Eco-Schools & Electronic Newsletter:
We currently maintain an electronic communication of all newsletters and school news items to the parent community. At this time, no hard copies are sent out to students en masse. While it is posted on the school website, we know that not all families check our website on an ongoing basis; however, many families use E-mail regularly. We would like to begin sending out our monthly newsletters as well as other important and time sensitive information by email by creating an electronic distribution list. Please log onto our school website at (http://www.bayviewhill.es.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) and complete the email information located by the “Opt In / Opt Out” button. Together we will reduce paper consumption as well as improve our daily, weekly and monthly communication from the school. **Those that do not “Opt In” will be required to pick up a hard copy of newsletters in the office.**

Again, we appreciate your support in ensuring our school continues to become Eco-Friendly. Thanks!

Lunch Nook Continues To Work Well
Many thanks to those parents bringing in lunches during the morning for making our basket system in the “Lunch Nook” work so well. For those who are new to the “Lunch Nook” system, please note, there are red baskets identified by class located on the south side of the main entrance. If you are dropping off your child’s lunch, please do so by using the “Lunch Nook.” Your child’s name and class should be identified on the lunch bag, please.

Safe & Compassionate Schools
We are most interested in having parents visit our school and meet with teachers on an ongoing basis. However, such interpersonal communication is best conducted with a pre-arranged meeting time and date. We cannot permit parents to interrupt the classroom teaching staff with unannounced visits as it interferes with instructional time. Further, while we have dramatically reduced the number of unidentified adults in our hallways, it is still important to us that our school maintains its “open door policy” of the community school. We certainly do not want to lose our warmth and appeal. While we ask that no parents should be in the hallways beyond the entrance lobby without signing in at the office and obtaining a visitor’s tag, we also know there are times when parents must see a teacher at the last minute. Just be sure to check-in at the office and allow us to call the teacher to make the arrangements for you to visit the classroom. It’s a safe and courteous practice for all. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this matter.

Reminders from First Day Assembly
Every year, at the first day assembly, students are reminded about a number of school expectations and routines. Some of these include:
Cell Phones—cell phones are not to be turned on or to be visible during school hours (8:50—3:30); the camera function must not be used during school hours without direct teacher permission; outside of school hours, no photos may be taken or posted of students or staff without consent; parents needing to contact students during the school day are asked to call the school office and not student cell phones.

Other Electronic Products—I-pods, Gameboys and other electronics are not welcome at school. If students do bring them (and risk loss or damage), they must be placed inside knapsacks as soon as students reach the school grounds.

Extra-Curricular Activities
There are already a number of extra-curricular activities underway at Bayview Hill. Thank you to the teachers who have begun the following activities:
• Cross Country Running Team (Jr, Int)
• Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team
• Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team
• Library Helpers (Grade 6)
• PA Announcers (Grade 8)
• Lunchroom Monitors (Grades 6-8)
• Student Technology Support (Gr. 8)
• Drama Club (Jr, Int)
• Chess Club (Jr. Int.)
• “Me To We” Student Ambassadors

New Staff to Bayview Hill
We welcome Ms. Maureen Ramdewar who will be joining us as an Educational Assistant in Kindergarten and Grade Four.

Book Fair—A Success!
Thank you to the community for their generous support of the recent Scholastic Book Fair. Mrs. Livi reports over $6,000 in sales. The funds generated by the book fair will assist our Library programs and resource centre.

Drop Off Loop Considerations
We are most fortunate to have a Student Drop Off Loop to allow for students to be dropped off in the morning safely. We ask that parents/guardians keep the following things in mind to keep this loop functioning well:
1) Students should be dropped off between 8:30 and 8:50 am.
2) Students must exit the car with independence. If they need assistance, indicate this to the staff and parent volunteers and we will assist them out of the car.
3) Please do not park the car and exit to assist your child. This breaks down the flow.
4) Follow the direction of the staff on the loop. They can see the action ahead and will direct you appropriately.
5) Do not park in front of the Day Care. It is a No Parking zone.
6) Allow for the parents of the Day Care to back up from their morning drop off routine. They must exit using our drop off loop. Courtesy is modeled by all.
7) Please avoid turning left at the north exit between 8:45 am and 9:00 am. It is posted as such at the exit.
8) Students are directed to go to their regular entry door and are not to use the school’s Front Entrance unless directed by the staff on duty. Thank you!

SMILE!!!
School photographs will be taken on October 27—29 (and possibly 30th). We are using a new photographer who is an independent operator instead of Life Touch. We believe this will allow some savings for families with multiple children in purchasing photo packages. A reminder notice will be sent home at the end of October with specific date/times.
Curriculum Night

It was most impressive to see such a wonderful turn out on Curriculum Night last Thursday, October 1st. We appreciate all the support and active interest in your child/ren’s learning. Thank you for so many who participated in Nancy Bradshaw’s “Scent Smart” information session. Also, we were most please with the number who stayed for the IBPYP and Question and Answer period with the school administration and curriculum leaders. It was great to have the opportunity to hear of the community concerns and appreciation directly.

School Reorganization

Thank you to all the families who worked through the late reorganization. We appreciate your support and understanding of the criteria that determines the development of such classes. All students will likely take a few weeks to settle into their new learning communities. School reorganization is not something anyone wants to have happen at the end of the first month of school, however, it is fast becoming the reality each year as we struggle to meet the Ministry’s Primary Cap requirement and the ever limited facility space our school experience with over enrolment.

Bayview Hill ES School Council Corner

The membership of the Bayview Hill School Council will be determined at the first official meeting of the 2009-2010 Council at 7:10 pm on Monday October 19th. The School Council meets monthly, and serves as an advisory body for the administration and the school staff. Any parent interested in being on the Council should pick up a School Council Self-Nomination form from the school office. The form should be completed and returned to the office by Friday October 16th. (please see page 4)

Celebrations and Holidays

Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights is celebrated on Saturday, October 17th. It celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Some Temples may celebrate this day on October 18th. “Happy Diwali!”

Thanksgiving is celebrated in Canada in early fall. This year, the fall harvest celebration is held on Monday October 12th. This is a school holiday for all students and staff across the York Region District School Board.

Key Dates for Bayview Hill E.S. :

October 5 - Me To We Conference
October 5 - Grade 2 VORC date
October 6 - Ms. Wilde’s Kindergarten Class
Go To Round The Bend Farm
October 7 - Ms. Wong’s Kindergarten Class
Go To Round The Bend Farm
October 7 - Grade 7 Hep B Shots
October 7 - Grade 8 HPV Shots
October 14/15 - Regional Cross Country
October 19 - Mad Science Begins (3:30 pm)
October 19 - School Council (7:10 pm)
October 20 - IEPs go home for review
October 26 - Grade 6 Zoo Trip
October 27/28 - 30 - School Photos
October 30 - Hallowe’en Parade

Hallowe’en Parade:

We annually conduct a Primary/Junior Hallowe’en Parade each year in the afternoon. Classes will celebrate this North American Festivity with the parade and classroom-based activities. Candy will not be shared with our students. Thank you!
BAYVIEW HILL SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Bayview Hill Elementary School Council is looking for parents/guardians to help improve our school. The School Council is a volunteer group whose main purpose is to act as an advisory body to the Principal and staff. The Council meets monthly throughout the school year.

You can join the School Council or get involved in one of Council’s sub-committees. Either way, you will help to improve the school for all of our children now and in the future.

Sub-committees work on such areas as safety, International Baccalaureate (IB) implementation, finances, fund-raising, and the school lunch program.

Election
A vote for the 16 parent/guardian members of the School Council will be held at the next meeting on Monday October 20th at 7:15 p.m. in the Staff Room. Please fill out a self-nomination form (available in the office) if you are interested in joining Council. Completed forms should be returned to the office by Friday October 17th at the latest. Please note that you do not need to be a Council member to participate in one of the sub-committees.

Volunteers Needed for Hot Lunch Program
Bayview Hill parents have organized a Wednesday Pizza Lunch program for many years. The pizza is a welcome treat for our students, and the hot lunch program provides a significant part of the funds that the Council spends to benefit our school. Any parents who can spare as little as an hour a month to assist with the distribution of the pizza would be most welcome. If you are interested, please leave your name at the school office. Thank you!

WHAT ISSUES SHOULD SCHOOL COUNCIL ADDRESS??

The School Council is interested in parents’ views on how to continuously improve our school. Please feel free to jot down your ideas and send them to the Council (care of the school office).

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Parent Name (please print)    e-mail address or daytime telephone #
Character Matters!

Responsibility

“We are accountable for all our actions. We follow through on our commitments.”
(York Region District School Board)

Great Books About Responsibility (available in our Library):
Nobody Notices Minerva – Wednesday Kirwan
The Great Kapok Tree – Lynne Cherry
The Lorax – Dr. Seuss
Dr. de Soto – William Steig
Just a Dream – Chris van Allsburg
Swimmy – Leo Lionni
Possum Magic – Mem Fox

Mrs. Livi’s Pick: The Worst Best Friend – Alexis O’Neill

Mike and Conrad are very best friends until Victor, a new, big, cool boy arrives at school. True best friends are tested in this read-aloud picture book.

Scent Smart Facts & Tips!

As a Scent Smart School we seek to educate students, staff and community members on fragrance facts. Each month, we will share a few facts and tips to assist our community in better understanding why a Scent Safe School is “SMART.”

FACTS:
• Approximately 1/3 of the Canadian population is sensitive to fragrances. (Sears, M. 2007)
• 16-33 % of Americans are “especially sensitive” to chemicals including perfumes (Bell 1996, 1998; Meggs, 1996)
• Asthmatics, women, developing children and “sensitized” people are most vulnerable to fragrances
• Once the sensitivity develops, symptoms occur with each subsequent exposure
• It is often difficult to determine which chemical(s) are involved
• Severity of symptoms from one individual to another

TIPS:
• Look for products labeled “fragrance free”
• Read Labels - Avoid products with fragrances listed in the ingredients
• Try different products - See what works for you
• Start with the most accessible and least expensive alternatives
The Role of Borrow-a-Book and Levelled Texts:
As teachers, parents frequently ask us if their child is ready to move up to the next reading level, or why they are bringing home the same borrow-a-book more than once.

Borrow-a-book is only one part of our reading program, and children are engaged with many different kinds of print when they are at school. They listen to read alouds and they have opportunities for guided reading, where the teacher reads with a small group of children to work on specific reading strategies. They are also encouraged to read a variety of text from their classroom library, as well as from the school library.

Reading levels are used to select books that are at your child’s level, so that your child feels successful and confident when reading independently. However, reading ability is not just determined by the level of a book. Although we use a child’s reading level as a guide for instruction, most important is your child’s ability to think about and reflect deeply on the texts they are reading.

When you are reading with your child, leveled books should not be the most important part of your daily reading. We encourage you to:

- Read a wide variety of text with your child: letters, recipes, shopping lists, manuals, magazine articles, comic books, etc. Choose texts that your child is interested in reading. Children also benefit greatly from being exposed to a wide variety of picture books.

- Read books more than once. Every time you read it, you will discover something new, either in the text or in the illustrations. Re-reading also allows children to gain a deeper understanding of the text.

- Talk to your child about the stories you are reading. Ask them questions to help them gain an understanding of the concepts presented in the story. These are questions that are not answered explicitly in the text, but are left to the reader’s interpretation. Encourage your child to ask questions about the story to clarify meaning, to locate a specific answer in the text, or to predict what will happen next.

- Read to your child! This is probably the most valuable thing you can do with your child at home. It does not matter how old your child is, and you could be reading a novel, a picture book or an interesting article. Children will always benefit greatly from being read to. It allows them to listen to text that they might not be able to manage on their own, exposing to them to new, rich vocabulary and a variety of topics and concepts. It is also important for your child to see you as a reader, as someone who enjoys books and is engaged with the text they are reading. Bedtime is the ideal time for read alouds. It’s a great way to wind down after a busy day, and a great way to spend some quality time with your child.

Enjoy reading with and to your child at home every day!
SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT SELF-NOMINATION FORM

☐ I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name:  

Address:  

Home phone:  Business phone:  

E-mail:  

I am the parent/guardian of ________________________, who is currently registered at this school. 

(name of student)

I am an employee of the board.

☐ yes  ☐ no

Candidate's signature  

Date  

Please include a brief autobiography on the back of this form.

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.
SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

☐ I wish to nominate ___________________________________________ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name: ______________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

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Home phone: ________________ Business phone: _______________

E-mail: ____________________________________________________

I am the parent/guardian of ____________________________________, who is currently registered at this school.

(name of student)

___________________________________________________________

(name of person nominated) is the parent/guardian of ________________________________, who is currently registered at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board.

☐ yes  ☐ no

_____________________________________________  ____________
Nominator’s signature  Date

Please include a brief biography of the candidate you have nominated on the back of or on a separate sheet attached to this form.

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.
Be aware
Influenza-like illness symptoms

Use this list on a daily basis to assess you and your family’s health status.

Do you have:

- Fever
  (over 100 degrees Fahrenheit/38 degrees Celsius)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Joint pain or weakness

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you checked yes to fever and cough AND one or more of the other symptoms stay at home until you no longer have a fever and are feeling better.

Note: In children under five years of age, vomiting or diarrhea may also be present and fever may not be prominent.

If you have any concerns about you or your child’s health, please contact your family physician or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 (24 hours a day/7 days a week).
## October 2009

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- **Web:** [www.bayviewhill.es.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.bayviewhill.es.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)
- **email:** bayview.hill.es@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

### BUS ROUTES HOTLINE
- **1-877-330-3001**
- [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

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**Gr 4s' to VORC**

**Gr 2s' to VORC**

**Curriculum Night**

**Gr 7 HEP Meningitis**

**Gr 8 HPV Vaccination**

**Jr/Int Area Cross Country Meet @ Richmond Green**

**Jr/Int Reg Cross Country Meet @ Richmond Green**

**Jr/Int Area Cross Country Meet @ Richmond Green**

**United Nations Day**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**DIWALI**

**School Council 7:10**

**Entry 8:50**
- **P.1:** 9:00-9:50
- **P.2:** 9:50-10:40
- **Recess:** 10:40-11:10
- **P.3:** 11:10-12:00
- **P.4:** 12:00-12:50
- **LUNCH:** 12:50-1:50
- **P.5:** 1:50-2:40
- **P.6:** 2:40-3:30

**Gym Cycle Days Only**