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This month Commit to Character is: “COURAGE”

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Where did October go? Time has certainly passed quickly as we head into our third month of school. The leaves are nearly all down and the days are getting shorter. November is here. As nature puts itself to bed, we at Bayview keep the moment alive and fresh.

We had our first Character assembly last week. Special congratulations to all those students who received Character Award certificates from their teachers. I hope all families were able to make it in to the student progress report conferences that were also held last week. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to try and set up a face-to-face visit.

Thanks to school council members for helping out with Spirit wear orders during the conferences. Just a reminder that we still have sizing samples in the office and that order forms (attached to this newsletter) are due back on Nov. 11. (A great Christmas gift idea...).

Hotdog days are back by popular demand and will begin later this month. An order form will be sent home for those families interested in ordering hotdogs.

Thank you to all those who were able to make Terry Fox contributions. As a school we raised over \$500.00 for Cancer research!

Remembrance Day is an important learning experience for students. This year Bayview's Grade 5-8 students will walk to the Cenotaph to be part of

the larger Midland service, while our JK-4 students will have a service in the gymnasium. Those heading to the Cenotaph will need to come prepared for the weather conditions that day. The Midland Legion has dropped off a poppy box in the office. Any student wishing to make a donation and receive a poppy can do so any time leading up to that day.

J. Bell

Message from SCDSB's Director of Education; Kathi Wallace

At the Sept. 28 Board Meeting, it was shared publicly that I will retire as of December 31, 2016. As I'm sure you can imagine, this decision was challenging for me. I love what I do - I have felt this way in every role during my 39 years in this board. It's truly been an honour to serve the students and families of Simcoe County throughout my career. I've had the privilege of working with fantastic staff, parents and community partners. I've been surrounded by skilled, passionate and caring people.

My focus remains on our work as I complete my time here. The Board of Trustees have started the search for a new director. We are also now gathering the results of our strategic planning consultation. The input provided by our staff, students, parents and community members will be invaluable to the board and senior administration, including the new director, as they move the system forward.

I am looking forward with optimism to this next stage of my life. It's a chance to spend some more time with my family. This includes my growing group of beautiful grandchildren who provide that daily reminder of life's wonder and simple joys. It's that same reminder I cherish from my days as a classroom teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first school council meeting for the 2016/2017 school year was Monday, October 3rd. Thank you to all parents who attended. This year Bayview's co-chairs for school Council will be Melanie Gilchrist and Sonja Givlin. Our next meeting is this week—Nov. 2 at 6:00 pm in the Library.

SAFE SCHOOLS

As part of the Ontario safe Schools procedures, all schools need to develop plans in the event an emergency were to happen. Some of these include, fire drills, hold and secure procedures, lockdowns and new this year—school evacuation procedures. In the event Bayview ever had to be evacuated, our staff and students would proceed to another location, which in this case is Georgian Bay District SS (formerly MSS). On Wednesday Nov. 2, our plan is to introduce students to the route we would take and therefore will be walking on mass as a school to that location. Students will need to be prepared to head outdoors, but since it is a planned drill teachers will allow time to put on coats if required prior to exiting the building.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM



Another exciting season of Cross Country Running is now over. Bayview demonstrated grit and perseverance practicing three times a week for just over a month in preparation for the Area race at Little Lake Park. Over 50 students represented Bayview and gave it their all. Our grade 5 boys team finished 1st overall and received the championship banner to display in our gym. All four of the boys finished in the top 10 placings. Overall, 10 students qualified for the Simcoe County championships, which were held at Mount St. Louis Moonstone. Our team represented Bayview at each meet with positive behaviour and respect. All of the coaches couldn't be more proud of our Bayview students for joining the team and dedicating their time and effort at each practice and meet.

Thank you coaches and students for a wonderful season.

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found is beginning to accumulate clothing. Students are asked to get into the habit and have a look, but often don't even remember what is theirs. At the end of the month we will be bagging up items and taking it to the Salvation Army. If you are missing items please stop by and go through the bin.

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

On the SCDSB website, under 'Schools' – 'School Year Calendars', you will find the 2016-2017 School Year Calendars.

<http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Schools/Pages/School-Year-Calendars.aspx>

November News from the Library

Book Fair: Thanks to everybody who supported the book fair last week. From the funds raised, we have purchased several boxes of new books to add to the library, and the remaining funds will be used to help purchase books and materials for our upcoming library programs.

During the book fair, I hid several golden tickets for book fair credit under student desks.

Congratulations to all those students who discovered tickets and received new books! Many families attempted the book fair trivia quiz. The two winners of book fair prizes were William and Ainsley. James in Mrs. Larmand's class was the winner of our prize of \$25 of books for himself and \$25 of books for his class. Thanks again to everybody who volunteered, or visited the book fair.

Eric Walters: On November 10, Canadian Author Eric Walters is coming to Midland Public Library. A selected group of Bayview students and teachers will be walking to the Midland Public Library on November 10th to see him. Students have been chosen because they showed interest in the trip by reading one or more Eric Walters books in October or by assisting with the library and the book fair.

Coming Events in the library: Battle of the Books, Hour of Code and Makerspace. Stay tuned for more information.

Mr. McGaughey-- Your friendly neighbourhood librarian.



It's almost winter:

Bus cancellation information for parents

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus

information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **NORTH** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools are still open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

HEALTH UNIT: IMMUNIZATION INFO

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
- Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
- Varicella (chickenpox) - only for those born 2010 and after

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- check your child's yellow immunization card
- contact your child's health-care provider to obtain records or get missing vaccinations
- go to <http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline> to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH UNIT

Parents are always doing their best to protect their kids from harm. Have you ever wondered how movies influence our children? Research shows

that seeing smoking in movies has a direct impact on youth smoking. In fact, the more often kids see smoking in the movies, the more likely they are to smoke. So why is smoking allowed in children and youth-rated movies? Movies influence kids. Make them smoke free. For more info visit the health unit website: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or www.smokefreemovies.ca.

FREE FILM SCREENING

Most Likely to Succeed, a documentary
On November 22, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) will hold public screenings of the film *Most Likely To Succeed*. This film examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to transform learning as we know it. To learn more about the film and view a trailer, visit www.mltsfilm.org/.

The following schools will screen the movie:

Innisdale Secondary School
Nantyr Shores Secondary School
Lions Oval Public School
Nottawa Public School

Georgian Bay District Secondary School

Bradford District High School
Alliston Union Public School

The screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. and the film is 90 minutes in length. Everyone is welcome to attend and the film is appropriate for all audiences (please note that there is one profanity word in the movie). Please pre-register for the event at www.scdsb.on.ca.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Simcoe County District School Board is pleased to offer an International Languages program to students in Grades 1 to 8. This program allows students to develop their first language skills or study a new language.

The Learning Centres offer the following languages:

- Russian, Spanish, Tamil and Ukrainian in Bradford
- Russian, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean and German in Barrie

To register, visit www.thelearningcentres.com or call 705-725-8360.