## **BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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## PRINCIPAL – MR. PAT LASKEY

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## 15th ANNUAL WALK FOR KAITLYN

On October 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, the staff and students of Bayside Middle School will be taking part in a fun walk to raise money for the CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION. Each student and staff member is asked to collect pledges for this worthy cause. In the last thirteen years, Bayside Middle has made donations over \$307,000 to the Children's Wish Foundation. It is our goal this year to maintain our top collector status and raise \$20,000.

The walk is named after Kaitlyn Doucette, a former Bayside student, who courageously fought and sadly lost her battle with cancer thirteen years ago, in September of 2002. In addition to Kaitlyn, we have had three other students who left this world after lengthy illnesses, Britney Hanson, John Churchill, and most recently, Josh Gunn. Kaitlyn, Britney, John, and Josh were all granted wishes through the Wish Foundation. In light of their passing, with the desire to help dreams come true in the lives of youth across New Brunswick and Canada, we will be donating the proceeds from our pledge drive to the Children's Wish Foundation in memory of Kaitlyn, Britney, John, and Josh.

The route will encompass the large block around the school. Students and staff will depart Bayside and return approximately 40 minutes later. All students should have no difficulty completing this activity, but to ensure no accidents, if your child requires a puffer he/she should have it with him/her during the walk. In addition to being a fundraiser, this walk also serves as practice for our Emergency Measures Plan. The route leads us to our evacuation destination used in the event of an emergency. Students will receive refreshments upon their return to the school.

Please fill in and return the permission slip below to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Students will receive their pledge sheets on the same day they return their permission slip. We are requiring that every student bring back their pledge forms, even if they are blank. Students will also receive a numbered Authorized Collector card. This card must remain attached to the pledge form until returned to the school. This ensures that our Campaign is legitimate and that all proceeds will be donated to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, New-Brunswick Chapter.

Any student or staff member who collects a minimum of \$50.00 will receive a Bayside - CWF T-Shirt. We encourage students to bring their money in each day, even if they are still fundraising. The top 3 fundraising classes will receive a pizza party, and the top 3 pledge collectors in the school will each receive cash prizes of \$200.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00 respectively. Let's work together to reach our goal and grant some wishes!

Sincerely,

P. Laskey Principal

If your child is willing to seek pledges, this form must be returned to the homeroom teacher before any pledge forms are given out.

has permission to participate in Bayside Middle School's Children's Wish Foundation Fundraiser and Wish Walk Event on October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Pledge sheets** (including blank forms) and money must be returned by Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Signature of Parent/Guardian