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Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
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Initiative Courage
Integrity
Optimism
Perseverance
Responsibility



From the Administrator's Desk

Dear Berczy Families,

We are very proud of the hard work that our students and staff have put forth since September to make this a remarkable year of learning and working together at William Berczy Public School. Back in the Fall, when we were faced with the challenge of not having a gym floor, we collectively problem-solved and demonstrated optimism to make the best of a tough situation. Our students showed a positive attitude throughout and were thrilled when Mayor Frank Scarpitti selected Berczy to host the Rogers Hometown Hockey Kick-off Assembly in the Spring. As a school team, we worked extremely hard to make the Rogers Hometown Hockey event a great experience for all and capped it off with a visit to the Markham Civic Centre for a school-wide skate and a visit to the Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit.

We are also very grateful to our families for donating to the Education Enrichment fundraising program, which made a tremendous difference for our students this year. Through your generosity, we were able to purchase: more Chromebook computers, a school-wide site license for Dreambox Math, Makerspace materials, books and games for the learning commons, and technology, including Makedo kits and Sphero Robotics kits. Through the Enrichment donations, we organized school-wide visits to the Varley Art Gallery, provided Scientist in the School programs for every class, held a Mathletes program and family evening, and hosted the Aussie X group for a week of engaging activities and games that was capped off with a family event during the Well-Being Expo.

Our Berczy 50th was a celebration of why Berczy is a great place to learn. At the official ceremony, our school board's Director, Louise Sirisko, provided our students with words of praise and inspiration. Our school choir performed several pieces, including our school song, "A Welcoming Place", and our concert band performed pieces that earned them a gold medal at the Music Alive Festival. In the evening, our school community came out to celebrate by visiting student and staff-created Decade Rooms, planting sunflowers at our Eco-Team's exhibit, and enjoying samosas, pizza, food trucks, and ice-cream, playing games and visiting the firetrucks from the Markham Fire Dept. In addition, there was a marching band all the way from Berczy's hometown in Germany, a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Berczy, art displays from our talented students, and many other special activities and events. All in all, the evening gave current students and staff the opportunity to reconnect with former staff and students and celebrate our incredible school.

We are extremely honoured and proud to be the administrators of William Berczy P.S. and are looking forward to another wonderful year, beginning in September of 2018.

Have a safe, restful, and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Ms Rhamey
Principal

Mr. Pasta
Vice Principal



IMPORTANT NOTICES

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON THURSDAY JUNE 28, 2018

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STAFF CHANGES FOR 2018-2019

Our school community will be saying goodbye to Ms Lesa Thomas who has been at Berczy for fourteen years. She has accepted a position working at Richmond Rose Public School. Ms Thomas' legacy will remain at Berczy for years to come. She will surely be missed by students, staff, and the community.

We will be welcoming Mrs. Martha Lee and Ms Keltie Shields to Berczy in the new school year. Mrs. Lee will be teaching a Grade 6 class and is excited to teach at Berczy. She is an experienced teacher who has a strong interest in science, coding, eco-schools and French, to name a few. We are also excited to have Ms Shields join the Berczy team as the new Special Education Resource Teacher and know she will make a great addition to our teaching team. Ms Shields is coming to us with a love and passion for teaching and has been working as a Special Education Resource Teacher at a YRDSB school in the north.

LOST AND FOUND

Please encourage your child to take time to visit the Lost and Found bin in the hallway by the pit area. There are lots of items that have not found their way home to their owners yet! Any leftover items at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

FIRST DAY BACK



The first day of school in the 2018-2019 school year is **Tuesday September 4th**. If your child is not returning to Berczy in the fall, please let the office know as soon as possible. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing your child in September!

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FIRST DAY ROUTINES

Beginning at **8:45 a.m.** on **Tuesday September 4th**, please meet on the tarmac at the rear of the school where staff members will be at the table with your child's posted grade. From there, staff will help you find your child's teacher. Dismissal is per usual at 3:30 p.m. through our side doors and our Primary doors. Should it be raining on the first day, we will meet all students in the gymnasium in the morning. Please see the tentative school organization for September below.

TENTATIVE SCHOOL ORGANIZATION	2018-2019
JK/SK A	5/6A
JK/SK B	6A
SK/1	6/7A
1A	7A
1/2A	7/8A
2A	8A
2B	CCG4/5A
3A	CCG5/6A
3/4 A	CCG6/7A
3/4 B	CCG7A
4/5A	CCG7/8A
5A	CCG8A

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Did you know that you can now get free eBooks and audiobooks from the school library? It's easy! Just visit <http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/> and borrow digital books by logging in with your student number – just remember to put a zero in front of it! (e.g. 0xxxxxxx) You can enjoy on all major devices, such as iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets, Chromebooks, laptops or desktop computers. The collection has books like *Big Nate* and *The Secret Path* and thousands more. Visit the York Region District School eBook library for more information or access the site 24/7 at <http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>. Any questions? Just ask your school librarian.

NEW TO OVERDRIVE?

Use these steps to borrow digital books from your school and start reading or listening to them right in your web browser.

1

Go to your school's OverDrive website:

<http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>

2

Sign in with your student ID or school login.

3

Borrow a book.

4

Go to your Checkouts page (under your Account). From there, click the Read or Listen button to open the book in your browser.

Borrowed titles will automatically return at the end of the lending period. You can also return titles early to free up space in your school account.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

<p>Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 7:00pm – 8:00pm</p>	<p>School Council Meeting Our last meeting of the year!</p>	<p>If you can make it from 6 to 7 pm, please drop by for a mix & mingle and some nourishment as a thank you for your ongoing support this year.</p>
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<p><i>Upcoming Dates... Mark your calendars!</i></p>	
<p>June 13</p>	<p>Teacher Appreciation Luncheon</p>
<p>June 13</p>	<p>Volunteer Appreciation Tea</p>
<p>June 13</p>	<p>7 pm School Council Meeting (6 pm to 7 pm mix & mingle)</p>
<p>June 14</p>	<p>Kortright Centre Trip for Mrs. Danukarjanto, Mr. Jeffries, Mrs. Pirjamali, and Ms Speed's classes</p>
<p>June 18</p>	<p>Harbourfront Trip for Mrs. Ishaq and Mr. Cordick's classes</p>
<p>June 18</p>	<p>Grade 8 Graduation</p>
<p>June 19</p>	<p>SK Graduation</p>
<p>June 27</p>	<p>Report Cards go home at 3:30 pm</p>
<p>June 28</p>	<p>Early Dismissal Day, 12 pm</p>
<p>June 29</p>	<p>P.A. Day</p>

York Region Mission:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Inspire Learning!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

BERCZY 50th HIGHLIGHTS

Berczy 50th Celebration Was Awesome

William Berczy Public School in Markham celebrated its 50th Anniversary on May 24, 2018. The school was founded in 1967, one hundred years after Confederation, and has had thousands of students and families come through its doors.

This milestone was commemorated with a formal ceremony during the school day. Markham's Town Crier kicked-off the event with a stirring proclamation. The Berczy choir, under the direction of Music Teacher Beth Hancox, performed the official school song, entitled, "A Welcoming Place". Our Concert Band, also directed by Mrs. Hancox, performed two pieces that earned them a Gold Medal at the Music Alive Festival. YRDSB Director Louise Sirisko provided words of inspiration and praise during her speech. A video produced by a grade 8 student, was screened and clearly showed how much Berczy has changed over the years and how much it is still a welcoming place. The ceremony came to a conclusion with students receiving a special sew-on crest of our student-designed Berczy 50th logo, a light-up Berczy pen, and a delicious blue and yellow cupcake.

The evening event was an enormous success. Over a thousand people attended and had the exciting opportunity to experience student and staff-created "Decade Rooms", which featured aspects of each decade of Berczy's existence. Also exhibited were artifacts displays of Berczy over the years. Students performed music in the gym, which was adorned by beautiful Berczy student artwork. Berczy's Eco Club offered a sunflower planting station, there was a marching band from Germany, food trucks, fire trucks and games. Mr. Yuen capped the evening off by inviting attendees to sing and record our own school song to be put in a time capsule to be opened in the future. Many former staff and students attended the evening and could be seen catching up and reminiscing throughout the night. A wonderful day was had by all!



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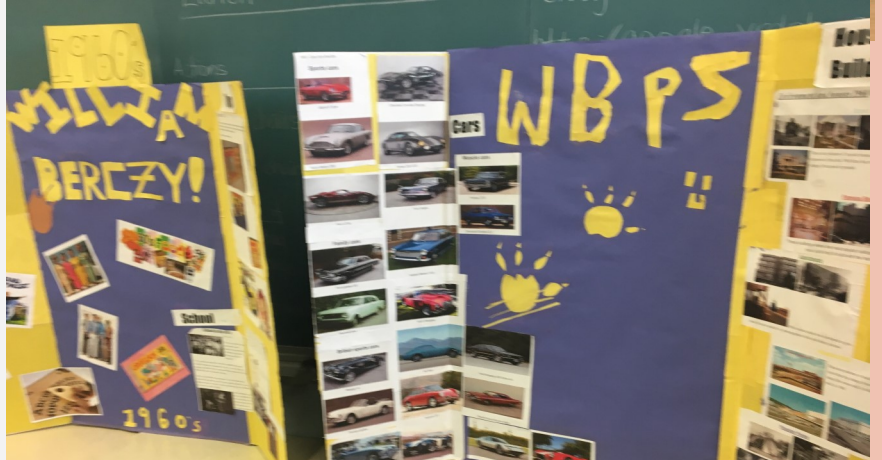
THE BERCZY 50th CELEBRATED EVERYTHING GREAT ABOUT BERCZY

A Grade 6 Student's Perspective

By: Rishi Mehta, Grade 6 Student

On May 24th, 2018, our school celebrated 50 years of hard work, dedication and learning. Since 1968 everyone in our school has done the best they could every-day to help our school grow into what it is today.

To make this monumental event even more special, all students and teachers worked extremely hard to prepare exhibits celebrating a decade of Berczy's existence. Each class was given the task of designing a poster board for a certain decade they were assigned. After receiving the decade, they began working on writing essays and reports on trends, important events and various other topics that took place in their respective decade. Once a class completed all the reports and essays they compiled it all onto one big poster board or digital display that was stationed throughout second floor classrooms. To acknowledge everyone's projects, classes visited the second floor on the morning of the 24th. It was awesome to see all of our hard work on display!



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

A Grade 6 Student's Perspective Continued...



At the school-wide ceremony, which began at 2 p.m., our school choir performed our school song in front of many parents as well as special guests, such as: the YRDSB's Director, Louise Sirisko, Superintendent Peter Tse, and Markham's Town Crier. Unfortunately, due to illness, Mayor Scarpitti was not able to attend; however, from the band presenting their two pieces that earned them a gold medal, to the choir singing our school song, this ceremony was undoubtedly a memorable event.



In the evening, families came to Berczy to visit the Decades Rooms, eat some good food from food trucks, and even tour exhibits that staff had created showing how Berczy has changed over the years. A video created by grade 8 student Devlyn Sun looped in the gym and it showed that although Berczy looks different, there are still lots of happy learning students. A marching band from Germany showed up and played a few tunes, and even Mr. and Mrs. Berczy were here in the gym. At the end of the night, Mr. Yuen called everyone down to the gym to sing our school song, which was recorded to be put into a time capsule.



Overall, the experience of celebrating 50 years of our school greatly benefited everyone involved. This event was a milestone of hard work, perseverance and grit. Our assembly wasn't just a reminder to everyone that our school has existed for 50 years, it was also to remind everyone how the hard work of students, teachers and principals and vice principals has paid off. We look forward to the 100th year celebration and we should all continue to work hard everyday, just like how we have been doing for the past 50 years.



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WELL-BEING EXPO HIGHLIGHTS

Our second annual Well-Being Expo was a fantastic evening for students and parents alike. The evening started off with Adam and Erica from Aussie X teaching students and their parents how to play Aussie Rules Football. Parents and their children formed two rows facing each other and had to pass and kick the Aussie Football back and forth. It was a lot of fun! In the meantime, students brought their bikes in for a quick tune-up from our friends at Station Skis and Bikes. When the Aussie experience was over, parents and students made their way inside and explored exhibits related to health and wellness. York Region Public Health had an exhibit that provided visitors with information about stress reduction and ways to deal with anxiety. Students facilitated a nutrition station where visitors learned about healthy eating. Ms McNaughtan and Ms Pirjamali handed out yoghurt parfaits filled with healthy granola bits, yoghurt and blueberries. Ms Taylor was there helping to sell Berczy 50th spirit wear! A highlight of the night was definitely Ms Speed and the Eco-Team's exhibit where visitors got the chance to plant sunflower seeds in a tiny pot and take it home for planting. The Eco-Team helped visitors learn about how they could regrow vegetables from scraps and even about how to 'boomerang' their lunch. All in all, it was a really fun and educational evening.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

GRADE 8 QUEBEC TRIP RECAP

Grad Trip was Tres Magnifique!

By: Vismaya Theertha and Jeff Liu, Grade 8 Students

This May, we grade 8s went on an unforgettable trip to the Quebec City. It was definitely a fun and amazing experience. Here is a brief recap:

Day 1

During the 10 hour bus ride, friends played games and trivia while others watched movies to pass the time. Overall, the entire bus ride was long and tiring. After we arrived at our destination, we unpacked and went on a ghost tour walk exploring old town Quebec City. We walked down the vintage alleyways while the tour guide explained the history behind the structures. The bright lights contrasting the night sky added to our fascination of not only the architecture, but of the city itself.

Day 2

After a hearty breakfast, we went on a natural hike at the Canyon Ste. Anne. We crossed the entrance bridge and walked into the woods, and as we walked through the peaceful forest, the birds chirped from somewhere above. The sound of the water crashing against the rocks was heard as the magnificent waterfall came into view. Under the sunlight, a beautiful double rainbow appeared above the water. Later, we went to the Sainte-Anne Basilica and explore the old history and culture of Quebec. The inside of the church was definitely a beautiful work of architecture, and the sunlight spilled in from the coloured glass windows onto the statues. Our voices echoed through the huge space as we walked around. Later in the afternoon, we took the bus to the copper museum and made many amazing craft works, which was a great way to end the day!

Day 3

During the morning, we did a scavenger hunt in the Upper Town where we got to explore and sightsee. The St. Lawrence River sparkled under the sun, reflecting the image of the grand Chateau Frontenac. A light rain started as we headed towards the Citadelle, which is currently a military base. At the Citadelle, we had the opportunity to learn about the wars in the past and see the present day base. The tall, stone walls surround the fortress with the cannons lined up at the side, providing protection should the enemy attack. This reminds us of the exciting past when the garrisons fought off the enemy to protect the city. Then, in the afternoon, we went on a discovery walk in Lower Town which is the site of Quebec City's original "habitation". The sun burned on our backs as we spent an entire hour outside. As night came, we boarded the boat cruise for a scenic tour along the St. Lawrence River. The pitch black water reflected the colourful lights from the boat. On the boat, we danced to the blasting music while the disco light shone on our faces. Everyone was in a good mood as this is the last night of our grad trip and we all wanted to make it a memorable experience. In the end, we thought that this trip was FANTASTIC! Every one of us enjoyed wrapping up our grade 8 year with an extraordinarily great trip.



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Jour 1

Pendant le trajet en bus (qui a duré 10 heures), les amis on jouer des jeux, quand d'autres ont regarder des films pour gagner de temps. Surtout, le trajet de bus était très bruyant et fatigant. Après nous avons arriver à notre destination, nous avons déballé nos affaires et puis allez sur un balade fantôme pour explorer la vieille ville de Québec. Nous avons marché dans les ruelles vintage pendant que la guide a expliqué l'histoire derrière les structures. Les lumiere bruyant qui diverge de le ciel nocturne, a ajouter a notre fascination de la ville.

Jour 2

Après un chaleureux petit déjeuner, nous avons allées pour un promenade dans le Canyon de St. Anne. Nous avons passé le pont et marcher vers le foret. En marchant à travers le calme forêt, les oiseaux gazouillis quelque part, hors de vu. Le son de quand l'eau s'écrase contre les roches a été entendu quand nous avons vu le chute d'eau. Dessous la lumière du soleil, un beau arc-en-ciel a apparu au dessus l'eau. Plus tard, nous avons aller à la basilique de Sainte-Anne pour comprendre plus à propos de la culture et histoire de québec. Dans l'église, l'architecture était très fantastique, spécialement, l'art sur le vitrail. Nos voix ont échoué par la grande espace nous avons errer par. Dans après midi, nous avons allez atelier de cuivre et crée des pièces d'art génial, qui est un bon moyen de finir le jour.

Jour 3

Pendant le matin nous avons participé à une chasse au trésor en haut-Quebec ou nous avons explorer cette part de Québec. Le rivière de St. laurent étincelait sous le soleil, qui reflète l'image de le chateau frontenac. Un peu de pluie se dirigeait vers la Citadelle, qui est le base militaire de Québec. A la citadel nous avons reçu l'opportunité pour apprendre



à propos des guerres. Puis, dans l'après midi, nous avons aller dans un marché de découvert dans bas quebec. Le soleil a brûlé nos dos, pendant nos temps libre à l'extérieur. Comme la nuit est arrivé Nous avons embarqué le bateau a-t-une visite panoramique le long du fleuve Saint-Laurent. L'eau noire reflète les lumières colorées du bateau. Nous avons dansé à la musique forte alors que la lumière disco brillait sur nos visages. Tout le monde était de bonne humeur que c'est la dernière nuit de notre voyage grad et nous avons tous voulu rendre l'expérience mémorable. Enfin nous pensions ce voyage était fantastique! Tout le monde a apprécié ce merveilleux voyage. Ce voyage était la meilleure fin de l'année scolaire élémentaire.

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EDUCATION ENRICHMENT MADE 2017-2018 A TRULY SPECIAL SCHOOL YEAR

Berczy students are very grateful to our school community for your donations to enrich their education this year. Through our community's generosity, we were able to fund such exciting initiatives as Aussie X Movement, Dreambox Learning, Varley Art Gallery Trips, Markham Stouffville Hospital Trips, Mathletes, Technology enhancements, Scientist in the School, Sphero Robotics kits, Makedo Makerspace Kits, and Teacher Classroom Education Enrichment, to name a few. These events and items increased student engagement and provided opportunities for students to go on learning adventures often beyond the classrooms walls. Thank you!



Clockwise from Top Right: Aussie X, Mathletes, Varley Art Gallery, Scientist in the School

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A CONCERTO TO REMEMBER

Berczy Student Relishes Opportunity to Perform with Prestigious Thomastik-Infeld Canadian String Orchestra

By: Erin Merkley, Grade 8 Student

Many students at William Berczy Public School pursue a passion or activities outside of school; whether they are playing on a sports team or participating in performing arts, sometimes they have to take time off during the school week to compete or pursue their extracurricular activities. Recently, I had the opportunity to play in the Thomastik-Infeld Canadian String Orchestra during the week of May 12th-17th, immediately after our Grade 8 graduation trip.

Thomastik-Infeld Canadian String Orchestra is an auditioned orchestra where young artists from all over Canada come together every year for five days to learn and play a variety of pieces. This year, it was held in Emmanuel College, located in Victoria University at the University of Toronto. With an intensive rehearsal schedule, we mastered and performed three long pieces within the short time that we shared together. Although I was exhausted at the end of each day after eight hours of rehearsals, I was very honoured to be playing alongside a very talented group of musicians. Under the direction of our amazing conductor, Mark Skazinetsky, the associate concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, I learned many new techniques while working through these complex pieces.

On our final day, we performed two concerts at the Church of the Redeemer in Toronto, to many school and youth groups, displaying the pieces we learned over the week: Romanian Dances by Béla Bartók, St. Paul's Suite by Gustav Holst and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for String Orchestra. Here is the link to our full performance if you wish to watch it: <https://livestream.com/accounts/27309312/events/8207713/videos/174967302>



Erin Merkley, front row, second from right, with the Thomastik-Infeld Canadian String Orchestra.

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BERCZY STUDENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS ART AWARD IN LONDON ENGLAND

Terence Cai Wins Second Place at Never Such Innocence Art Competition

Congratulations are in order for our grade 6 student Terence Cai, who won second place at the prestigious Never Such Innocence Art Competition in London England. Terence's artwork, entitled, "The Torch" was inspired by the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields", by John McCrae, and was selected from among 6700 entries. Terence travelled to London, England to receive the award and called it an experience he will always remember.

Terence and his family attended the 6 hour ceremony at the Wellington Barracks, The winners lined up into ranks behind the Band of the Welsh Guards, then walked across to the Officers Mess. The Royal Air Force landed a helicopter on Parade Square to come and congratulate the winners. Winners were invited to enjoy the afternoon tea in the Office Mess. Terence donated his monetary prize to the Never Such Innocence WW1 organization, to show his appreciation and support.

Also of note, Terence recently won two first place awards in separate International Art Competitions. Please see the following two pages for examples of his award-winning artwork.

We are looking forward to many more great artworks and accomplishments from this young Berczy artist.



Above Left: The Never Such Innocence Ceremonial Invite; Above Right: Never Such Innocence Executive Committee member, General Sir Gordon Messenger, presents Terence with his prize.

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"The Torch" by Terence Cai

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"Brook Trout" by Terence Cai



"California Golden Trout" by Terence Cai

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GRADE 7 STUDENT BEN NANDERAM WINS DIFFERENCE-MAKER AWARD!

Ben Nanderam, one of only 5 students from across Canada to receive Rick Hansen Foundation Difference-Maker of the Year Award

Congratulations are in order for our very own Grade 7 student, Ben Nanderam, who is only one of five students from across Canada to receive the Rick Hansen Foundation School Program Difference-Maker Award. Ben's project entitled, "Play Time is the Best Time" included a design for a glider within a playground that is universally accessible to all, including those with physical disabilities. The award committee was very impressed with Ben's project and presentation. We at Berczy are very proud of Ben. He certainly makes a difference at Berczy every day! For more information about the award and the Rick Hansen Foundation, please follow this link, which will be updated shortly to show Ben's profile. <http://www.rickhansen.com/Our-Work/School-Program/Inspirational-Stories>

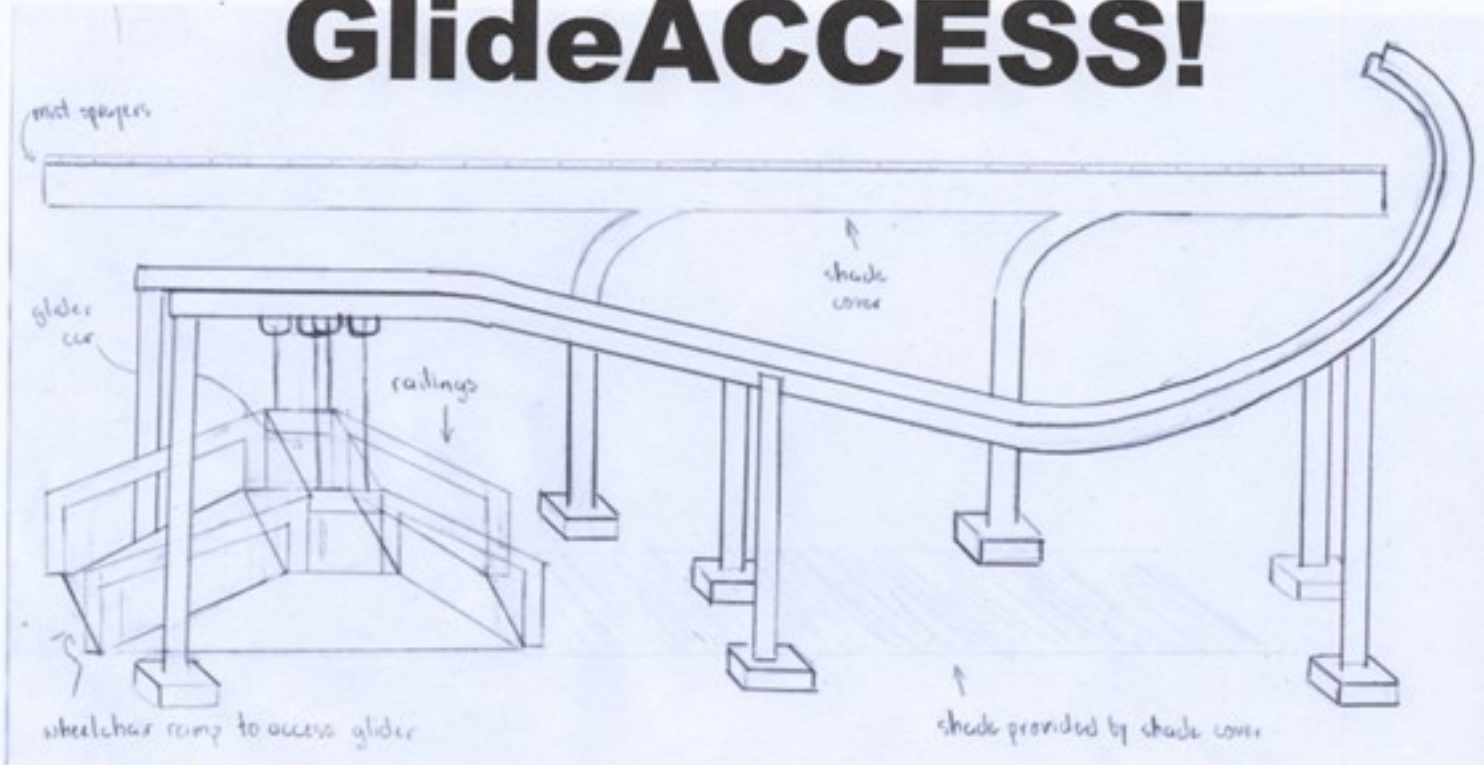


Ben Nanderam, Recipient of the Rick Hansen Foundation's
Difference Maker of the Year Award

**Would you like to have a playground
where EVERYONE can play?**

Then welcome BENNOVATIVE's new

GlideACCESS!



No other playground in the entire Greater Toronto Area has an accessible glider like BENNOVATIVE's glider. Our Glider design is safe and fun for ALL including people who have wheelchairs, colour blindness, sun sensitivity or any other disabilities.

BENNOVATIVE's universal design boasts of colour contrast, a car, shade covers, and much more! Just these factors alone help users who are colour blind, have wheelchairs, or are sensitive to the sun. Situated by amazing wildlife, everyone using this beautiful and inclusive new playground addition will want to play on it all day!



**Let's be the first community to give everyone the opportunity to play,
because, at BENNOVATIVE, we think everyone deserves to play!**

Above: Ben Nanderam's Accessible Glider design and bro-

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MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PAGE PROGRAM

By: **Stephanie Shen, Grade 7 Student**

Two months ago, I was chosen to be part of an exciting journey to explore the life of a politician. I was part of a program called the Legislative Page Program. This program allows you to spend a few weeks at Queen's Park. Here you will be able to experience political debates, votes and learn about the Parliament first hand.

This is a remarkable experience for the chosen grade 7 and 8 students living in Ontario. To apply, all you have to do is write an essay on why you should be chosen and what extraordinary characteristics you would bring to the program. You will also need your parents, homeroom teacher and Principal to fill out a consent form. If chosen, you will receive an honorarium amount of \$15 a day.

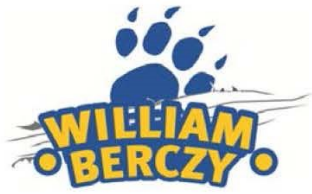
While I was a member of the Legislative Page Program, I was able to meet many important people, such as the past Premier (Kathleen Wynne), The Sergeant of Arms, the Lieutenant Governor, and all 104 MPPs (Member of Provincial Parliament) of the 41st Parliament.

My daily schedule started at 7:00 a.m., and usually at this time, I would enter the TTC subway station. I would arrive at Queen's Park at approximately 8:30 a.m. This is when MPPs debate on Bills. We have legislative process class or Orders of the Day from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by question period. This is when MPPs question each other about how they are doing their jobs. This is where most of the heated arguments take place. We would eat lunch after question period is over. After lunch, we would go to routine proceedings and orders of the day. This is when bills, petitions, reports by committees and other items are stated and introduced. On a usual day, we would end anywhere from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. On Friday, the chamber was not in session. So the pages would visit places around Toronto. During my session, I was able to visit the Yoko Ono Museum, the Science Centre, Ripley's Aquarium, and Second City. I also made many great friends from all around Ontario.

Overall this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I would recommend this program to all interested grade 7 or 8 students.



Stephanie Shen,
Grade 7 student,
middle row,
second from left



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: June 28, 2018 - Early Release Day

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