

# BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Bayside Bulletin- November 2017

Greetings- Welcome to November! The first two months of the school year have certainly flown by. The newly formatted home reports for Term 1 will be issued later this month and teachers will have a better idea where intervention/enrichment should occur. There are many activities going on! There is something for everyone at Bayside.

We're Nut Free! – Please remember that Bayside is nut free. Please do not send food products that contain peanuts or nuts, as we have students with serious allergies to nuts, and exposure to these products can result in a student going into anaphylactic shock. This is especially important this time of year, as we see many students bringing Halloween treats to school with them.

Colder Weather- As we move into late fall, we ask that parents make sure that children come to school with the proper clothing to address the colder weather. November mornings can be chilly at the bus stop. Students are expected to go outside every lunch hour (weather permitting). Please ensure that students have jackets, hats, mitts, etc. to keep warm during outside times.

Morning Drop Off- In September, we implemented a new morning drop off procedure. Thanks to everyone who is following this routine. We are concerned that a few parents choose to enter at Courtenay Avenue. Please do not do this as you will be facing the risk of heading into oncoming traffic. We ask that all drivers please enter on Bayside Drive and form a line. Please do not pass traffic in this line as children are exiting cars and may cross in front of you. The safety of your child is paramount and we appreciate the overwhelming support we have received with this change.

Sixteenth Annual Walk for Kaitlyn- Once again, the Bayside Middle School Community showed its true generosity. Together, we raised \$21 040.84. This surpassed our goal of \$20 000.00. Bayside students have collected over \$355 000.00 for the Children's Wish Foundation over the past 16 years. Well done Bayside! Thanks for all of your support with this very worthy cause. Our students and staff conducted the walk on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The neighborhood around the school witnessed close to 600 people supporting a great charity. Thanks to all the staff who organized this fundraiser. It certainly places Bayside in a very positive light! Let's hope we are #1 in Canada again this year!

Wish Wrap-Up- There are many students and classes who should be congratulated on their fundraising efforts. Most notably:

### Top Fundraisers

1. Autumn Roy & Emma Moriarty – Combined \$1542.00
2. Mia Tracy- \$705.00
3. Yebon Lee- \$505.00

### Top Classes

1. 8 Walsh- \$2963.15
2. 8 Clark- \$1547.72
3. 6 Griffin- \$1545.50

### Shout Outs

- The Wave and CHSJ for promoting this event.
- Kathy and Kelly at the Children's Wish Foundation for their support.

Special thanks to the following staff for organizing this year's event:  
Mrs. Sabin, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Adams, and Ms. McFate.

Reminder-There is no school for students on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> due to Staff Professional Learning and Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, due to Remembrance Day being on a Saturday. Bayside students will attend a ceremony in our auditorium to honour veterans on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. Every year, our students take this ceremony seriously and are very respectful when remembering all those who fought for our freedom.

Home Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences- Your child will be receiving a home report for the first term on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. This report will indicate progress from September until November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind that assessment will be done on a scale of 1-4. Your child will not receive a mark for Art, Music, or Tech on the first report, as Term 1 does not officially end until December 1<sup>st</sup>. These marks will be on the Term 2 report being sent out in March. Health and PDCP marks will also not appear and will be shown on the final report in June. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 23<sup>th</sup> from 4:00- 7:00 pm and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 3:00 pm. There is no school on November 24<sup>th</sup> for the students as staff will be attending professional development sessions in the morning in addition to Parent-Teacher conferences in the afternoon.

Important Dates:

November 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6 Rossignol & 6 Ross to Huntsman Aquarium  
November 6<sup>th</sup>- Grade 6 Math Benchmark beginning date (English Students)  
November 7<sup>th</sup>- 6 Griffin & 6 Sabin to Huntsman Aquarium  
November 8<sup>th</sup>- No school for students  
November 9<sup>th</sup>- 6 Schofield & 6 Welch to Huntsman Aquarium  
November 10<sup>th</sup>- Remembrance Day Ceremony (am)  
November 13<sup>th</sup>- Remembrance Day Observed – No School  
November 16<sup>th</sup>- Writers in Schools Program for selected students  
November 17<sup>th</sup>- Final Day for Grade 6 math benchmarks (English Students)  
November 20<sup>th</sup>- Home Reports Issued  
November 20<sup>th</sup>- Grade 6 FI Math Benchmarks begin  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>- PSSC Meeting at 6:00 pm  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>- Parent-Teacher Evening (4:00-7:00 pm)  
November 24<sup>th</sup>- (am) Teacher Professional Development – No School  
November 24<sup>th</sup>- (pm) Parent-Teacher (1:00 pm- 3:00 pm)  
December 1<sup>st</sup>- Last classes for specialties for Term 1.  
December 1<sup>st</sup>- Final Day for Grade 6 Math benchmarks (FI students)  
December 4<sup>th</sup>- Term 2 specialties begin.

Art- With the beginning of a new specialty on December 4<sup>th</sup>, all students going to Art should have a sketchbook ready.

Recycling- Every nickel and dime counts. We encourage students to recycle cans, bottles, and juice boxes. Each year, we are able to donate money to worthy charities with these funds. An example of such a donation is the schoolhouse in Africa where we send close to \$250.00 yearly. This money is used to buy blackboards, chalk, books, and cahiers. Although this is outstanding, we can do better. Please encourage your child to throw recyclable items into the proper bins and not the garbage. Thanks to Mme. Cochenec, Mme. Landry, and the Recycling Team for their efforts with this.

Friendly Reminder- please be aware that we give students permission to take another bus in emergency situations only. We get many requests for kids to accompany others due to homework, parties, sports, dances, etc. We cannot accommodate these requests, as it is against policy.

Head Lice – Head lice becomes more prevalent during the cold winter months. Here's some facts:

*What is Head Lice?* Head lice are tiny insects that live close to the human scalp. Lice can only be spread through head to head contact. Contacting lice has nothing to do with hygiene or social status. Lice is particularly common in children of school age.

*How is lice diagnosed?* Head lice is diagnosed if a living louse is found on the head. Adult lice are visible and are black, brown, or grey-white insects. No treatment should be carried out unless a live louse is found. Another stage of lice is eggs. Eggs are firmly attached to hair- this helps differentiate them from dandruff which comes out easily. Eggs are translucent when laid, and white after hatching.

*How is lice detected?* Using a fine tooth comb can help detect lice. It is three times more effective than visual inspection alone. Start at the crown and comb down, checking the comb for lice after each stroke.

*What treatments are available?* Speak to your pharmacist about which treatment may work best for you. There is no strong evidence to support home remedies.

*Can I prevent head lice?* The best way to prevent head lice is to do regular inspections of your children and family members. Teach your children not to share personal items during reported outbreaks. Beyond this there is insufficient evidence to support interventions to prevent lice.

For additional information, contact your pharmacist or NB Department of Public Health.