


Parent-Teacher Conferences

Lower School For parents of students in BG2 to Grade 5

 **November 6 & 7**
from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

in the classrooms and specialist locations

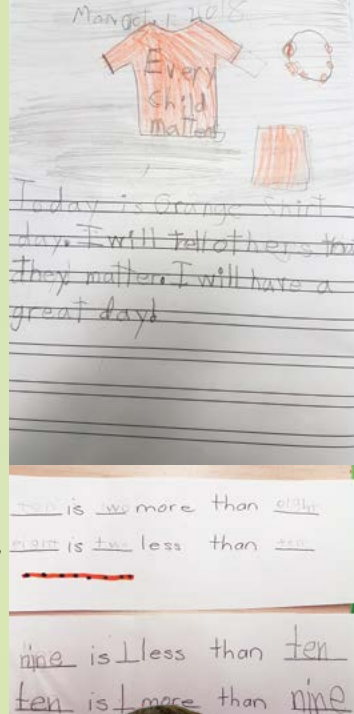
Parent-teacher conferences are a great opportunity to meet and discuss issues and progress with your child's teacher. This is an evening for parents and teachers only. Should it be absolutely necessary to bring your child, he/she must remain with you at all times since all staff will be busy.

Each homeroom teacher conference is 15 minutes long and we appreciate punctuality both on arrival and departure. Parents may also request to meet with a specialist teacher. Each specialist conference is 10 minutes long. Specialist teachers will post a schedule outside their classroom door so that they can see everyone in a timely and fair manner. In order to maintain our schedule, it is important that the parent and teacher be aware of the time, and if necessary, a continuation of the conference at another time may be requested. Should you arrive late to a conference, the teacher will try to reschedule your conference during the evening or at another convenient time.

After School Programme is available provided that you register in advance.

To register for BG2, BG3 & JK, email Wendy Hillier at whillier@bayviewglen.ca

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Jesse Denison, Director of Teaching and Learning, Lower School

Developing Deep Thinking by Caring About Orange Shirt Day

Schools that successfully engage students in the learning process understand that the institution exists as part of a community. Important conversations that are happening within the community should also be happening within the curriculum. As Neuroscientist Mary-Helen Immordino-Yang wrote in the New York Times, "It is literally neurobiologically impossible to think deeply about things that you don't care about." From when we are extremely young, people care about what is taking place in their communities. Across Canada, Orange Shirt Day has entered the social consciousness. This is why, at the end of September, there are stories about Orange Shirt Day that are shared in newspapers, online, on television, and on the Radio.

Orange Shirt Day has been celebrated at Bayview Glen for the last three school years. Borrowing from the official website, "Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. It is also a time to celebrate that Every Child Matters." Leading up to the day, teachers created engaging learning opportunities in their classes that ensured the day was

meaningful, and celebrated appropriately. For example, the Grade 3 classes read *Shi-shi-etko* by Nicola Campbell to help students understand what it might have been like for a young person to leave their community to go to the required residential school.

Using another illustration, LIC's reading about Orange Shirt Day led to many different curricular experiences. In Math, students continued their number study, and focussed on patterning to develop orange-themed friendship bracelets. During the class's Language study, students wrote and shared journal entries about why Orange Shirt Day is important to them.

Celebrating before and after the actual day allowed our students the opportunity to gain important knowledge about a difficult part of Canada's story. This also helped our students understand a topic that they might have heard about outside of school. As we move through the year, paying attention to the events that matter to our communities will continue to be a focus. Engaging our students, as referenced by Immordino-Lang, is the gateway to deep thinking.

Adventure Place Better Beginnings

Once again, Bayview Glen is partnering with Adventure Place – Better Beginnings Now, to bring some hope and happiness to Toronto families in need during the holiday season. This programme works in partnership with Toronto Public Health, Healthy Families Adventure Place, Public Health Agency of Canada, Toronto Preschool Speech and Language, Child Welfare Agencies, Surrey Place Centre, and Centennial Infant and Child Care Centre. Better Beginnings Now works with young vulnerable families to ensure healthy development of children prenatally to six years of age. These families may be new to the country/area and having difficulty learning a new language, finding work, coping with a restricted budget, and/or having difficulty accessing Community Services.

From November 19 to December 12, the Lower School will have boxes in their homerooms. Each homeroom is given a family profile so they can bring in donations that meet the specific needs of their family. The packing of the family gift boxes will take place in the Bubble on December 13 – all Bayview Glen parents and community member volunteers are welcome.

In the Prep School, each homeroom will receive a family profile. Students, along with their Homeroom teacher, will discuss the items and/or gift cards needed for their individual family. Items will be collected in storage containers. Our Heads of Community Outreach and Class Representatives on the Prep Student Council will help Homeroom teachers with their lists of items and/or gift cards. The students will then help pack the containers once all items are collected. We will be collecting items and/or gift cards from Monday, November 19 to Monday, December 10. A group of ten Grade 8 students will also assist with the delivery of the goods to the families on Friday, December 14.

The Upper School will be collecting donations for each mentor group's assigned family from November 13 until December 12, with pick up the morning of December 13. Each mentor group is assigned a family. The family's package should include one gift per family member along with gift cards and TTC tokens. Gift cards (Walmart, grocery stores, Dollarama, Shoppers and Canadian Tire) allow parents to purchase what they really need through the holiday season and into the winter. Within each mentor group, students will divide up items to be donated to ensure there is something for all of the family's needs.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get together and work towards helping vulnerable families in our neighbourhood have a special holiday season and help them meet their day-to-day needs. This project has become an integral part of Bayview Glen's holiday season and helps our students build a strong sense of commitment to their community.

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BVG sisters take part in Word on the Street

What do you get when you mix some sunshine, books, bibliophiles, and Dennis Lee together? The Word on the Street on the Harbourfront! A few weeks ago, we had the great opportunity to be a part of this festival where we read our stories which had been published by Ripple Publishing as part of the Kids Write for Kids competition. We were asked by the publisher to do a book reading at the festival and were both excited to not only read on a stage, but to also meet with another winner from Port Hope, Emily Little. The day of the festival was brimming with sunshine and people ready to stick their noses in a good book! We started the morning by meeting Emily as well as some hopeful young writers and signing some books. We then ascended onto a large stage and got hooked up with small microphones, so we

could read our stories out to the audience. The book readings were quite the experience, the highlight of which was the sighting of Alligator Pie poet, Dennis Lee in the audience. Also, in attendance were Mr. Clark and Ms. lafrate with their hands already filled with material suitable for the Clarkbrary. At the end, there was a thrill as the audience clapped and we answered some questions regarding our journeys and advice we might have for other aspiring authors. The best part of the day was having kids come up to us and saying that they wanted to enter the competition and start writing. We left the event with a feeling of exhilaration and a new meaning to the words by Beverly Cleary "If you don't see the book you want on the shelves, write it."

-Emaan and Safaa Ali



Miso Glazed Salmon

Makes 5 servings. This recipe for miso glazed salmon is an estimation based on our large quantity cooking. Adjust ingredients and spices according to your taste.

RECIPE COMPLIMENTS OF:



Ingredients:

- 5 (6 ounce) salmon fillets, skin on and pin bones removed
- 4 tablespoons white miso paste
- 4 tablespoons of light soy sauce
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 clove of minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced ginger
- 3 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons of mirin
- ¼ cup of water
- 1 teaspoon of cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon of fresh ground black pepper

Preparation:

1. For the glaze: In a stainless steel bowl, combine the miso paste, soy sauce, sugar, ginger, rice vinegar and cornstarch. Whisk well to incorporate all the ingredients.
2. In a sauce pan drizzle approximately 1 tablespoon of olive oil on medium high heat. Add the minced garlic and mix rapidly for about 30 second, or until the garlic is lightly toasted. Add the glaze mixture to the pan and bring it to boil. Turn the heat down and remove it from the heat once the glaze is thickening.
3. Position a rack in the center of the oven and set the temperature to 375°F (190°C).
4. Lightly brush the salmon skin with olive oil and place the salmon skin-side down on a baking sheet. Spoon the miso glazed mixture and brush it evenly over the salmon fillets. Broil for 10 to 15 minutes, until desired doneness. Sprinkle with black pepper before serving.

