

B.C.C.I.S. Parent Bulletin



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I want to thank everyone for the kind words and thoughts that you have sent our way during this last week. Mr. Jeff had truly become part of our BCCIS family in such a short time. His joy of working with children, his enthusiasm for life, his dedication to the school and the students and his presence will be sadly missed. His passing has left a large hole in our hearts and our daily lives. Our grade twelve students are preparing a video honouring Mr. Jeff. They will present this at an assembly to the intermediate and secondary students on Thursday at 11 in the auditorium.

Early Dismissal—Tomorrow, the students will be dismissed at 12 noon. The busses will take the students home at that time. Please ensure that parents and drivers pick up your students at 12 noon as well. This will occur four times this year and they are planned so that the staff of both the preschool and the main school can work together for planning and to improve their teaching skills through professional development

Terry Fox Run—this was originally planned for tomorrow morning but we have postponed it to a later date (will be announced next week). The Terry Fox run is an annual event that occurs in Canada and around the world to increase awareness of Cancer to raise money for research toward curing cancer. Money raised through donations will be sent to the Children's Cancer Hospital here in Cairo. More information will be sent out when the date has been set. We all hope that you will be able to join us for the run or walk. It will not be a long distance and the younger students will run and walk on the back field.

Food Drive and Clothing Drive. Our social justice club is beginning to prepare for their annual food and Clothing drive. They will be asking students to bring in food and used clothing to give to those who are less fortunate than we are. This year has been a very difficult year for so many people in Egypt and by the weather that we have been experiencing these last few days is any indication; it is going to be a cold winter.

Election and Islamic New Year—Islamic New Year falls on a Saturday this year so the government has indicated that Sunday November 27th will be a holiday. Monday, November 28th is election day in Cairo so it will also be a holiday. School will be back in session on Tuesday, November 29th.

Report Cards—the first term report cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 8th. On Monday, December 12, we will have parent conferences. This year we will begin the conferences at 11 and complete them by 4:30—We wanted to offer a longer period of time so that all parents have an opportunity to speak to their child's teacher. Ms Viola will be the person to contact for setting up an appointment. The students will not be in classes—they will be at home but we hope that you will be able to bring your child (especially at the secondary level so that they can be part of the conference. More details will follow at the beginning of September

Maplewood. The teachers will be able to access the mark program this week and they will begin putting marks into the program. This means that parents and students will have total access after the first report card period and will be able to closely follow their grades. There will be a link to the program on our website. www.bccis.net