



# Elizabeth Bagshaw Elementary School

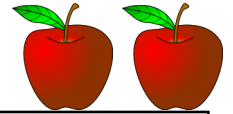
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## November 2020 Newsletter

The start of November has brought with its cooler weather, fallen leaves and a little more rain than we would like. Please remember that students are outside every day. Unless it is bitterly cold or pouring rain, students will be expected to dress appropriately for the weather and go outside at each break. This includes a warm jacket, hat, mitts and waterproof footwear. Being outdoors allows them to get rid of excess energy, enjoy some fresh air and have some time away from the classroom.



### Remembrance Day Service – November 11th

This year in place of an assembly, we will be commemorating Remembrance day on November 11th using virtual platform. Students will be invited to observe a commemorative ceremony including opening remarks, one minute of silence, a student reading of In Flander's Field, the last post and other items submitted by individual classes. Throughout the day, classes will come down to the front foyer to lay their Remembrance Day wreaths. In order to maintain social distancing protocols, classes have signed up for a timeslot to do this.



### Naming of New Board Elementary School

Please note that the Board is seeking the public's help to name the new elementary school on the Glen Campus site. The new school on the Glen Campus site will serve those students currently attending:

- Glen Brae Elementary School;
- Glen Echo Elementary School;
- Sir Isaac Brock Elementary School;
- and some students attending Elizabeth Bagshaw Elementary School & Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

### Contacting Parents

The Ministry of Education has asked that all school Boards create a plan should the need arise to move quickly to remote learning in the event of a classroom, school, or board closure. Part of this plan includes determining which of our Elementary in-person students have/do not have an adequate device and

Internet service for learning at home. A short 2-question survey has been posted to the Parent Portal and to our Board Website asking families to assess their preparedness to have students learn from home. This survey must be completed by Wednesday, November 11, 2020.



### Attendance

We are beginning to notice a number of students showing up for class late or not attending. It is important to note that students who attend school regularly tend to be more engaged in their learning, feel more connected to the school and have better academic outcomes than students who miss a lot of school.

Did you know?

- If your child is 20 minutes late every day, he/she will have missed 12 days of school instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses two days of school per month, he/she will have missed one-month worth of instruction by the end of the school year.

### Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During the week of November 16-20, 2020 – Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. We are firmly committed to ensuring all students and staff members can learn and work in a safe, inclusive environment. As a school community, we will participate in raising awareness and celebrating kindness throughout the week.

When your child approaches us regarding an incident at school it is important for us to stop and to ask ourselves: Is it Bullying or a Conflict? When is it Bullying or CONFLICT? Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Conflict is a disagreement that happens when people want different things. Sometimes this is what usually takes place in the playground.

Schools are encouraged to use this opportunity to explain the different forms bullying can take. These include:

- Physical – hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property
- Verbal – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments
- Social – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them
- Electronic (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media.

### Cold and Flu

Now that the cold weather is approaching so too are children's illnesses. Please use your discretion in keeping your child(ren) at home to recover. A child who is coughing, sneezing or who has a fever is not in a fit state to learn and is able to infect other children. Remember, if your child(ren) is well enough to attend school, they are well enough to go outside at recess. It is impossible for supervision and safety to have some students inside and others outside. Please keep an eye on your child's health because children who are not up to par have a hard time throughout the day.



### Safety Protocols

As we continue into the month of November, we would like to acknowledge the work and effort of all of the staff and students at Bagshaw School in following all safety protocols that are in place (masks, sanitizing and social distancing). The majority of our students have done very well with maintaining these protocols and following through to ensure their safety and the safety of everyone but there are still quite a few who need constant reminders. Please take a few minutes in the mornings to remind your child(ren) of the protocols.

### Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle to school for water consumption. While water fountains are closed, the water filling station is still open and students are able to refill their water bottles throughout the day. Please clearly label your child's water bottle to avoid the chances of accidental cross contamination.

