

THE BERCZY BANNER

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Dear Berczy Families:

As we look back upon the 2018-2019 school year, we reflect on how fortunate we are to work with amazing students and staff at William Berczy Public School. As an Administrator team, we have a front row seat to the learning and growth our students have experienced since September.

We are very grateful to our families for the generous donations to the Education Enrichment Fundraising program. Due to your donations, we were able to purchase more Chromebook computers, hold school-wide visits to the Varley Art Gallery, provide Scientist in the School programs for every class, purchase new furniture and interactive white board tables for the Learning Commons, STEM resources, and invite Kreative In Dance Styles for week-long hip-hop dance workshops for all grades, which culminated in dance performances, and a community dance session at our Well-Being Expo on May 16th.

From the daily lessons which engage our learners to special events such as Winter Wellness Day, it truly has been a year of achievements and successes. Congratulations to all our Bears, especially to our grade 8 graduates as they venture forth into the next stage of their education in high school. To those who are not returning to Berczy in September, we will miss you and wish you much success. Remember, you will always be a Berczy Bear.

We are very proud to be the administrators of William Berczy P.S. and strive to create a kind, inclusive and respectful learning environment at Berczy. We look forward to another wonderful year with you, beginning in September of 2019.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Rhamey

Principal

Alex Pasta

Vice Principal



EARLY DISMISSAL

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 27, 2019**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our past practice, **students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 27, 2019 only**. Students will be dismissed early that day at **12:00 p.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

FIRST DAY BACK



The first day of school in the 2019-2020 school year is **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**. 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!

STAFF CHANGES



Our school community will be saying goodbye to teachers: **Mrs. Elain Pang**, **Mr. Geoff Kitching**, and **Mr. Wayne Spencer**, who have been teaching at Berczy for several years. We will also be saying thank you and goodbye to **Ms Irene Lambropoulos**, **Ms Ashley Mark** and **Ms Ashley Gyarmati**, who have been teaching in Long Term Occasional Positions this year. Mrs. Pang has accepted a position at Sir John A. MacDonald Public School and Mr. Kitching has accepted a position at Fred Varley Public School. We would like to congratulate Mr. Spencer on his appointment to Vice-Principal at his new school, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School. Best of luck, Mr. Spencer! We will also be saying goodbye to **Mrs. Sukh Kahlon**, one of our Kindergarten Designated Early Childhood Educators and **Mrs. Ranu Chawlah**, our Child and Youth Worker. The legacy of these educators will remain at Berczy for years to come. They will surely be missed by students, staff, and the community. We would like to also wish **Ms Jessica Dusome** congratulations and much success as she assumes the Lead Caretaker position at the new Rouge Park Public School, effective July 1, 2019. Ms Dusome will be missed dearly at Berczy by staff and students. We will be sure to maintain the beautiful garden she helped plant at the front of the school building.

We will be welcoming **Mr. Binoy Dave**, **Ms Alice Wong**, **Mr. Hao Sun**, **Ms Rachel Yang**, and **Mrs. Carole Chapkin** to Berczy in the new school year. Mr. Dave will be teaching a Grade 8 class, Ms Wong will be teaching a Grade 7 class, Mr. Sun will be teaching a Grade 7 Gifted class, Ms Yang will be teaching English as a Second Language classes, and Mrs. Chapkin will be teaching one of the Kindergarten classes. All teachers bring a love and passion for teaching and have been working in the York Region District School Board in various roles. All are very excited to be joining the Berczy team and we are thrilled to welcome such a talented, enthusiastic group of educators to our school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



A special thank you to the **School Council Executive for 2018-2019: Michelle Fong - Chair, Shuang Li - Treasurer, Gilbert Lee - Secretary.**

Thank you as well to parents and guardians who made it out to our meetings this past year and provided valuable input and ideas along with volunteering in a number of exciting initiatives throughout the year. The council supported school fundraising efforts which in turn enriched the education for Berczy students. The first meeting for the 2019-2020 school year is scheduled for: **Wednesday September 25th, 2019.** All are welcome!



FIRST DAY ROUTINES

Beginning at **8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019** 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 ORGANIZATION FOR 2019-2020

K12A	GRADE 6A
K12B	GRADE 6B
K12C	GRADE 7A
GRADE 1A	GRADE 7B
GRADE 1B	GRADE 8A
GRADE 2A	GRADE 8B
GRADE 2B	CCG4/5A
GRADE 2/3A	CCG5/6A
GRADE 3A	CCG7A
GRADE 3/4A	CCG7/8A
GRADE 4A	CCG7/8B
GRADE 4/5A	CCG8A
GRADE 5A	SSCA

WELL-BEING EXPO @ BERCZY



On Thursday May 16th, William Berczy Public School held its third annual Well-Being Expo. About two hundred families came out for an evening of wellness, well-being, and a lot of fun. Student representatives from the Art Club facilitated the Artonomy Art Project, and another beautiful collaborative artwork was created. The Inclusivity Team Members facilitated families adding notes of gratitude to our Gratitude Wall. As well, our partners from York Region Public Health shared important safety information at their booth. Healthy yogurt parfaits were given out to hungry attendees. Last, but definitely not least, Justin from Kreative In Dance Styles led the enthusiastic crowd in a group hip-hop dance routine. It was amazing event. We can't wait until next year!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2019 GRADE 8 GRAD TRIP

This year's Grade 8 Graduation Trip to Montreal was truly magnifique! Mr. Cordick, Mr. Spencer, Ms Gyarmati, Mrs. Chapman, Ms Shields, Mrs. Shields, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Pasta chaperoned eighty-eight grade 8 students on a three-day, two-night stay at the Voyageur Hotel in the capital of La Belle Provence, Montreal. Students immersed themselves in French-Canadian culture through participating in a circus school, taking in a rehearsal of the organist at Le Basilica de Notre Dame, and venturing throughout the old town neighborhood in search of poutine and other local lunch delicacies. Students were privy to a breathtaking view of the city atop Mont Royal, visited the old Montreal Forum (former home of Les Canadiens hockey team) for some bowling and arcade fun, and partook in a dinner and dance party aboard a boat cruise of Montreal harbour. Students also visited the Montreal Archeological Museum to learn about Montreal's history, and visited the Montreal Science Centre for some maker-space challenges. All in all, it was trip to remember, and a great learning experience students will never forget!



... GRADE 8 TRIP CONTINUED





EDUCATION ENRICHMENT HELPED MAKE 2018-2019 TRULY SPECIAL

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 Kreative In Dance Styles hip-hop dance workshops, Varley Art Gallery Trips, Technology Enhancements, Scientist in the School, and Teacher Classroom Education Enrichment, to name but a few. These events, resources and items increased student engagement and provided opportunities for students to go on learning adventures beyond the classrooms walls. Thank you!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA



On the afternoon of Tuesday June 18th, William Berczy Public School held its annual *Volunteer Appreciation Tea*. The event was for William Berczy staff and students to recognize and thank to all the parent volunteers for their time and effort in supporting Pizza lunches, Samosa sales, clubs and events around the school. Our volunteers are one of the reasons why William Berczy is such a great school!

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On the morning of Wednesday June 13th, School Council and parent volunteers held a *Staff Appreciation Luncheon*, which was an opportunity for families to show their gratitude for the wonderful staff at William Berczy and recognize their hard work in helping students learn and grow this past year. Staff were very appreciative of the wonderful lunch and the support received from Berczy families this past year.

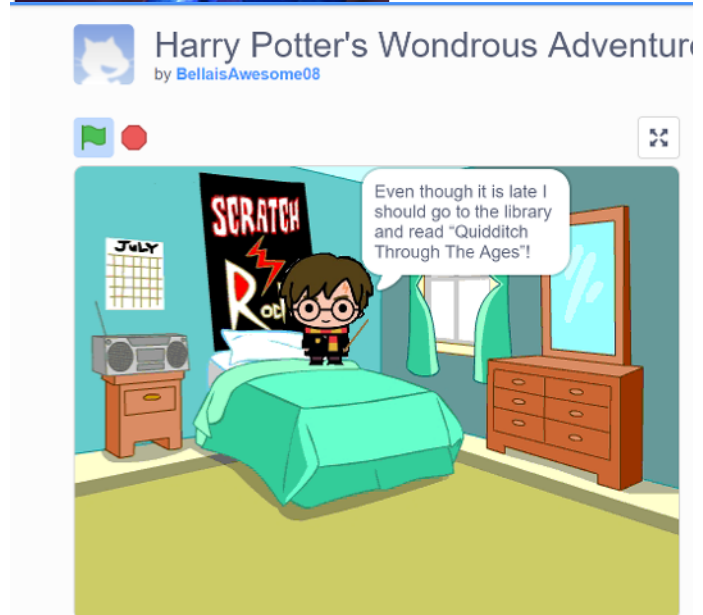
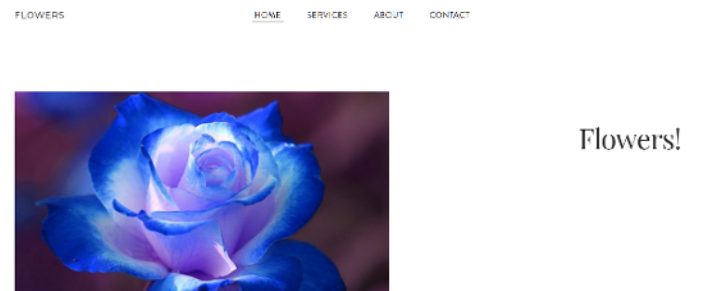
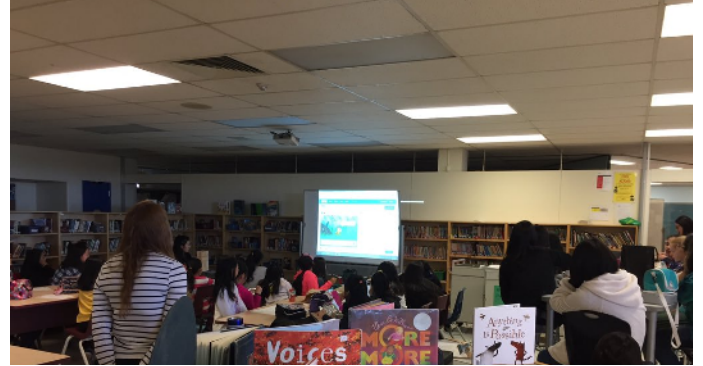
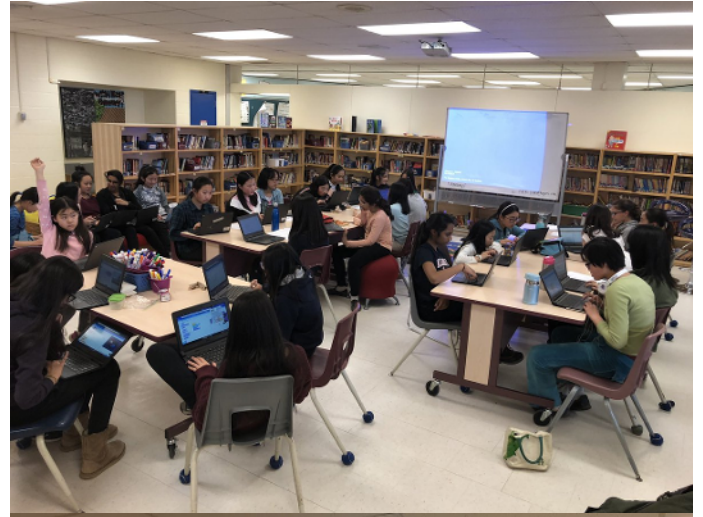


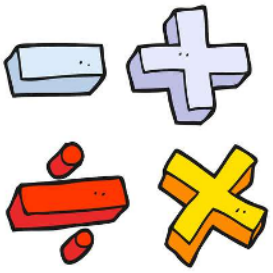
GIRLS WHO CODE UPDATE

By: Sonia Olar and Georgia Mak, Grade 5

The Girls Who Code Club is a club that aims to support and increase the number of females in computer science. The programs educate, equip, and inspire girls with the computing skills they'll need in the future.

During the sessions, we learned to code websites, videos, games, and more using Scratch, Trinket, and other coding websites. We used teamwork to make multiple projects and achieve goals, and most importantly, we had fun using technology and learning to code. We wouldn't have achieved this goal if it wasn't for Mr. Pasta, Ms Rhamey and the two volunteers who taught us: Karen Mak and Roxana Olar. Without them this wouldn't have been possible and we wouldn't be coding right now. They inspired many girls to code and maybe one day you will code too. We hope to bring another Girls Can Code Club to Berczy again next year!





MONTHLY MATH MESSAGE

Summertime Math!

Summer is a time for rest and relaxation, but that doesn't mean you can't have fun with math. There are numerous ways to embed math into everyday summer activities. Here is a list to get you started:

- Monitoring temperature
- Outdoor scavenger hunts
- Gardening
- Cooking
- Grocery shopping
- Budgeting for a Trip
- Packing suitcases/Trunk
- Scheduling
- Mapping

Happy summer!



GAUSS MATH CONTEST RESULTS ARE IN!

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Distinction: Julie Zhang, Andrew Liu, Rhona Chen, Nicholas Zhu, Daniel Li, Robert Yin, Aaron Yu, Jessica Chen, Mike Liu, Anayraj Gupta, Daniel Long, Eric Chen, Andrew Durnford, Ethan Huang, Carson Wang, Kyle Hu, Gary Yi, Jerry Zhang, and Melody Pan. Special congratulations to Jasper Zhu in grade 6, who achieved a perfect score on the grade 7 test! Wow! That is quite an accomplishment.

TRUSTEE MESSAGE

As we near the end of the school year, this is a good time to celebrate all your child has learned and achieved. I hope that you have seen evidence of their growth and learning throughout the year.

Supporting the well-being and achievement of our students is a partnership with families and communities, and I want to thank you for all that you do to help strengthen our schools and support your child's learning. We know that when you ask your child about their learning, help them make connections or participate in school events, our students and our schools benefit.

Over the past few months, I am humbled and honoured to have the opportunity to take part in a lot of wonderful events, celebrating student success and achievement. Having the opportunity to participate in various school councils and school visits, interacting with students, parents and system administrators allows me to listen to the most current topics we care about as a community. With the ever-growing City of Markham, we are attracting more people because of the inclusiveness and diversities. I was excited, and at the same time very grateful, to celebrate the grand opening of a brand new school recently - Victoria Square P.S. I share the joy and success with the community thus far and wish you all the best in the upcoming years building a great school community like all others in the school board.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with families over the summer months and in the 2019-2020 school year. As we go into the summer, there are many opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning - whether helping to plan a family trip, visiting a local museum, gathering with your school mates for some sports and fun, reading a book or participating in one of the many exciting [summer learning programs](#) offered through the Board. I wish you all the best planning your summer.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to the graduating class of 2019. We wish you all the very best as you move on to this next phase of your life. We look forward to welcoming back all of our new and returning families in the fall.

No matter what your plan is, I wish you and your families a great and safe summer 2019. Please feel free to email me at ron.lynn@yrdsb.ca should you like to connect and chat.

Ron Lynn

Trustee

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