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Character Focus for April:

For the month of May we will be focussing on respecting each other: we will be working on working well in groups. We cannot assume that students know how to work in groups; these skills need to be taught. Sometimes teachers will assign roles for students to play such as leader, note taker, questioner etc. Students will be asked to peer assess and self assess how they have contributed to group work. Collaboration is one of our Learning Skills and so an area that students are assessed on. In addition, we know that education and the workplace are becoming more and more collaborative places and we want to prepare students for those realities.

Extra-curriculars at Bayridge

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff at Bayridge that in addition to providing the highest quality instruction are also offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students. This makes their experience at school very holistic and well rounded. It allows students to shine in all kinds of ways. At the moment we have: Chess Club, media club, junior basketball, running club, variety show, Me to We club and Student Council. We truly educate the whole child at Bayridge!

School Council

Clothing drive due May 1

UP United Parents Social May 3, 6:00pm

Next coffee morning: May 15, 2017

Next meeting: May 30, 6:00 pm

Spring Fling: May 25

Yearbooks

Yearbook orders have been sent home and must be back by the deadline. They are all pre-ordered.

Parking lot safety

Please ensure the utmost safety in our busy parking lot.

- Younger students should be picked up at either the Primary or the Kindergarten doors and escorted to cars
- Older students should use the sidewalks and not cut across the parking lots or garden area
- Cars should be travelling very slowly in and out of the parking lot

Teachers have reviewed these rules in classes this week.

Class lists

The staffing process for next year has begun. Teachers will be preparing class lists soon based on the number of students we are projected to have by the board. The organization of the school and the assignments for teachers are always tentative until we see exactly what students we have in September. When we create classes, we take into account a number of factors including special education needs, achievement levels, combinations of students, gender balance, and personalities. We try to balance classes so that all classes have a mixture of abilities. If your child is in a combined grade in the lower grade it does not necessarily mean that they are stronger students just as if they are in the higher grade it does not necessarily mean they are weaker.

If you have considerations that are educational in nature that you would like to be taken into consideration when we are placing your child, please submit your requests in writing to Ms. Peterson. We will try to satisfy requests that make sense with the overall picture.

Students will find out which class they are in on the first day of school.

Nunavut Exchange

Seventeen students travelled to Nunavut April 3-13. They stayed in Baker Lake, which is in the geographical center of Canada, lived with Inuit families and participated in a wide variety of activities including building igloos, Inuit games, sewing sealskin mitts and learning all about life in the arctic. We look forward to hosting our new friends May 11-17 here in our Bayridge community.

Grade 8 Graduation

Graduation is on June 27. Students need to be at the school for the group graduation photo at 4:30 pm. Doors will open at 4:50. Ceremony starts at 5:00. Refreshments will follow. A bus will take students to the cruise at 7:15 and return them to the school at 10:00 pm.

Kindergarten Registration

Families are encouraged to register their children for Kindergarten as soon as possible. Children have to be 4 years old by December 31, 2017. Early registration ensures that you receive an invitation to our Welcome to Kindergarten evening and that we can make plans to support if your child has any special needs.

