



Above: Junior High students coordinate Remembrance Day Ceremony to include veterans visit.

Left: Select Choir performed at Britannia United Church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 19th

Christmas Concert 4:00-5:00 p.m.

December 24-January 7th

Christmas Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday, January 8th

Students return to school - Epiphany Worship

Thursday, January 10th

Class Parent Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.



In the Community - For the Community



BHMS Community hosts PJ day in support of the BHMS Terry Fox Event.



Sandra Giralto visited BHMS helping parents to understand the challenges they face.



Thank you to all families who supported Operation Christmas Child.



Alumni visit Junior High Marketplace 2012.



Parents and students pitch in to sell books. Thank you to Kathy MacLean and team for coordinating the Scholastic Book Fair!



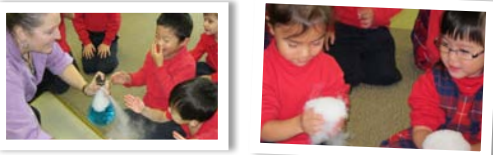
Worship Team performs to raise donations for St Mary's Home.

Junior High Leaders in Training - Marketplace 2012

Junior High entrepreneurs captivate the community with their innovative start up businesses by developing their business plan and bringing their final product to the BHMS Community.



Little Ray's Radical Science Visit Casa Students!

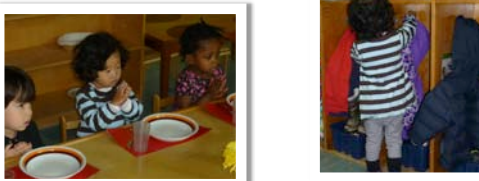


WE APPRECIATE THE
USE OF YOUR FOBS! SECONDARY FOBS MAY BE
OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE.

Operation Christmas Child

BHMS is proud to help our community!
Thank you to Bert Hopkins for collecting our
filled boxes and preparing them for shipment.
Good job BHMS!

Toddlers enjoy their new environments



Older students assist younger students during Christmas Advent Worship



The 'BIG' Picture Alumnist Corner

My name is *Hermina Wang* and I have two children, *Silvie* and *Bryan Cheng*, who both have benefited greatly from the education they have received at BHMS.

Silvie and *Bryan* are very different individuals and students. Because of that, my husband and I had the opportunity to discover the various advantages of being with BHMS.

First of all, both of my kids loved the family atmosphere of the school, it became their second home over 15 years, and they know almost all teachers and staff by first name and have lots of friends they grew and still grow up with.



For *Silvie*, who was a very serious student, and very self-motivated person, she received the benefit of being in a multi-age classroom where she was encouraged to progress in various areas at her own pace. When the teachers felt she was ready, she was encouraged to join an older grade group for math lessons or for reading clubs. Later on, when she became one of the oldest of the class, she was given the chance to teach the younger ones, help them take care of the classroom pets and help the teacher organize the classroom, which gave her lots of pleasure and great pride. This also changed her from being a shy girl to becoming a very confident and outgoing person.

Bryan, on the other hand, was a born extrovert. He was a fun-loving guy and had lots of energy during the Casa years. He loved to move around and talk to people, and loved to do hands-on work. He truly benefited from the Montessori approach of starting concrete and then going abstract. He has strong curiosity towards things he is interested in, and the Montessori classrooms allowed him to choose what he wants to do, as long as he delivers his work with good quality. Over the years, as he matured, and his interests expanded, he now takes pride of excelling in all areas. But his fun-loving personality was not robbed away. We love the happy person who he is. He enjoys all areas of BHMS, including Atrium, which taught great values not only to *Bryan* but also his peers. This allowed him to grow up in a positive environment.

Over the years, we as parents have also been continuously learning. By watching our kids grow up at BHMS, we have become less nervous as parents, and we learnt to look at the big picture. We learnt to trust our kids. We have had the joy of watching them grow into happy individuals who enjoy learning, have good judgment, have great confidence, and who are passionate about what they do and care about social and global issues and humanitarian causes in general.