

BE KIND ASSEMBLY

Feb. 27, 2019

Latimer Road Leadership Students will be the MC's at our next assembly. In addition to the message of spreading kindness, this year we will also focus on community service. The following is an excerpt from their script:

One way we can show kindness is by helping other people. Here at Latimer Road we are going to be helping out people who go to a homeless shelter right near us here in Cloverdale called Bill Reid Place.

We all remember the cold and snowy days we just had in February. Yet while it's fun to have snow days and play in the snow, imagine if you didn't have a warm home to go to or proper clothes to wear.

Bill Reid Place

Bill Reid or "Mr. Cloverdale" (or "Mr. Surrey") as he was widely known, was a man who "got things done," Mr. Reid passed away in May 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a former MLA, tourism minister and a well-regarded community leader.

Mr. Reid embraced the problem of homelessness in Cloverdale, bringing the community together ten years ago to work cooperatively on a solution for homelessness. He invited Options Community Services Society to open the now replaced 10-bed shelter in an old Cloverdale farm house.

Due to the need exceeding the space, the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association, launched a campaign to develop a bigger shelter in Cloverdale named in honour of Bill Reid.

So, Latimer Road, how can we help? For the next week we will be collecting new socks, underwear and toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. Is it in you to help? We know it is! Tell your parents to check out the email coming home and teachers have your students write it in their planners. Let's make a different Latimer Lions!

*** We decided to give our parent community the "heads-up" prior to rolling this out to the students on Feb. 27. We thought, if you were participating in the donation of any of new items listed above, you may need time to collect them. It is a 1 week BLITZ – March 4-8. As always, if you have questions, please call the office.

The students will NOT know about this until Feb. 27!

