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# The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 16-19— Parent Conferences & Early Dismissal
- Oct. 18—We Day
- Oct. 19—Mobile Dairy
- Oct. 19—Metis Presentation
- Oct. 20—Pro-D Day
- Oct. 21—Clippers Cheer Off
- Oct. 26—Pizza Day
- Oct. 31—Halloween Parade
- Nov. 1—Pajama Day & Hallway Read

## Principal's Message

It has been a tremendous start-up at Bayview this year!

Thank you to all the staff, students, and especially parents for helping get the community back into the routines of school.

There have been some nice additions to our school this year, with one important change being the increase in our classrooms from seven divisions to eleven divisions. With this growth, we have smaller class sizes and a powerful ability to work in creative ways to support the learning of all students.

I am also thrilled to see how quickly our new families are integrating into the community. We even have some of our new parents stepping into PAC roles and other volunteer opportunities.

At our morning gatherings each Friday, we talk about paddling together as a community in the snuwulh (canoe); I am proud to say that with all of our paddles in the water we are moving in a good direction.

Have a wonderful October!

Mr. Kevin Brand, Principal

### EARLY DISMISSAL Oct. 16-19

To accommodate Parent Conferences,

Bayview will dismiss at 1:22pm

for 4 days:

Monday October 16-

Thursday October 19

### HALLOWEEN COSTUME REMINDERS

We plan to have a Halloween parade in the gym after long recess (around 12:30 ish) on October 31st.

If you decide to send your child to school in a costume please be mindful students do need to go to the washroom and this needs to be independent, so ensure your child is able to do that (it is the younger ones that have more trouble with this).

Costumes should not have masks or any imitation weapons (ie swords, guns, etc...). We need to be able to see your child's face at school.

Costumes should not have excessive gore or blood...please be mindful some of our students are as young as 4 years old

This is one of those things that we ask for parents and students to use good judgment and to pick costumes that respect the viewer and the wearer.

Find us on Twitter!



@bayviewboxers

### R.O.C.K.S.

#### Recognition

Our older students helping our Kindergarten students during recess!



### Parent Conferences—Coming Up—Oct. 16-19

Be sure to check your child's backpack for a letter with your interview time. If the time provided doesn't work, please ensure you respond ASAP to arrange for a better time

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAM

This year, Ms. Lauren's Kindergarten class will be participating in the Roots of Empathy program. This program builds empathy in children as it allows the class to "adopt" a baby for the school year and learn about the baby's growth and development. With the Roots of Empathy Instructor, Kirstin Funke-Robinson, who is our school psychologist, the students will have a lesson each week to learn about important topics such as safety, emotions, and communicating. Once every 3 weeks, a baby named Ty and his mom will join the Kindergarten class. The students will measure, weigh, and observe the many developmental milestones that Ty will achieve, such as reaching for a toy, rolling over, sitting up, and perhaps crawling. The students will be learning about human development in a very concrete way as it unfolds in front of them and as they share observations of "their baby" at play. Connections will be made with the students between caring for infants and caring for one another. As the year progresses, please feel free to check-out our Roots of Empathy bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Kindergarten classroom to see what we've learned most recently about our baby Ty. A special bonus this year is that our Roots of Empathy parent is Dr. Browning, one of our very own Bayview teachers!

## SCHOOL VISITATION PROTOCOL

In keeping with our District's Health and Safety policies and good practice, we ask that all visitors check in with the office. If you are volunteering in a classroom or in any other area of our school, or are dropping off something for a student, we ask that you sign in at the office and pick up an 'Authorized Visitor' badge. This also helps us to know who is in our building in the event of an emergency.

## BAYVIEW PAC

Our PAC executive has been elected, following our last meeting. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all parents who have taken on positions.

[Here is the 2017-2018 PAC Executive:](#)

**President—Caroline Roach**

**Vice President—Tammy Mitchell**

**Treasurer—Tammy Norman**

**Secretary—Karli Maude**

A reminder that all parents and guardians of students at Bayview are part of PAC and welcome to attend all meetings. Our next PAC meeting is **November 6, 2017, @ 6:00pm.**

Pizza and babysitting are available. Come see what PAC is about. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students. Many hands make light work.

## STRONG START

Our Strong Start program is a drop-in program for parents/caregivers and little ones. Our Strong Start is open Monday through Friday from 8:45-11:45. In addition to the circle time, play time, and arts and crafts in the Strong Start Centre, they use the gym and library and have visits from our Aboriginal Education staff and other community members. Check out their facebook page for regular updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca>.

## PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS

Here are some important safety reminders:

Slow down and take your time.

Only park in designated areas. Do not stop in the middle of the road or pull up onto the curbs or park along the side with the 'no stopping' signs.

Cross at appropriate spots

Use the sidewalks and crosswalks

Do not walk along behind where the cars are parked

If your child/ren exit out the back of the school, arrange to meet them along Princess Street behind the school as there is lots of parking available.

Thank you for taking an extra couple of minutes to follow these safety rules. We don't want anyone getting injured.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Bayview's Leadership students will be attending WE Day at Rogers Arena in Vancouver Oct 18th. Permission forms will be going home with those students soon.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

Most school notices will only be sent home with the youngest child in a family and with children who do not have siblings in the school. There will be some exceptions .

You can also stay informed by checking out our school website

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview/Pages/default.aspx>

The PAC Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/bayviewpac>

and the Strong Start facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca>.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Registration forms for all programs are available at the front office. Snacks will be provided.

### Scottish Country Dancing: Beginners

Mondays / Oct 16-Dec 11 / 1:40-2:40

\$10/8 Sessions in the Gym

### Scottish Country Dancing: Step Plus

Mondays / Oct 16-Dec 11 / 1:40-3:40

\$20 /8 Sessions in the Gym

### PacificSport: Come Play with Us!

Tuesdays / Oct 24-Dec 12 / 2:40-4:10pm

\$10 / 8 sessions in the Gym

Grades 2-5

### PacificSport: Do Dawgs Draw?

Wednesdays / Oct 25-Dec 13 / 2:40pm-4:10pm

\$10/8 sessions in the MPR

Grades 2-5