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Be Safe, Be Fair, Be Kind

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FEBRUARY 26TH 2020
PINK SHIRT DAY

February 26 is Pink Shirt Day

In 2007, Halifax students, David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for another kid. So Mr. Shepherd and some others headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out a message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.

On February 26, 2020, we encourage everyone to continue to practice kindness and to wear pink. Remember that at Bayview, we are Safe, Fair and Kind every day and in every way. Students will be taking part in a special Family Teams activity in the afternoon that has been organized by our student council.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all families who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Lunch. Parents arrived early in the morning and worked through to the afternoon to set up, present, and clean up the many incredible dishes; both savoury and sweet. There were bouquets of beautiful flowers at each table and we all felt as if we were in a fabulous restaurant for the lunch hour. We are very grateful for your kindness, generosity and time. We miss seeing you as much as we used to, so this day felt especially wonderful for all of us.

Canuck Place Cookie Day

On Thursday, February 27, student council will be having a bake sale to raise money for Canuck Place. We will have more information closer to the time and thank you for supporting our student initiatives.



Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm in the library at General Gordon Elementary. Childcare is provided. We will have several updates regarding our seismic replacement process. If you would like to provide feedback into school programs and initiatives, it is important that you attend. Remember that all Bayview parents are members of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

February 14 and February 17-School Not in Session

Just a reminder that Friday, February 14 is a district wide Professional Development Day. This is a day of learning for our staff.

Monday, February 17 is the Family Day Holiday. See you Tuesday, February 18.

SOGI Day-February 21- A Day to Celebrate Acceptance

Our student council have organized a SOGI day for our school. On this day, we will have an assembly where students will learn why we talk about SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) in terms of how we need to be inclusive of everyone in our community and SOGI-inclusive education is fundamentally about learning to treat each other with dignity and respect regardless of our differences.

We hope you can join us for our assembly. If students wish to wear rainbow or bright clothing on this day, they are also welcomed to do so.

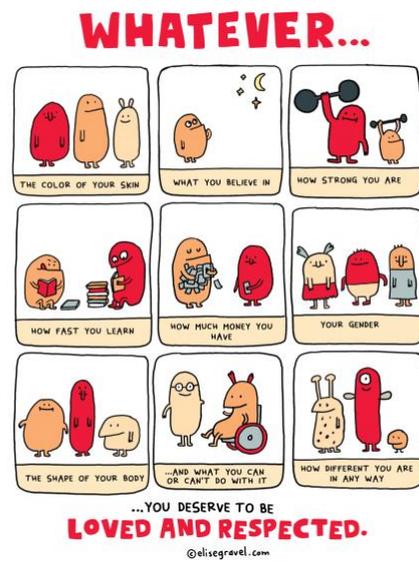
Upcoming Important Events

February

- 14 Professional Development Day
- 17 Family Day Holiday
- 19 PAC Meeting General Gordon 6:30 pm
- 20 Heath Tarlin Entertainment Performance 1 pm
- 21 SOGI Day
- Bayview "Cabin" Party
- 26 Zero Hero Presentation
- Pink Shirt Day-Family Team Activity
- 27 Canuck Place Cookie Day-Bake Sale
- 28 Class, team and panorama photos

March

- 4-5 Early Dismissal for student-led conferencing 1:45 pm
- 15-29 Spring Break
- 30 Return to school following Spring Break



From the Bayview PAC

A great way to get to know other parents at Bayview, support the Bayview community, and get a glimpse into your kids' day at school is to help out with our various PAC events. We have several opportunities coming up that need volunteers to make them happen--choose one that fits your interests and abilities! None of them require heavy time investments, just an hour or two out of your day. Please join us!

Cabin Party, February 21: We need several different kinds of helpers on the night of the event. For information and to sign up, go to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1X4gP-mXUk8S9o9GGdOCzHXOI6MjF2HvsE8-ghp_Bghs/edit?usp=sharing

Sports Day, May 14: At school, help other volunteers cut up fruit and distribute snacks to the kids during their break from sports day activities. Email bayviewpac@gmail.com if you are interested.

Direct Drive Fundraising, ongoing: Identify potential donors in the community at large, write request letters, visit potential donors, etc. Contact Kelly Ryan, kellyryan08@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Our fabulous parent community is a big part of making Bayview such a fantastic school. Thank you!

Classroom Updates

Division 10 wants to thank everyone for coming and purchasing baked goods at their Bake Sale. Four girls in Division 10 watched a program about the Hispid Hare and discovered that it was the most endangered species in the world. So they set out to try raise some funds to see if that would help save it. With their classmates, they made posters, gave presentations to the classes, and baked and sold baked goods and together we raised \$247.00. We have sent it to a wildlife charity. Thank you so much for supporting our venture.

Division 6 will be attending a weeklong Polygon museum visit with workshops with working artists.

Some photos from Day of Play in **Division 11**

