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Happy New Year!

We hope that all of our families had a wonderful holiday season whatever your celebrations are. It is such a nice break to spend with friends and family.

Happy New Year! All the best in 2018.

During the month of December we focused on Diversity. We learned about being inclusive in many different ways. People of many cultures, families and religions learn together at our school. We also made a generous impact in our community with all of the Food Bank donations that students brought in. Thank you to all of our families for their generosity.

During the month of January we will be looking at "Responsibility", one of our Learning Skills. These are the indicators of responsibility:

Fulfills responsibilities and commitments within the learning environment

Completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to agreed upon timelines

Takes responsibility for and manages own behaviour

Please take time to talk about responsibility at home and give your children some ways to contribute to the family and home. Make sure they complete their homework and use appropriate strategies for managing their behaviour.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting is on January 23 at 6:00 pm.

We will be sharing the new Health and Physical Education curriculum. School Council did a great job of organizing our first pizza day, Holiday Shoppe and Crafters' Fair. There will be a Dance-a-thon fundraiser on February 16. Please join us to get more involved our school! Council is looking for a Secretary and members for the Fundraising Committee.

Student Council

Student Council organized a fun spirit day in December having everyone dressing up in a variety of colours. On January 8 we will dress for winter!!! Wear your hat and scarf and mittens in class!

United Way

Every Friday students and staff may wear a hat and make a donation to the United Way. The United Way supports many community agencies that benefit our families and neighborhoods. Please support this initiative!

Staff

In December we said good bye to Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson was an exceptional teacher for our school for many years and made many contributions to the school including the Community Garden, Me to We and being the teacher representative on School Council. We wish her good luck at Winston Churchill Public School.

Please welcome Ms. Nicole Stone in one of our Kindergarten Programs. Ms. Stone comes to us with a wealth of Kindergarten experience. Also, Ms. Tasha Davis was new to us late in the fall in the grade 1/2. We are so fortunate to have such a strong and caring staff at Bayridge.

Me to We

The Me to We Committee ran a campaign in the fall to raise awareness amongst our students about cyber-bullying. In January a sub-committee will be presenting research about Haiti. They will be running a fundraising initiative "Handicrafts for Haiti" in January to raise funds for clean water and education in Haiti. Watch for details coming home in January.

Athletics

Our athletics program continues to provide lots of opportunities for our students. Our fall sports of cross country running, soccer and volleyball involved many students. Basketball is already underway in the New Year! Thanks to our coaches who make this possible.

Punctuality/Early pick ups!

We respectfully ask that families get students to school on time in the morning. Also, please avoid picking students up early unless it is absolutely necessary. Early pick ups disrupt instructional time and at the end of the day makes things very hectic in the office.

Radical Science-January 31!

School Council has organized "Radical Science" to come in to the school to engage families in learning about Science. Please put January 31 on your calendar and join us in the evening for a lot of learning and fun!

