

# THE BERCZY BANNER



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## A Message from Administration –

Ah...December is here! This time of year is a **time for celebration and reflection** while spending quality time with our friends and families. Our students are well set into their classroom routines, understand our school expectations and are becoming more involved in their own learning. Our teachers in all subject areas continue to strive to improve each child's achievement by sharing with students what the learning targets and success criteria are to be successful. On-going descriptive feedback is provided on formative assessment to help each child meet their potential and reach their goals. Setting goals this time of year is suggested on the *Elementary Progress Report Card* for success and increased student achievement. Please do pay particular attention to your child's achievement levels in the *Learning Skills and Work Habits* section on the front of the **Progress Report Card**. Together as a staff, we continue to discuss ways to learn about each child's strengths, interests and needs, and our professional learning is around sharing strategies to engage our learners with an increased focus on modern learning strategies. Unit plans and daily lesson plans include opportunities for students' **voice** and **choice** to further engage students in learning together with us at William Berczy PS. We are truly learning and growing together.

We hope that throughout the month of December, you find time to celebrate the great accomplishments and successes of all those in your lives. We are looking forward to seeing you at a couple of our special planned events in December (if possible):

**Primary Holiday Concert** – Tuesday, December 22, 2:15 PM

**Final 2016 School Assembly** – Friday, December 19, 11:15 AM

Enjoy a healthy, happy and safe holiday break.

*Partners in Education,  
Ms. Lott & Ms. Osman*

## Message from Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

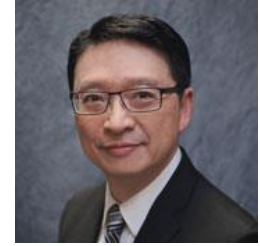
I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being. Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca/parents](http://www.yrdsb.ca/parents), including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

~ *Mr. Billy Pang*

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## Please follow us on TWITTER @WilliamBerczyPS



Our school TWITTER account is a place where we celebrate teaching and learning and highlight important school news!

As well, please do bookmark our school website -

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/williamberczy.ps/> ~ where you can follow school and board news – and as well you can see our Twitter feed on the bottom left of our school home page (for those without Twitter accounts...yet).

**Did you know that WBPS will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year next school year?! Please help spread the word and use the hashtag #BERCZY50 in your tweets.**



**As a reminder – you can see our school calendar on our website at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/williamberczy.ps/>**

# William Berczy Public School

## Lead Learners

2016 - 2017



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Principal



D. Osman  
Vice Principal



S. de Parra



S. Dignot



K. Brown



C. Cariglia



J. Doss



J. Dusome



J. Gao



L. Goad



J. Han



B. Hancox



D. Hatzis



S. Ho



S. Ishaq



D. Jaatinen



S. Jeffries



J. Kattis



G. Kitching



I. Mark



G. McNaughtan



M. Norris



E. Pang



S. Payne



M. Petrovic



F. Rahman



J. Shields



W. Spencer



Y. Sung



V. Talwar



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M. Taylor



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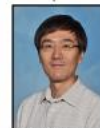
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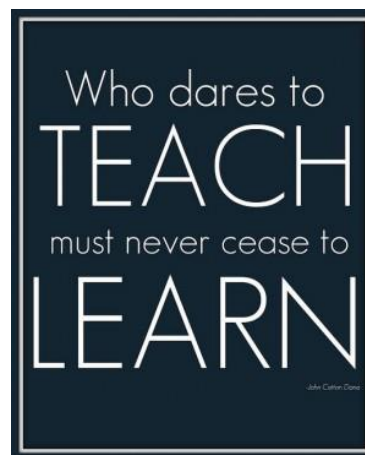


As a professional learning team, the staff at William Berczy are engaged in purposeful, intentional on-going learning. In alignment with our Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA), we are focusing on deepening our learning in the 3 key areas of **Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health**.

**Mathematics:** Students will be confident problem solvers who use mathematical knowledge, skills and processes to be contributing members of a changing society;

**Modern Learning:** Modern Learning is authentic, relevant, deep learning that enables learners to create, to connect, to communicate, to share their learning with the world and be future ready;

**Mental Health:** A healthy school / workplace climate provides opportunities for all students and staff to make healthy choices in a learning and working environment that is respectful of their social, emotional and physical well-being.





## YRDSB School Climate Surveys ~ for Staff, Students and Parents

- ✓ School Staff Survey February/March 2017
- ✓ Student Survey March/April 2017
- ✓ Parent Survey May 2017

**School Council** – Thanks to **Shalini and Lisa** who attended our East School Council Forum this year! Together, we further explored the comprehensive math program in the YRDSB, modern learning, and understanding EQAO assessments.

At the end of the evening, we had an opportunity to meet with our **Superintendent, Mr. Peter Tse** and our **School Trustee, Mr. Billy Pang**.



Here is a QR code for you to scan that will allow you to access the digital files from the Council Forum – if you are interested. The code will take you to the School Council Handbook, and a number of additional resources. **Next School Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

A few of our upcoming Agenda items include:

- Allocating the funds from our **Education Enrichment** donations (approx. \$13,000.00)
- Updates from our subcommittee interest groups (Fund Raising and Parent Engagement)
- Planning for our PRO Grant this year (Deepening our understanding of Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health)

## **Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair** – we raised \$2300 for our learning commons!

A big thank you to all the families who participated! A special thank you to those who participated in the classroom WISH LIST program. Ensuring students have access to books at a young age helps to develop their lifelong love of reading! ~ by Ms. Taylor



## WBPS PARENT ENGAGEMENT TIP:

Please take some time to review the 'Next steps' outlined on your child's progress report cards.

Teachers have made concrete suggestions to further the learning at home.

## BE A COACH



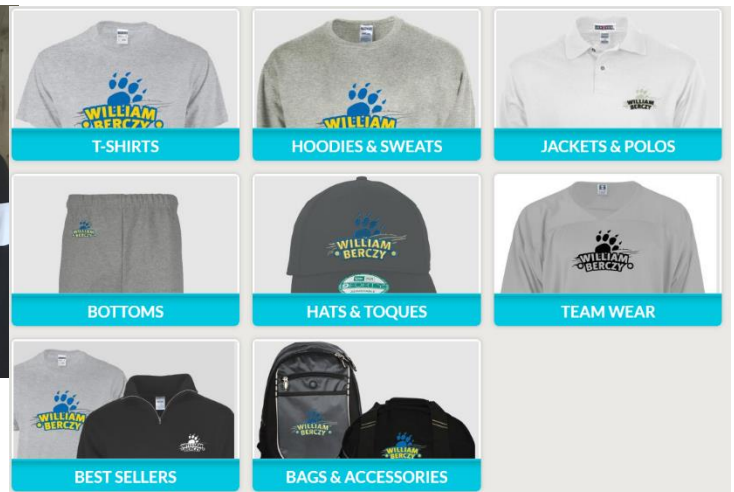
## Berczy Spirit Wear is Here!

Please visit our WBPS School Spirit online store at <http://williamberczy.entripyshops.com>

10% discount for all first-time orders. Code: ENTRIPYSHOPS10



**We LOVE our new WBPS clothing!**  
Ms. Osman, Ms. Wong, Ms. Cizmar, Ms. Lott  
(Your WBPS Office Team)



## Skiing, Snowboarding, Skating, & Snowshoeing



Berczy is excited to announce that once again we will be offering ski and snowboard opportunities for our junior and intermediate students. The purpose of these trips is to offer enrichment opportunities through physical education. Ski & snowboard trips allow students to experience outdoor activity during our winter months.

**Students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to ski or snowboard at Dagmar for two days on Wednesday January 11th & 25th.**

**Students in grades 7 & 8 have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Horseshoe Valley Resort on February 23rd.** Students will have one of four choices: skiing, snowboarding, skating + tubing (half day of each), or snowshoeing + tubing (half day of each). These programming options facilitate participation for students of all abilities by offering them snowshoeing which is a low-risk, social activity.



For both the junior and intermediate trips, students who have never skied or snowboarded previously will be supported by an instructor, and kept on suitable terrain for their abilities.

We require **parent volunteers** for both of these trips, and Dagmar & Horseshoe provide a lift ticket and rentals for parents who are comfortable skiing or snowboarding. Please contact Mr. Kitching if you are able to volunteer. Payment via School Cash Online will be set-up in the coming weeks.

**Remembrance Day** – is an opportunity to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Remembering what men and women have done during times of war, military conflict and peace helps us understand the country we live in today and how we can build a better future together. Thanks to all that participated in our most memorable school service.



On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, four of our Berczy Bear's had the honor of representing our school at the **Unionville Remembrance Day** gathering. We marched in the parade that went down main street to our local memorial in front of the rink. Together with our community, we listened to a presentation and laid our

school wreath paying a tribute to all the men and women from the past and today that have helped keep our us safe. ~Aurora & Jasmine



## Co-curricular Activities

Life in the Den continues to be a busy place for our Bears – with lots of opportunities for new learning, new friends, and new growth! Here are some of the highlights this past month....

- ✓ Remembrance Day leaders –and our Cubs, Scouts and Cadets
- ✓ Chess Club
- ✓ Rubics Cube Club
- ✓ Intermediate Spirit Committee
- ✓ Berczy Doodlers
- ✓ Art Club
- ✓ Character Assembly MC's
- ✓ Jazz Band
- ✓ Band and Choir
- ✓ Berczy Song writing team and Berczy song performance team
- ✓ Knitting Club
- ✓ Community Outreach Book Exchange

Thanks to our players and coaches of our **Girls (Ms. Ishaq and Mr. Cordick) and Boys (Mr. Kitching) Volleyball teams** – who have just completed their seasons! Well done to everyone for their dedication and hard work!

## Grade 6's with our partner in education ~ YRP Officer Greg Kydd

Once again, we are pleased to have the Values, Influences and Peers program here at WBPS.

York Regional Police offers the VIP program to students in Grades 6, 7 and 8.

The program was created to assist youth in making positive and informed decisions when confronted with the challenges faced during adolescence.

Students learn about treating each other with respect, fairness and empathy, while supporting an environment of openness and inclusivity. ~Thanks Officer Greg Kydd.



## **WBPS School Song Inaugural Performance** ~ November 30, 2016



What a project this has been!

- ✓ Individual class input – student voice; Student song writing team
- ✓ Berczy Singers; Berczy musicians; Berczy Doodlers; Art Club; Videographers
- ✓ Leadership from our partner - Singer-Songwriter Mr. Glenn Marais

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – we had the THRILL of finally sharing our school song!  
Thanks to all that were involved in this HUGE project!

### **Berczy Bears Roar!**

We look forward to continued opportunities to share our school song – and for all to learn the lyrics.  
Here is just a little snapshot of the lyrics from our new school song – (the RAP verse) –

#### **Rap**

*We all have superpowers, take chances, no regrets*

*Courage, persevere, turn your failure into success*

*Told that you couldn't know that you can*

*Learn from your failures and make a plan*

*With strength and determination, nothing stands in our way*

*Rise up, face your challenges that is what we say*

*Kind and motivated, we will improve everyday*

*This is how we do it, it's the Berczy way*

