info night on January 26th from 6-7 pm. More to come in our parent bulletins on the meeting link and specifics of the presentation. We will also be extending the invitation to Bayshore.

Screening for Students upon return to school in January when students return January 3rd, we will be monitoring student screening along with their attendance for 2 weeks. We will maintain the same routine as we did in September - k-3 will have a form to sign and keep in their student's backpack and grades 4-6 will fill out a google form and/or verbally let their teacher know they have completed the screening.

School Council Liability Insurance:

A copy of the School Council liability insurance was shared with Troy as our Council Chair. The school council liability provides protection for the school council executive members and all volunteers action on behalf of the school council that may face lawsuits arising out of their activities for the school council. This coverage applies to various liabilities arising out of injuries to third parties or damage to leased and borrowed premises.

The document indicates how the school principal has the responsibility and approves or denies any event or activity proposed on District property and this includes spored events.