

# THE BERCZY BANNER

## MARCH

## 2017

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## Principal's Message

I am excited with the challenge and promise of working together as a learning community at William Berczy. The Vice Principal, Ms Dalia Osman, has given me background on our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, as well information on programs and initiatives that are currently in place and support our students' achievement. I have been graciously welcomed by staff, students and School Council during my short time as Principal of this wonderful school, and I know already that the staff and parents of William Berczy have high expectations for our students.

The WBPS Staff continues to provide instructional focus while fostering strong relationships with our community. It is evident at William Berczy that when parents, teachers and students view one another as partners in education, a caring community forms around students and becomes one that supports learning.

I am looking forward to working together with all of you as we collaborate to do what's best for the students at William Berczy Public School. I intend to make every action count towards our common vision of improving student learning.

*Ms Lindsey Rhamey*

*Principal*



## Intermediate Girls Basketball

A message from Mr. Cooper:  
 The Intermediate Girls' Basketball team had a great season this year. With only a short period of time to prepare for Areas, the girls improved with each game and practice. At Areas, the girls played extremely well, but lost in a tight game to the eventual champions Ashton Meadows. Coaches from other schools complimented the girls on giving Ashton Meadows their toughest game in a long time! The girls should be really proud of all their hard work this season.



## Intermediate Boys Basketball

A message from Mr. Payne & Mr. Kitching:  
 The Intermediate Boys' Basketball team, consisting of: Arthur Bright, Alex Chow, Alek Kechichian, Jayden Lam, Maxwell Ng, Rishi Sharma, Vincent Su, Dylan Viero, Timothy Yoon, Kevin Zhang, and Wilson Zheng, won our Boys Areas Basketball tournament. They won a nail biter of a championship game against Lincoln Alexander! Maintaining their undefeated streak throughout the tournament the boys displayed exceptional maturity and sportsmanship; representative of William Berczy. Congratulations Boys, and good luck at Regionals!



## Upcoming Dates ... mark your calendars!



March 20, 21, 23rd	<b>X-Movement</b>	K-8 / 23 <sup>rd</sup> Evening for families
March 27 – 28, 2017	<b>Mathletes</b>	Grades 3/4/5/6
March 13 – 17, 2107	<b>March Break</b>	Enjoy!
May 11, 2017	<b>Welcome to Kindergarten Evening</b>	More details to follow

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## Regional Parent Symposium

(\*3 parents + administrator per elementary school can attend)

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The theme for the symposium will continue to focus on successful strategies for improved parent engagement related to Innovation, Leadership and Equity as our Foundational Practices. The workshops will be aligned to support the Ministry's renewed vision: Achieving Excellence, Ensuring Equity and Promoting Wellbeing, as the conference itself supports the fourth goal of Enhancing Public Confidence.

**Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017**  
**Tentative Schedule:**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration and Dinner  
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Student presentations, Welcome from the Board  
6:30 – 6:40 p.m. Travel Break  
6:40 – 7:40 p.m. Workshop #1 (60 min. presentations repeated)  
7:40 – 7:50 p.m. Travel Break  
7:50 – 8:50 p.m. Workshop #2 (60 min. presentations repeated)  
8:50 – 9:00 p.m. Travel Break  
9:00 – 9:20 p.m. School Council Collaboration

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*Please note that translation services, child minding and provisions for transportation will be available for parents.*

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Wednesday, March 1st, 2017  
at 7:00pm – 8:30pm

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend; babysitting services will be provided

Upcoming...

## School Council Meetings

Please mark your calendars!

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
@ 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
@ 7:00pm – 8:30pm

100s of new books for all reading levels are hitting our shelves in March. Come check them out and be the first to read them!

This month 3 lucky students, one from each division, will be invited to join Ms Rhamey and Ms Taylor on a trip to Indigo to make purchases for our school's Learning Commons. Students interested in this opportunity will have to use pictures, numbers and words to convince us why they should be selected. Entries should be a maximum of 1 page. We are looking forward to reading entries!

## Learning Commons Update



Parents Reaching Out  
**Supporting Positive  
Mental Health  
& Promoting Well Being**  
Coordinated by School Council

Save the date:  
**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**Berczy Gym**

Our Goals:

1. To provide an opportunity to strengthen the home-school-community bridge at William Berczy by inviting the Berczy community out to a safe, inclusive, learning environment/event, set up in the gymnasium;
2. To provide learning opportunities (resources, workshops, activities, strategies) for parents and children and building upon their current knowledge about Mental Health Awareness in the YRDSB, at school, in the home, and the wider Berczy community;
3. To establish the kinds of concerns, questions, feedback parents and children have with respect to Mental Health Awareness at Berczy and assess what can be done to address this feedback;
4. To establish an action plan moving forward regarding collaborative efforts between school and home with respect to Mental Health Awareness at Berczy.



**Reminder to all families:  
Kindergarten Registration for  
September 2017 is OPEN!!**

**Lunch Assistant Needed:  
please call the office if you  
are interested in a position!  
905-477-2047**



Ways to Support our Healthy Schools Initiatives

## Walk to school

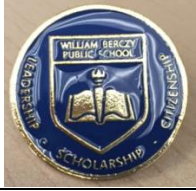
With the nicer weather approaching ... families are encouraged to walk to school together.

It is a great way to enjoy the fresh air to start your day off right.

It will also help reduce the congestion at the bus loop in the morning. This will result in saving time for all of our families as well as reduce our carbon footprint.

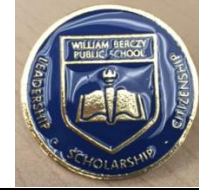
This will also help get our students into the school building on-time in the mornings as a result of the decreased traffic in the bus loop in the mornings.





# *Congratulations*

February Berczy Pin Winners



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## *Leadership*

Chloe Lin  
John Coleman  
Isaac D  
Isabelle Duanmu  
Lydia Qiu  
Zoe Sun  
Raymond Wong,  
Justin Guo  
Zaki Nanji  
Matthew Huang  
Nicole Xuan  
Matthew Robinson  
Sharon Lin  
Jasmine Sun  
Jayden Fox  
Stella Chen  
Charis Liu  
Thivya Prakash  
Nuha Zawahir  
Andrew Durnford  
Salim Mohamed  
Lauren Martin  
Lena Wang  
Wilson Zheng

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## *Scholarship*

Sahba Jahanpour  
Leo Hu  
Ethan Chen  
Mia Li  
Elvis Wang  
Connor Fong  
Sanmaya Havya,  
Samira Jahanpour  
Fritha Lalit  
Yi Shu  
Justin Chen  
Jessica Chen  
Dory Hu  
Stephanie Tam  
Sierra Knapton  
Esther Siu  
Leo Teng  
Sarah Cloughley  
Sep Sagheb  
Jessie Chen  
Sitha Sukumar  
Kevin Guo  
Alexander Chow  
Nadia Dorca

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## *Citizenship*

Albert Dai  
Alex Cheung  
Trevor Ma  
Aiden Huang  
Jerry Liang  
Tiffanie Tam  
Aprille Song  
Shivani Peshavaria  
Jake Yang  
Marc Xie  
Satoyo Enokido  
Violet Xu  
Jason Gao  
Jeff Liu  
Hiranya Verma  
Samantha Viero  
Riaz Azgarali  
Kevin Jin  
Matthew Wu  
Megan Keehl  
Aidan Dhalla  
Negin Alizadeh  
Frank Wang  
Jonathan McCabe

## March 2017 Trustee Greetings for school websites

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With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

“Modelling continuous environmental sustainability” is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child’s learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

## MARCH FEATURES

March is here and so are our special lunches!

Does your child enjoy meatballs? We have a treat for them!

This March is "meatball mania month" at Kid's Kitchen! Check out our features for this month below.

**Spaghetti with Beef Meatballs**  
or  
**Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce**  
or  
**Spaghetti with Halal Beef Meatballs**  
or  
**Spaghetti with Veg (Soy) Meatballs**



OR

**Meatball sub on a whole wheat bun**

\*Available with veg and halal options as well!



Available as an entrée or as a combo.

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## Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

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**Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!**

