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 Bayside Bulletin- November 2021

* Please note that this newsletter was composed during the CUPE strike and some of the contents are subject to change.

Greetings- Welcome to November! Considering the ever present Covid restrictions, a labour strike, and on-line learning, the first two months of the school year have certainly flown by. Home reports for Term 1 will be issued on November 29th and teachers will have a better idea where intervention/enrichment should occur. Most of our students have settled into a daily routine and are following STOMP Principles and our plan to combat Covid-19. It’s taken a great deal of hard work and common sense, but it’s certainly necessary!

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. One of our areas of focus at Bayside is giving all students the opportunity to learn about food allergies and anaphylaxis.

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. We also ask that students have a clean pair of sneakers for gym class. The outside fields can get quite muddy.

Children’s Wish- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are not able to do our annual fundraising campaign for Children’s Wish on such a large scale. As this is our charity of choice, our students and staff expressed the desire to host smaller scale fundraisers during months of October and November. We’ll keep you informed as to what events will occur. Thanks for your continued support.

Reminder-There is no school for students on Friday, November 19th due to Staff Professional Learning and home report preparation and Thursday, November 11th, due to Remembrance Day.

Home Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences- Your child will be receiving a home report for the first term on Monday, November 29th. This report will indicate progress from September until November 18th. Please keep in mind that assessment will be reported using the 1-4 scale. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, December 2nd from 4:00- 7:00 pm and Friday, December 3rd from 9:00- 11:00am. There is no school on December 3rd for the students as staff will be attending professional development sessions in the afternoon in addition to Parent-Teacher conferences in the morning. The District will be sending out information soon as to how to book these virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams.

Art- With the beginning of a new specialty on November 29th, 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 Mr. Bacon and the Recycling Team for their efforts with this.

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.

Bayside Community Garden- Hello from the Broncos Community Garden! We are actively seeking interested folks to continue growing the garden for students, community members and area food banks. We have an immediate need for lawn care and if anyone can commit to helping with this task, please get in touch! The Broncos Garden is unique with 25 garden plots dedicated to two local food banks. As a result, the Saint John Community Food Basket can provide a tax receipt for the work if completed by a company willing to assist with lawn care. If interested in helping with lawn care or other aspects of the garden, please reach out to Samara Carvell, Community Developer, at (506) 349-5673 or samara.carvell@horizonnb.ca

Emergency Preparedness- We want you to be aware that Bayside Middle School has made many preparations to deal effectively with emergency situations that could occur in or around the school while classes are in session. While we hope a natural disaster or other serious incident never occurs, our goal is to be prepared for any potential emergency. At all times, our priority is to protect all students and staff from harm.

For our emergency response plan to be effective, we depend on the cooperation and assistance of many people, such as the police and fire department. We also depend on you, as parents, to support our disaster-response efforts. Your cooperation is vital to help us protect the safety and welfare of all children and school employees.

Therefore, in an emergency, we ask parents to observe the following:

1. Do not telephone the school. We understand and respect your concern, but it is essential that the telephone system be available for emergency communications.
2. Tune your radio to local stations for emergency announcements and status reports.
3. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. It may be necessary to keep the streets and parking lot clear for emergency vehicles. If evacuation is required, students may be transported to a location away from the school. You will be notified of this through the media bulletins.
4. Talk to your children and emphasize how important it is for them to follow instructions form their teachers and school officials during any emergency.
5. Carefully read all information you receive from the school. You may receive updates about our safety procedures from time to time.

We are proud that Bayside Middle School is a safe school, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way. We appreciate your support and cooperation. If you have any questions about this, please contact Pat Laskey-Principal at 658-5331 or at patrick.laskey@nbed.nb.ca

BAYSIDE ATHLETICS

Cross country team wrapped up their season capturing both the Boys & Girls Saint John Regional Championship. We have not won both titles in over 20 years. Bayside is super proud of the 45 students who represented the “Sea of Blue” (what the spectators and coaches called us). This will the boys’ third consecutive championship and the girls’ first after coming 2nd the past 3 years. Ribbon winners were:

Gr 8 boys Isaiah K in 1st, Nathan S 2nd, and Austin G in 4th.

Gr 8 girls; Lily W. 1st, Julia K 3rd, Olivia R 4th, and Morgan S 5th.

Gr 7 boys Will L in 1st, Jayden P was 60 milliseconds behind coming in 2nd, Max G 3rd, Connor L 4th, and Isaac D in 5th.

Gr 7 girls 1st we had Maddison B in 1st, Taylor B 2nd, Alyse R 3rd, Daniella B. 4th, Hailey B 5th, and Taylor T 6th.

Gr 6 boys; Reed W in 1st, Jasiah 2nd, Anthony 3rd, Vance L 5th and Logan T. 6th.Special shout out to William C for a 50 second Personal Best.

Gr 6 girls Lilly D 2nd, Payton 3rd, Maya F. 4th, and Lilly M 6th.

Thanks to coaches Madame Lamprea and Ms. Belliveau for their commitment to excellence.

Boys Soccer Team had a very successful season coming out as the top Saint John team. They had a dramatic semi-final game vs MNS going into sudden death with Nathan Salamone scoring and Carter Brideau making the big save but fell short in the Regional Finals vs SDC. Coaches wanted to share how proud they are on the improvement over the season and the heart and determination they showed during playoffs.

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Girls Soccer Team came second in regular season and had a nail-biting semi-final game against SDC where it went to a shootout. They lost a heartbreaker in order to move onto the Regional finals.

Thanks to coach to boys coach Dennis McCarthy, and the girls coaches Dean Moriarty, Colin Lucas along with faculty adviser Mr. Long and Mr. Shephard for their time, commitment and expertise.

SOCCER JERSEYS MUST BE RETURNED TO MR. SHEPHARD AS SOON AS WE ARE BACK TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU

Cheerleading is well on its way with 16 students selected for the team as they prepare for upcoming invitationals and Provincials in 2022. Those students who missed tryouts due to not having both vaccinations can tryout Friday, Nov 12th 3-530 (If we’re back in school). They must send Mr. Laskey proof of vaccination prior to the date.

Badminton team: tryouts were to start November 2-5 but will be rescheduled when we return to school. In the mean- time please forward your child’s vaccination info to Mr. Laskey if they plan on trying out. Those that were on the soccer, cross country or cheerleading team do not need to as proof has already been shown.

We have a grade 6, 7, and 8 team made up of 6 girls and 6 boys per team.

The team will be preparing for Zone playoffs (Dec 6-10) and then the Saint John Regional championship (Dec 13-17) at MNS.

 Athletic fee is $20 which includes a Bayside athletic shirt which they will keep. If they already have their shirt from cross country or track, then its $10 for fee.

If you have any questions you can touch base with Mr. Shephard or Mr. Bacon.

NO SPECTATORS ARE PERMITTED TO WATCH PRACTICES OR PLAYOFFS AS THESE ARE COVID RULES FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball Tryouts tentatively are scheduled for Dec 13th – 21st for our Varsity boys and Varsity girls teams. (roughly 10-12 players will make up each team) so get practicing or join your local basketball league to improve your skills for tryouts.

SUBWAY ATHLETE OF THE MONTH- recognizes students who make a huge contribution during their season. Commitment, sportsmanship, leadership, improvement are some of the qualities one displays in order to be recognized. Thanks again to Subway in providing these certificates and free subs to our students.

September AOM Cross country- congrats to Nick Holder -Cunningham and Hailey Bertolini

September AOM Soccer- congrats to Carter Brideau and Olivia Robart

These students will be recognized when we get back to school so congrats to these students.