

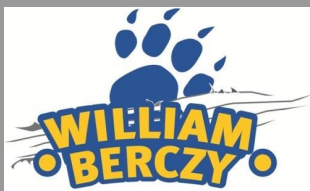
# BERCZY BANNER

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## Character Matters!

Respect Honesty  
Empathy Fairness  
Initiative Courage  
Integrity  
Optimism  
Perseverance  
Responsibility



## From the Administrator's Desk

Dear Berczy Families,



So many amazing things are happening at William Berczy and we are very proud of our staff, student and parent champions! Last week we hosted our Grade 4 Gifted Open House for the incoming students in 2018 - 2019. The students and staff were bubbling over with excitement when the students and their parents arrived for their visit. Mrs. Jaatinen and Ms Taylor welcomed the students into Mrs. Jaatinen's class where they worked with the Grade 4s on a robotics challenge with the bots and took a tour of the school in teams. You should have heard all the positive comments and feedback when the students and their parents left after their morning visit!

Under the direction of Mr. Yuen and Mrs. Hancox, and Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Speed's classes and the choir, our whole school learned and sang our new school song at our Well-Being Assembly. Members of our choir have been invited to sing the school song and O Canada in the Council Chambers at the Markham Civic Centre on April 16th. We are excited for you to hear our song performed at our 50th Anniversary on May 24th.

We hope you will attend our mini Well-Being Expo on the night of May 17th when Movement X will lead the parents and their children through a series of physical activities that the students will have participated in throughout the week of May 14th.

We are looking forward to our Berczy 50th Anniversary celebration on May 24th. Our staff and students are busy preparing Decades Exhibits and we have planned many exciting and interesting events, activities and guests that day. We will be selling Berczy 50th merchandise throughout the month of May. We ask that you support our efforts to recover the costs of hosting a 50th celebration and all of the proceeds will go directly towards this.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ms Rhamey  
Principal

Mr. Pasta  
Vice Principal



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## GRADE 3 AND 6 EQAO TESTING

Our Grade 3 and 6 Students will be writing their **EQAO** tests from **Monday, May 28, 2018 to Friday, June 1, 2018**. If you are interested in information and resources that are available for you to download you can access them at <http://www.eqao.com/>.

Education Quality and  
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## ARE YOU MOVING?

Please let the office know in writing if you are moving or you know your child will no longer be attending William Berczy in the 2018 – 2019 school year. This will help us plan our classes for the next year.



## LITERACY CORNER

Literacy continues to be a priority for York Region District School Board and for William Berczy. We are continuing on our journey to improve students' achievement in literacy, focusing on reading for meaning by developing higher order, critical thinking skills.

Please take some time at home to ask your child about their learning each day. Your support at home will help embed key learning practices, attitudes and expectations which will have a positive impact on achievement.

If you are interested in learning more about how to support your child's learning at home please visit the Ontario Ministry of Education's website:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/howcanihelp.html>



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## BERCZY SHOOTS AND SCORES!

### Rogers Hometown Hockey Assembly and Skate a Big Hit with Students, Staff, and Parents Alike

By: Amrita Veeraragarvan

This year, William Berczy was chosen to host the Rogers Hometown Hockey celebration! Rogers Hometown Hockey is a weekly nationally broadcasted show hosted by Ron McLean and Tara Slone. It is shown every Sunday and on the weekend of March 2-4, Berczy got to play a special role.

That weekend was an exciting and enjoyable experience for the whole school community. During the morning of Friday March 2nd, we had the Hometown Hockey assembly! This assembly took place in our gym and we were welcomed by the amazing beaver mascot, "Hometown Hockey Hank".

When everyone was seated in the gym, we were read a message from a man in a traditional European messenger's outfit, Markham's very own Town Crier, John Webster. After that entertaining introduction, the Hometown Hockey emcees walked us through what Rogers Hometown Hockey is, and showed us an exciting video and presentation about hockey.

After that, we listened to a small speech from the Mayor of Markham, Frank Scarpitti, and got to meet Liz Knox, the talented goalie who plays for Markham Thunder! This quick speech was followed by an interesting Q and A, which was created by a few selected William Berczy students.

After this, Liz shared her hockey experiences in a fascinating and insightful talk. This was followed with what was perhaps the most exciting part of the show - Paz! Paz is a hockey circus performer, and the 19th most Canadian thing to see, according to a worldwide poll. He came to do an entertaining performance at our assembly. He did a few tricks with hockey pucks, and made lots of funny jokes about them too. For the grand finale, he juggled hockey sticks while standing on top of the goal net, all the while wearing skates!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

## Hometown Hockey Continued...

When we got to the Markham Civic Centre, we were very eager to get on the ice. Thanks to the great number of very helpful parents, staff, student-teachers, and volunteers all lending us a hand, and helping those who needed help, we could get on the ice quite quickly.

When we got onto the ice we had a lot of fun skating with our friends, talking, and enjoying ourselves in the lovely weather. Some students were beginners, but more experienced students worked together to help them out, to their best ability. We all enjoyed skating so much, that when our 40 minutes of skating was up we were all really sad!

Though we were sad about our skating time being done, we became excited again when we went into the building where they had lots of wonderful hockey inspired games, and of course, the Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit! There were trophies, hockey sticks from famous players, jerseys, and so many other interesting things to look at. The big trophy in the middle was truly an awe inspiring sight. It was so cool to see. The hockey sticks were also really fascinating. It was a completely novel experience to see the hockey sticks that those award winning players actually used in games.

After the Civic Centre visit, we all unfortunately had to go back to school. Hometown Hockey is an experience we will never forget, and it was truly an honourable feeling to have hosted this special event at William Berczy P.S.

FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR MORE PHOTOS: [BERCZY @ ROGERS HOMETOWN HOCKEY](#)



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## BERCZY CARVES THE ICE AT ROGERS HOMETOWN HOCKEY EVENT

### A Grade 7 Student's Perspective

By: Bonnie Wen

On March 2nd, students from William Berczy P.S. participated in the Rogers Hometown Hockey event. We celebrated Canada's unofficial national sport with a kick-off assembly and skating at Markham Civic Centre.

Most students and staff were dressed in jerseys for Jersey Day, showing off Berczy school spirit.

During the assembly, Markham Thunder player Liz Knox was greeted by the Berczy Student Ambassadors. Students were amazed by Paz and the Hockey Circus Show as he juggled hockey sticks and pucks. We roared with laughter when Mr. Payne and Ms Speed joined the Hockey Circus Show.

After the assembly, students went back to class. After lunch recess, we left to go to Markham Civic Centre. Many students held mini hockey sticks sold by Ms. Jaatinen's class the week before Hometown Hockey.

People from Markham Civic Centre helped us put on our skates and helmets. Skating was an incredible experience as we glided and fell on the ice with our friends. After skating, we got to visit the Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit and have fun with the interactive games. Outside, food trucks were lined up for students to buy their delicious food.

Thank you to all the staff and people that helped organize this event. Berczy students enjoyed the day and many went to Rogers Hometown Hockey over the weekend of March 2-4.



LEFT: Our very own students interview Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Waxer Liz Knox. ABOVE: Grade 7 students enjoy the Hockey Hall of Fame Exhibit.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## BERCZY'S GOT TALENT

### Students Showcase Diverse Skills and Abilities at Talent Show

By: Michelle Wan and Jaden Zhu

Organized by Madame De Parra, the 2018 Berczy Talent Show was undoubtedly one of the best in its history. The entertaining introduction with the song *Me Too* by Meghan Trainor, was an exceptional production by the talented and vibrant performers. From singing, to dancing, to kicking stereos off stage, the diverse array of performances definitely entertained the audience.

The comedic interpretation of "Mean Girls" by Rohan, Demir, Matthew, and Ethan was a prominent performance, and was charming and entertaining. The unique perspective of the performers added greatly to the show. Another performer, Yvonne Huang, was "thrilled" during her performance. Yvonne was one of the many remarkable singing acts, singing *Happier* by Ed Sheeran. Another notable singer was Vismaya Theertha, who sang *Issues* by Julia Michaels. Her rendition of the song was unquestionably one of the best we've heard. Riley Frans presented a euphoric and powerful performance of *My Church* by Maren Morris and Samantha Viero's song was amazing. As well, there was the moving and energetic performance by the instrumental ensemble of Michelle Wan, Delin Gu, Moon Ming, Julia Guo, Bonnie Wen, Karen Guo and Melody Xing, performing *I Am The Doctor*. With so many bright and talented students, it would be extremely difficult to mention them all. In conclusion, the amazing and brilliant performers made the talent show an immense success.

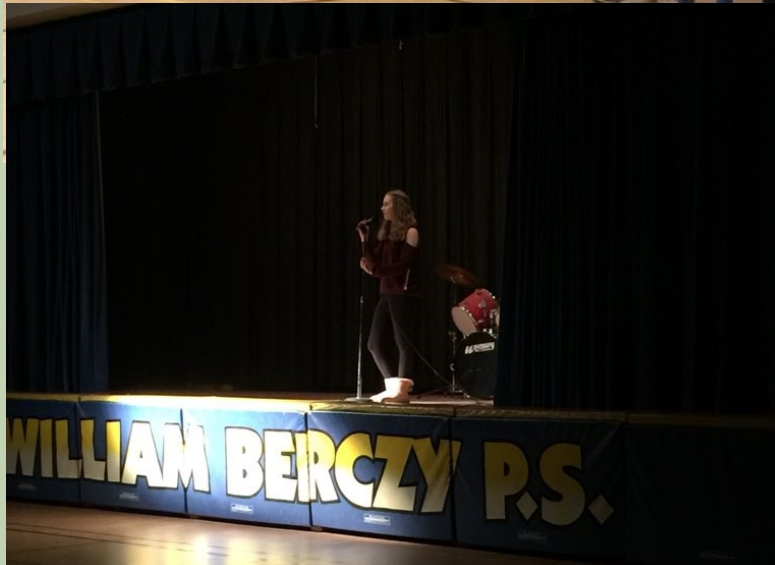


# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## Talent Show Continued ...

After speaking with many of the brilliant participants, many stated that the production of the talent show was “enjoyable”. Participants also said they liked meeting new people, engaging in new activities, and learning many new things. In brief, most participants enjoyed being in the talent show and would audition again next year.

The distinguished host, Madame de Parra, has very strong feelings regarding the 2018 Berczy Talent Show. She revealed that hosting the talent show brought a great deal of joy and happiness to everyone involved. Describing the talent show as entertaining, exciting, and electrifying, Madame De Parra believes that without the talent of Berczy students, the talent show would not have been possible. However, with the great joy of organizing and bringing together a show comes stress and anxiety. Nonetheless, Madame de Parra says seeing the final product is “such a rewarding event”. All in all, the proficient students at Berczy brought forth a wonderful final product.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## BERCZY 50th PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

### Berczy Students and Staff Busy Preparing for the May 24th Celebration

By: Rishi Mehta

For the highly anticipated Berczy 50th Anniversary Celebration, every class in the Primary, Junior and Intermediate division was assigned an era for which they were to create an exhibit. My class, Mrs. Bablani's class, was given the 1990-2000 decade. During this project our task was to make a report on a certain world event that took place in our assigned time period. In addition, every individual in my class made a biography of a certain person who was either born or had lived in their prime during the 1990's-2000's. Then we took our learning and designed a decade exhibit with two other classes in the school. We are almost done and my class is looking forward to sharing with our community on May 24th, the day of the Berczy 50th Celebration.

**William Berczy P.S.**

*Celebrates its*

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2:00-3:15 PM | CEREMONY |

5:00-7:30 PM | CELEBRATION |

**MAY 24TH, 2018**

*Featuring :*

**Decade Rooms**

**Fun Fair**

**Marching Band**

**Special Guests**

**Food Trucks**

ABOVE: Our 50th Anniversary Promotional poster designed by grade 7 students Alice Chen and Clare Wu.



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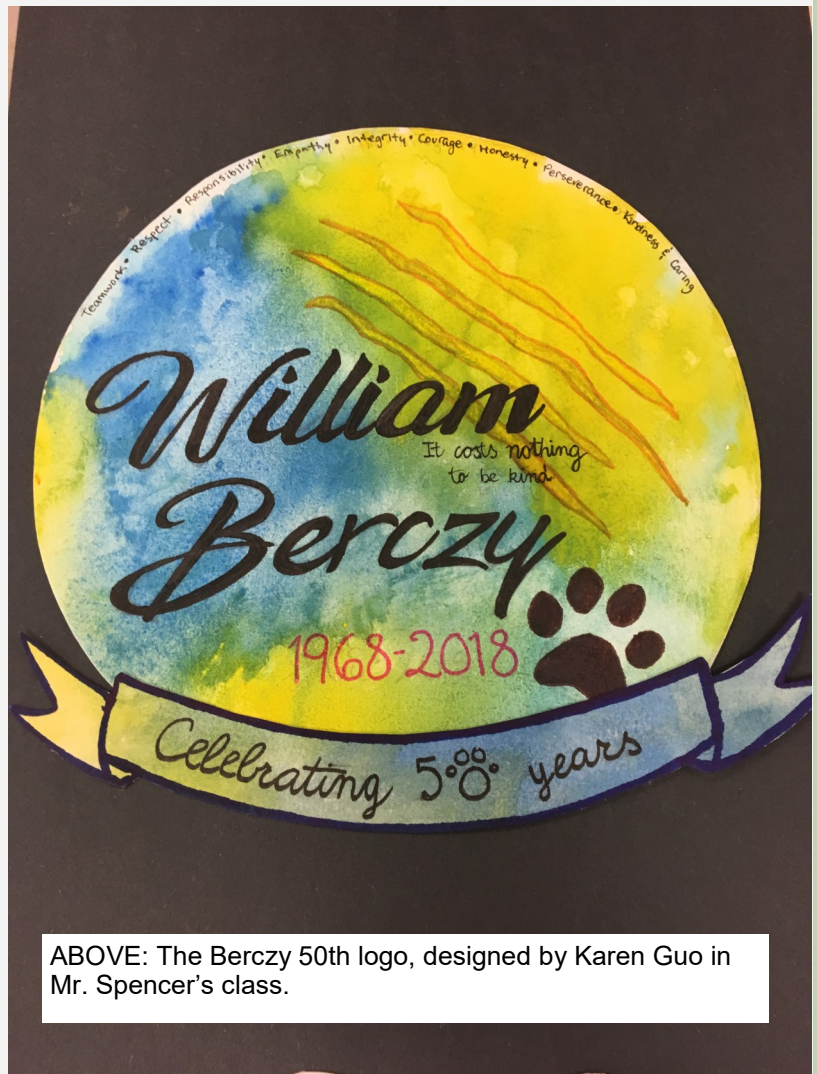
## BERCZY 50th Continued ...

This past Wednesday, we had a school assembly. During this assembly our hard working choir sang the new Berczy song. Not only that but our Principal and Vice Principal talked to students about 50 years of hard work. That is just the start of what will be happening at our Berczy 50th Anniversary. Everyone should be excited for our celebration, as it will surely be one we will never forget.

However because this is the very special 50th anniversary of our school, we didn't stop there. William Berczy even made our own school song that will last for many years to come. A special composer from Australia combined all our lyrics that each class submitted to the office into one amazing song! Once the song was finalized, our wonderful music teachers, Ms. Hancox and Mr. Yuen wanted the choir to sing it for our assembly so that our whole school could learn it. Choir members have been working extremely hard to make sure that this song will be a memorable one.

Facilitated by our passionate Art teacher, Ms. Talwar, some of our students made logos for the William Berczy 50th Celebration. The winner's logo would eventually become the official logo of the 50th anniversary celebration. Our school wanted a collective decision of which logo should be chosen. That is why every class came to the library at a certain time period to vote for what they thought was the best Berczy logo. After a long competition of voting the winner ending up being Karen Guo's logo, pictured at right. All students and staff must have thought that the school's decision of collectively voting was the best idea and all Berczy students and staff felt as if they contributed to our school logo.

Ever since the first year of William Berczy P.S., our school has improved every year. It is an honour to know that we were all here for this once in a lifetime occasion when our school turns 50 years old! Our school's goal is that we always want to improve our environment. Year by year we keep getting closer and closer to this big goal. We should all take a moment and truly thank all our Teachers, Staff, Principal, Vice-Principal and everyone else who helps us be the best we can be, as they are the ones who keep us motivated to learn.



ABOVE: The Berczy 50th logo, designed by Karen Guo in Mr. Spencer's class.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## BERCZY SCHOOL SONG REVEALED

### New Anthem a Celebration of What Makes Berczy a Great School

By: Robert Yin and Daniel Long

As you may know, because it is William Berczy Public School's 50th year, our school has been working hard with an amazing songwriter from Australia to create a piece of music that will be our school song for many years to come. Many drafts were written and discarded; finally, the official school song was crafted and we are ready to share it with our community. Made by an amazing composer in Australia named Glyn Lehman, and in collaboration with our hardworking students and teachers, the new Berczy song is a summary of our entire school in one amazing musical masterpiece.

For months, students and teachers have been working hard on the Berczy song, sharing lyrics from classes and assembling them into an outstanding collection of verses. The Berczy choir is rehearsing the song with Mr. Yuen and Mrs. Hancox to get ready to present it during the upcoming Berczy 50th Anniversary. In one work of art, our school is summed up: respect, mindfulness, inclusiveness, hope, and more. It shows how we are a hardworking school, and that we are passionate to be the best in whatever we do. If you haven't heard this song yet, you should be really excited to hear it, as it truly is amazing. The song is about how Berczy works, accepts people of all types, and is a really great school.



LEFT: Usan playing the guitar and Michelle playing the piano during the first performance of our school song.  
ABOVE: Mr. Yuen directs the chorus, Ms Speed's class, Mrs. Norris' class, and the Student Council in the first performance of our new school song.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

## School Song Continued...

Many inspirations came into the creation of this song such as, when the school was created, how the students feel about the school, and how they are faced with challenges that they have to work through every day. What is unique about us is how we face those challenges, which this song portrays.

Overall, we think that this is an amazing song and we should all look forward to hearing it in the future. We are sure you'll enjoy it!

### A Welcoming Place

words and music by Glyn Lehmann

#### Verse 1

In '67 our school was formed  
A place for learning and friendships born  
Since that day many just like us  
Through these welcoming doors have passed

#### CHORUS

*At Berczy we are respectful  
Berczy we are inclusive  
Berczy we are hopeful  
We are a welcoming place  
où nous vivons en amitié*

#### Verse 2

Respect for others and for this land  
Where many cultures walk hand in hand  
Including all, in all we do  
There's a place for me and you

#### CHORUS

#### Verse 3

In hope we strive to be our best  
In music, sport and all the rest  
And like a bear, in strength we grow  
So much to do, to see and know

#### CHORUS

#### Coda

We are William Berczy Public School

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

## OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE PAGE PROGRAM

By: Ricky Tong and  
Colin Wang

Over the course of many weeks, we both served as pages at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Not only did we learn about the procedures and rules, we were able to spend at least 5 hours in the chamber everyday serving the Members of the Provincial Parliament. Pages get a first hand experience of the political engine and the legislative process of Ontario. Some special events included: meeting the Premier, dining with our MPP, and having lunch with the Speaker! Mixed in with all this, every week, the pages took a free trip to a fun destination around Toronto.

The Page Program accepts only one student from each riding, totalling around 23 grade 7 and 8 students from across Ontario. We strongly recommend that all students eligible to attend this program apply, as it is truly a rewarding experience. In order to apply, visit the official page of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Legislative  
Assembly  
of Ontario



Assemblée  
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de l'Ontario

March 13, 2018

Ms. Rhamey  
120 Carlton Road  
Markham, ON  
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Dear Ms. Rhamey,

This letter is to confirm that Ricky Tong successfully participated in the Legislative Page Program from February 20, 2018 to March 8, 2018. During this term of duty, Ricky exercised good judgment, tact and diplomacy when working with Members of Provincial Parliament and officers of the House. In the Legislative Chamber, he quickly learned the correct procedures for delivering bills, motions, petitions and official House documents according to parliamentary rules. When preparing the Chamber for the daily meetings of the legislature, Ricky also performed his duties efficiently and professionally.

In the classroom, Ricky contributed to class discussions and activities, demonstrating a genuine interest in learning about Ontario's parliamentary system. Ricky did a good job on his Page Captain report, engaging the class with a confident presentation. He had a strong grasp of the required knowledge for the program and achieved an outstanding result on his MPP test. Ricky's written assignment on the role of the Speaker was both thorough and well written.

We appreciate the support that you have given to Ricky and the Legislative Page Program. We look forward to receiving applications from students at your school in the future. Should you have questions about our program please contact our office at 416-325-7457.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'R. Collyer'.

Rachel Collyer



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## BERCZY STUDENT APPOINTED TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Andy Wei Selected to Participate in Shaping the Future of Education in our Province

By: Andy Wei

Do you have big ideas on how to improve public schools? Scared nobody will listen? Well fear not, there *is a way for your thoughts to be heard!*

The Minister's Student Advisory Council, or MSAC, is a diverse group of students that represent the voice of students across Ontario. Throughout the year they meet with the Ontario Minister of Education to discuss and give advice on a variety of topics concerning the public education system.

I'm thrilled to be a part of the 2018 - 2019 council and have an opportunity to reinforce student voice across Ontario. If there is anything you want me to bring up at the meetings I'd love to talk. Additionally, if you are in grades 6 - 8 and want to take part in this amazing opportunity yourself, I strongly encourage you to apply next school year. Best of luck!

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Andy Wei  
[Redacted]

March 6, 2018

#### Congratulations on your appointment to the 2018-19 Minister's Student Advisory Council.

Dear Andy,

Congratulations on being selected from more than 400 applicants for the 2018-19 Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC).

As part of the council, you represent Ontario's cultural, social and geographic diversity. Your participation on MSAC will provide you with an opportunity to speak up and take action on topics to strengthen student engagement. Your unique perspective, thoughts and ideas will contribute to making Ontario's publicly funded education system even better.

Your appointment to the 2018-19 MSAC will be a one (1) year term, commencing in May 2018.

I would also like to share other exciting news. This year, MSAC will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. To mark this milestone, we will be holding a celebration event on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto.

I invite you to join me, your fellow council members and other special guests for the MSAC 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration. Ministry staff will be in touch shortly to provide further details.

Please also save the days of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and August 19<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, in your calendar. At these meetings, you and your fellow council members will be able to connect with each other and share your ideas and advice on how to make Ontario's schools greater places for all students to learn, grow and succeed. More information about these meetings will be provided in the coming weeks.

Your participation and engagement on MSAC is an important part of achieving excellence across Ontario's education system. Thank you for being a member of my council and I look forward to meeting you.

Congratulations again on your appointment!

Sincerely,

Indira Naidoo-Harris  
Minister of Education  
Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care

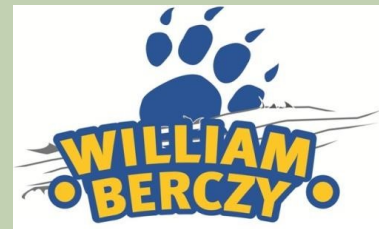
# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

## BERCZY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE COMING SOON

Coming to Berczy in the next few weeks are specially designed t-shirts, bags and Berczy Bears all embossed with our unique 50th logo designed by our own Karen Guo, as well as notebooks and other Berczy merchandise and mementos of our 50th Anniversary celebration taking place on May 24th.

The proceeds from these merchandise sales will go towards recovering the costs of our 50th Anniversary. We will begin selling Berczy 50th merchandise during the first week of May. Cash, cheques or cash online payments will be accepted. More details will follow!

We appreciate your support with our endeavours and we are really looking forward to our Berczy 50th Anniversary celebration on May 24th.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## Congratulations to Ethan Huang and Sonia Olar

### Ethan Huang, Grade 7 Berczy student wins Bronze Medal in York Region District School Board's Science and Technology Fair

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, 190 students from 50 schools from around York Region participated in the York Region Science and Technology Fair. Grade 7 Berczy student Ethan Huang was the recipient of a Bronze Medal for his project *1.Arduino controlled Laser Harp*. A huge congratulations to Ethan for this accomplishment.



### Sonia Olar, Grade 4 Berczy student earns a spot on Team Canada for World Dance Championship

Berczy's own Grade 4 student, Sonia Olar, had some amazing dance results during the weekend of April 7th at Blue Mountain. Sonia placed first in the dance group 9 -11 years, which earned her a spot on Team Canada for the World Dance Championship in Europe next year. We are so proud of Sonia and wish her the best of luck!



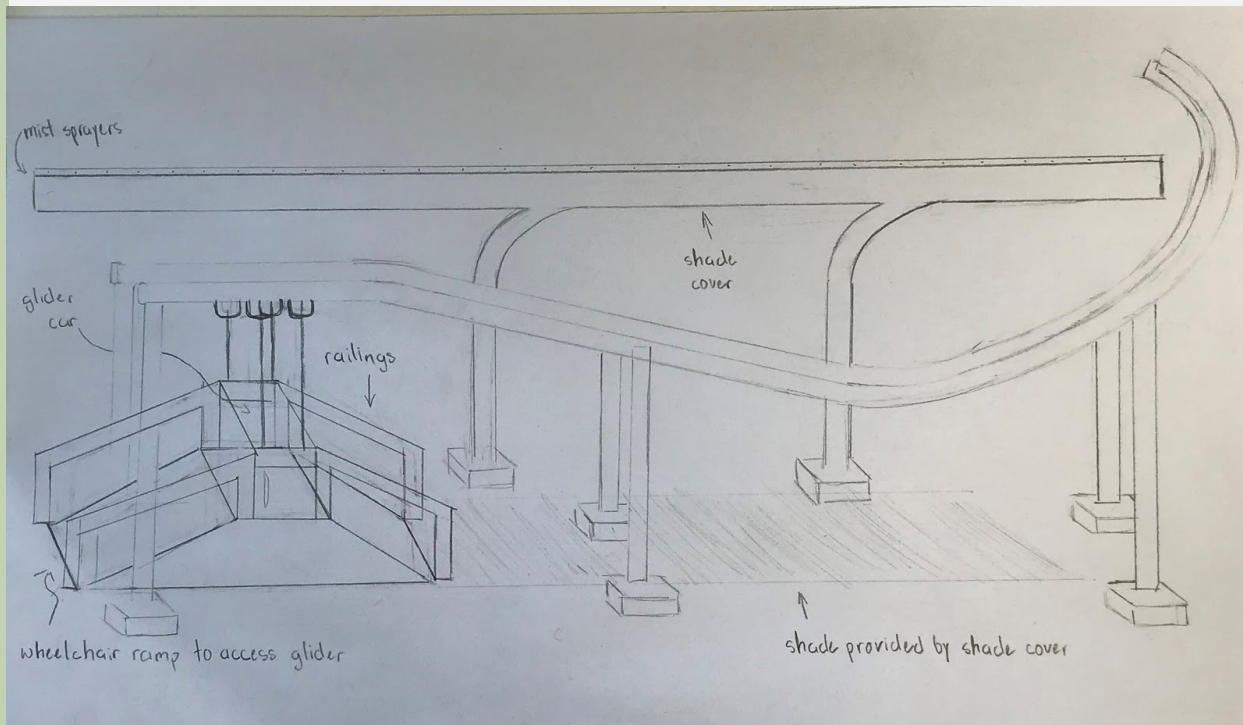
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## MY DESIGN FOR A PLAYGROUND THAT IS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

### How I Connected with an Expert to Help Me Design a Wheel-Chair Accessible Playground

By: Benjamin Elias Nanderam

How many playgrounds do you know of that have a piece of equipment that people with wheelchairs can use? I was assigned a Science research project to redesign a piece of playground equipment that is accessible for children with disabilities. I chose to redesign a glider, which is a piece of playground equipment that is similar to a zip line. Using various sources to collect information for my research, I conducted an interview with someone whose expertise focuses on creating accessible environments. Thea Kurdi, an employee of DesignABLE, a company that creates accessible environments for people with disabilities, was the fantastic interviewee that took time to answer my questions. Thea gave me a variety of rich information and advice about creating an accessible glider. Knowledgeable experts are the best sources of information because they are the most organized.



My side-view sketch of the Glider design.



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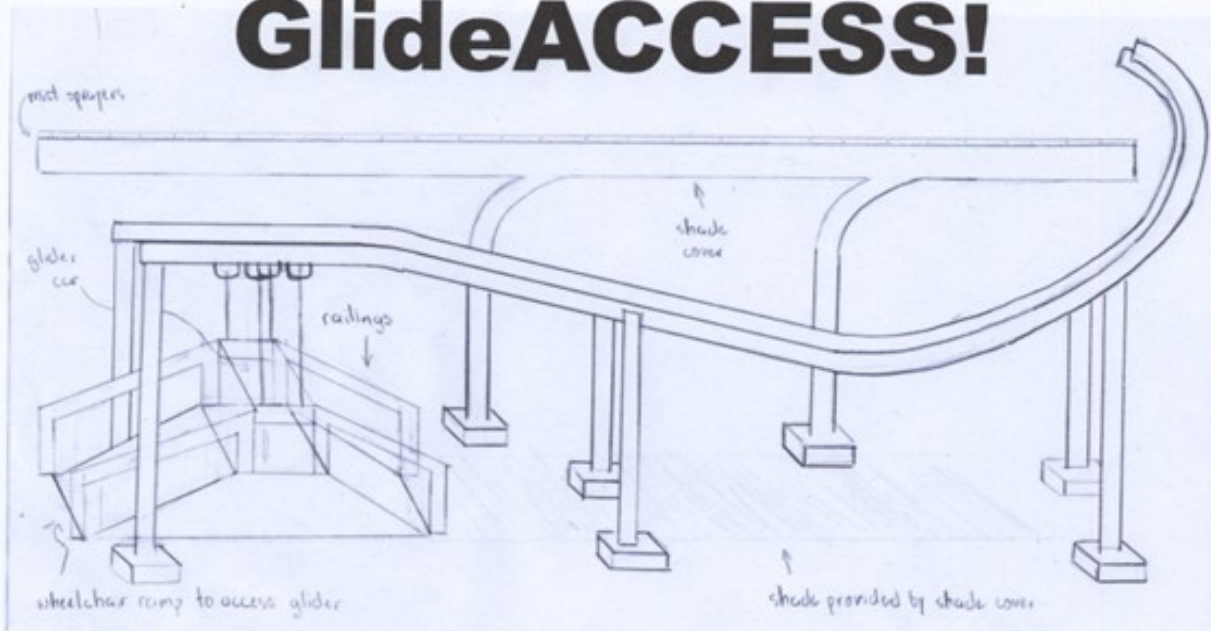
## Wheel-Chair Accessible Playground Continued ...

By: Benjamin Elias Nadneram

BELOW: My Advertisement for the Glider.

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!

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 IS OPEN

A Reminder to All Families:

**Kindergarten Registration** for September 2018 is OPEN!!

In addition, if you are moving or not returning to William Berczy for September 2018, please email the office: [william.berczy.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:william.berczy.ps@yrdsb.ca), as soon as possible.



## FROM THE ECO-TEAM

This month, we are focusing on “Boomeranging” our lunches for the purpose of reducing waste. Please return your leftover food and compost it at home. As well, please consider using a reusable container in which to pack your child’s lunch. Many Thanks from the ECO-TEAM!



# IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

## SAFETY REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS



It's a good time for parents to remind children about personal safety.

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.

It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca).

**Spring is in the air!** To mark the arrival of Spring, we are excited to present our annual Spring Special and also announce our specials of the month.

### THE SPRING LUNCH FEATURE

#### **Butter chicken with basmati rice and cucumber raita**

*Tender chicken pieces in a creamy tomato curry sauce over steamed basmati rice with a side of cucumber raita (yogurt/cucumber).*

*This item is Gluten-Friendly.*



Available on the days we service your school for the month of April.

### APRIL SPECIALS

Each month we feature specials and combos to bring you more variety. For the month of April your child can enjoy:

#### **BBQ Chicken with corn niblets**

*Baked chicken drumsticks in a BBQ sauce served with corn niblets*

*This item is Gluten-Friendly.*



#### **Meatballs (beef) with mashed potatoes**

*Fluffy mashed potatoes topped with meatballs in a marinara sauce*

*Available in HALAL and VEGETARIAN options.*



**These items are available as a combo or entrée only.**

These specials are available until **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Place your orders today!

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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUMMER INSTITUTE REGISTRATION

Please follow this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/default.aspx>

To access the Summer Institute page on the YRDSB website. Registration is online!

### Summer Institute Home

**Summer Institute Registration is now open.**

We are pleased to offer [online registration](#) this year. Families can continue to [register in person](#) or by [mail](#).

The York Region District School Board's **Summer Institute** offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

#### Weekly Sessions

July 3, 2018 to August 10, 2018

Week A - July 3 to July 6 (4-day week)

Week B - July 9 to 13

Week C - July 16 to 20

Week D - July 23 to 27

Week E - July 30 to August 3

Week F - August 7 to 10 (4-day week)



#### Weekly Fees

York Region District School Board fees \$105 (4-day week), \$120 (5-day week)

Non-York Region District School Board fees \$130 (4-day week), \$155 (5-day week)

Before and after care is offered by the YMCA for an additional cost.

#### Locations

Programs are offered at [locations](#) in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended YMCA before and aftercare programs available at all locations.

Please note that due to construction and renovation work at some school sites, some programs will be offered at different locations this year. Please review [program locations](#) prior to registering.

The Summer Institute is being offered to community members as a component of the [Performance Plus](#) (P+) Family of Schools.

- The "Performance" in the program's name refers to student achievement and well-being.
- The "Plus" in the program's name refers to the additional resources and leadership that can enhance learning in elementary schools in neighbourhoods affected by poverty.
- Additional resources and leadership bring school staff members, families and communities together to ensure that every child is prepared to learn.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Wednesday  
April 25, 2018  
at 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## School Council Meeting

Please mark your calendars!

All parents are welcome, and encouraged to attend; babysitting services will be provided if requested.

### Upcoming Dates... *Mark your calendars!*

April 9	Rocks and Rings for Grades K-3
April 9-11	Camp Muskoka Grade 7 Trip
April 10	Wrinkle in Time Trip (Jaatinen/deParra)
April 10	Scientist in the School for JK/SK (Rahman+ Cao)
April 11	Scientist in the School for JK/SK (McNaughtan+ Muccio)
April 12	Rocks and Rings for Grades 4-6
April 16	Choir at Markham Civic Centre
April 19	Jump Rope for Heart
April 23	Music Alive for Grades 7-8 Band
April 23	Junior Boys Basketball Areas
April 25	School Council Meeting
April 27	Junior Girls Basketball Areas

#### *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!