

October 20, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

I am pleased to inform you that at our School Council meeting this week it was decided that Laura Ritchie will be the new Chair of the School Council. Cherilee Garafano and Heather Whitman will be the Vice-Chairs. I look forward to working with the entire School Council.

An initiative from last year's School Council was to create a school motto and mascot. Students, staff and families responded enthusiastically and through a multi-step voting process the BUTTERFLY was selected as our mascot.

A number of ideas were also submitted for a motto. We would now like to renew the discussion regarding a school motto.

A school motto can help create a feeling of school spirit and belonging, whether students are at our school for a short time, or for several years. A good motto will tell the world who we are and what is important to us. A good motto will also connect with our mascot, the butterfly.

**How can you help?**

The attached page lists the motto suggestions from last year. Please use this form to suggest a motto or to confirm a motto from the list. Please return the form to the school by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

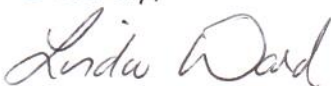
The next step will be for the School Council, together with staff to narrow submissions down to a short list. The front-runners will be sent home so you and your child can vote for your favourite.

**School Motto Writing Tips:**

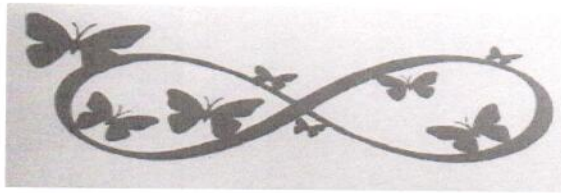
Our school includes grades JK through to High School-aged children, so you will want to keep concepts simple, but not babyish. Focus on attitude and perspective. It should be a motto that kids of all ages find relevant and relatable, and also something that reflects the unique work being done at our school.

We look forward to working together to create a motto for Bloorview School.

Sincerely,



Linda Ward  
Principal



## SCHOOL MOTTO SUBMISSION FORM

We would like to suggest a motto for our school: \_\_\_\_\_

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We would like to confirm our choice for the following motto:

- Dream it. Believe it – Achieve it.
- Strive for excellence
- Learn to love, learn to live
- Dream big and work hard
- Differently perfect, perfectly different
- We may be one person in the universe, but we are the universe to one person
- Our challenge makes others smarter
- Narrowing the gap
- United by challenge
- My hero thinks I'm tall
- Able to shine or we are all shining stars
- No one left behind (from Lilo and Stich)
- Moving forward to achieve our own greatness.
- Include Inquire Imagine
- Accentuating Abilities for Achievement
- Applying Abilities to Succeed
- Opportunity and Hope for All

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Please return by October 28<sup>th</sup>