

THE BERCZY BANNER



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A Message from Administration –

Our first month at William Berczy Public School has been a very busy and exciting one! Our staff have been working together to learn about each student's strengths, interests and areas of need as we work towards creating lessons and units to engage all of our learners. Staff review individual student profiles and class profiles and discuss how best to support and plan for student achievement. All teachers are working diligently to create the classroom routines and practices to allow for differentiated instruction to meet the needs of each learner in our classes. We take great pride in knowing our learners and programming for their needs ~ as we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together. Thanks to the many parents who were able to make it out to join us at our annual Curriculum Night held September 22nd.

On Wednesday, October 5th, we will hold our first **School Council** meeting of the year where we elect a new Council to represent our school community. Thanks to those parents who are currently in the role and actively supported and represented our School Council during this past school year.

School Council Executive members –

- **Chair – Katrina Leon**
- **Vice-Chair - Mandip Rai**
- **Secretary – Mary Ellen Gow**
- **Treasurer – Rise Enokido**

We look forward to our upcoming 2016-2017 school elections!

All are welcome to attend as General Council members or run in the election for an Executive position. School Council meetings are open to all parents and babysitting for our little Berczy Bears is provided by our intermediate students.

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

Message from our Trustee ~ Mr. Billy Pang

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.



There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

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SAFETY - To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents drop off or meet children outside their designated entry/exit doors. Our school ground is supervised by our staff beginning at 8:45 a.m. All parents who enter the school are asked to sign in at the office and receive a visitor's tag.

In the morning if you are entering the safety loop at the front of the school to drop off your children, please do not exit your car. This slows down traffic and can stop our buses from entering. Please stay in the loop that is farthest away from the school and do not let your child exit your car until you have been alerted by a school staff member that it is safe to do so.



Please consider not driving to school if possible and if driving is your only option, then please be patient while our students are exiting their cars and buses. It can take quite a while to get everyone safely into the school when the weather is uncooperative.

A huge thank you and congratulations to the many students who have been using their bikes and scooters as a means for transportation to and from school. What a great way to promote healthy, active living - while children take initiative and practice responsibility.



School Parking: We don't have enough parking places for parents before and after school and for all our staff and daycare staff. Please park on a side street when dropping off or picking up your child. If you are coming for a meeting at other times during the day, please feel free to use the available parking. Thank you for your assistance with this issue.

Safe Arrival - Ensuring a safe environment at William Berczy includes our **Safe Arrival Policy**. You will receive a phone call home in the morning if your child is absent and you have not reported their absence. Attendance is taken immediately following the National Anthem which is played each day at 9:00 a.m. – the beginning of our instructional day. Please call the school office when you know your child will be away from school. Ms. Cizmar makes it a priority every morning to check on the safe arrival of each of our William Berczy PS students.



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Life at William Berczy PS – Do encourage your child(ren) to listen carefully to the announcements in the morning. Once a day, just prior to our morning exercise/nutrition break, student leaders read the announcements for the school. The announcements are then posted in our front hallway to serve as a reminder throughout the day. Recently we have had many opportunities for our students to get involved in William Berczy PS life – ask your children about what our teachers are offering beyond the regular school day!



We hope that all students seek out an opportunity to be involved in William Berczy PS life! Our teachers are offering many learning experiences for our Berczy students in athletics, arts, academics, music, student leadership, intramurals and more! Berczy is a healthy, active place to be!

Communication - We believe communication is critical for student success. Your children, our students, **MUST** see us as partners in their education. We will contact you when (and if) your child develops patterns of poor decision making, and when they are not engaged in their learning. We will ask that we work together to strategize our next steps towards improvement.

We will also contact you when there is reason for specific praise and celebration of success as we are often proud of student achievement and are excited to let you know - as well as to ask you to extend the praise at home. Please do keep the lines of communication open. Let us know about medications your child may be on, planned trips, or conflicts that may affect your child's day to day learning. Our understanding of these matters will benefit your child's self esteem as well as their achievement levels.

We purchased **student agendas** for all students in grades 1-8 this school year. Please do use the agenda as a primary communication tool with your child's homeroom teacher.

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).

**Let's work together as partners in education
and have a great year of learning and growing together.**

The Bears' Den is a busy place!

School announcements are made daily at 10:35 just prior to our morning recess break. The announcements are also posted outside of the office – and are highlighted on our large TV screen in our front foyer. See below here for a brief list of what is already happening for our students here in the Den!

- Celebrating the legacy of Terry Fox
- Morning Student Announcement Team
- Cross Country with Ms. Chapman and Ms. Hancox
- Grade 7 and Grade 8 Band with Ms. Hancox
- Grade 4-8 Choir with Ms. Hancox
- Library Team with Ms. Taylor
- MC Team for our monthly assemblies with Ms. McNaughtan
- Technology Team with Ms. Bablani
- Paparazzi Team with Ms. Bablani
- Jazz Band with Mr. Yuen
- Rock Band with Mr. Yuen
- Curriculum Night!
- B Team with Ms. Thomas and Ms. Cariglia
- Berczy Doodlers Art Club with Ms. Talwar and Ms. Ishaq
- Wall of Awesomeness with Ms. Osman
- MakerSpace Masters and MakerSpace Apprenticeships
- A SCHOOL SONG in the making this year ~ writing teams, performance teams and more!



...stay tuned for more exciting opportunities for all to expand their horizons, learn something new, enhance your skill set, and ways to contribute to making our school a great place to be!

Learning Commons News – by Ms. Taylor

Welcome back to another exciting year in the Learning Commons. Our Learning Commons is a dynamic space for students, staff and community members learn collaboratively. This year we are excited to announce the addition of a student designed and constructed **Makerspace**. Over the next few months homeroom classes will be given the opportunity to actively explore this new space alongside some of our **Makerspace Masters**. Our first design challenges include programing a robot to pop an opponent's balloon and building a marble run on our Lego wall. We are looking forward to seeing what can be created in this unique space.



Also, our Learning Commons is looking for volunteers. Volunteers make valuable contributions to this busy space. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact me. Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers. mary.taylor@yrdsb.ca

“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.”

Mary Schmich

Terry Fox Run –

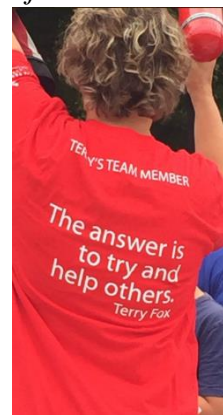
Each year, reflecting on the life of Terry Fox allows us to teach our character traits in a meaningful way. Terry Fox is a local hero who we continue to celebrate annually. This year, our Terry Fox run was held on Friday, September 23rd. Huge thanks to the Berczy community for your donations to the Terry Fox foundation and cancer research. We are working together to outrun cancer. Since 2001, our students have raised over \$100,000.00 for this important cause. This year our school's grand fundraising total was \$4500. Special congratulations to Riley Frans in Mrs. Kattis' class who raised close to \$2000. Riley we are all very proud of you.



Our annual Terry Fox run is always a special time not only to raise funds but to think about those people in our lives who have been affected by cancer. While our junior and intermediate students were out assembled as a group prior to the run, we learned about some people very near and dear to our hearts who have been affected by cancer and who are cancer survivors.

Thanks to Ms. Chapman for sharing her personal survival story. Thanks also to the runners and participants in our Terry Fox event this year who wore individual dedication stickers for those special people in their lives. Truly an educational, moving, and inspirational event for all!

Thanks Berczy!



William Berczy PS @WilliamBerczyPS Sep 23
Thank you to all for sharing your personal story and celebrating lives saved due to funds raised @TerryFoxCanada #TerryFox

Cross Country - 63 students from grades 3-8 have been waking up early to run in the mornings as part of this year's Cross Country Team. Congratulations to all athletes who competed Thursday, September 29th at the Area Meet! We are very proud of your accomplishments and of the many 'personal bests' that were achieved.

Those runners that qualify at the Area meet will go on to participate in the Regional Meet on October 13 at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. Congratulations to all athletes for your perseverance in your training!



Big thanks to our Coaches: Ms. Chapman and Ms. Harris for providing this wonderful training and competition opportunity for our students.

Community Outreach Team –

We need your help and support! - We are having our first initiative for this year in form of a food drive. Each year our students have raised over 500 items to be donated to this worthy cause. The problem of hunger is a persistent one - the people who turn to food banks include families with children, employed people whose wages are not sufficient to cover their basic need, individual on social assistance and people with disability and seniors.

Come Together
In support of the
Markham Food Bank!

According to
Markham
food bank
statistics -
over 21,791
individuals
live under

poverty each day in Markham alone. Our **WBPS Food Bank Drive** is just a small effort in helping these families. This year Markham food bank is looking for items such as a **small bag of rice, crackers, canned peas, sugar, jam bottles, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste etc.** We will be collecting items from next week onwards till Thanksgiving weekend.



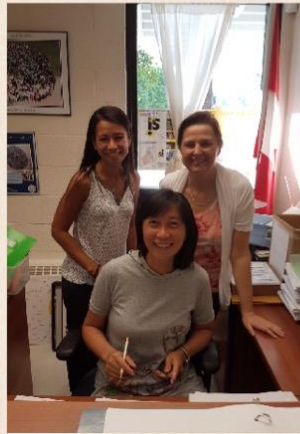
**FOOD BANK
DONATIONS BEING
ACCEPTED UNTIL
THANKSGIVING
WEEKEND!**

Thanks for supporting our Community Outreach student leadership initiative!
Thanks for supporting our LOCAL community!

September ~ Life in the Den



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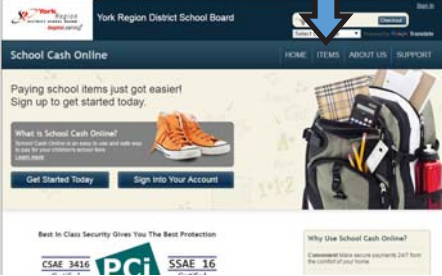


It's Not Too Late to Donate to the Education Enrichment Fund at Berczy P.S.!!!

William Berczy P.S. relies on parent donations as it's main fundraising effort for the year! Money raised through donations is used for enriching your child's education. William Berczy P.S. provides all the materials needed for students to learn the curriculum every day, but enrichment funds from donations help pay for things like more computers, iPads, school presentations, field trips, library books, musical instruments, and more!

Every donation made will directly support and enrich your child's education !

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN DONATE!



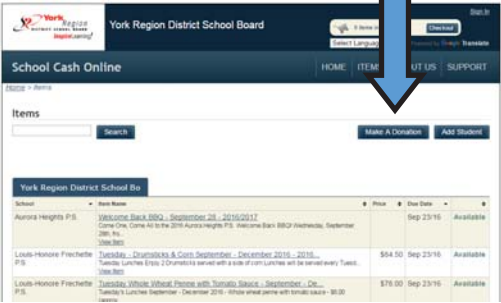
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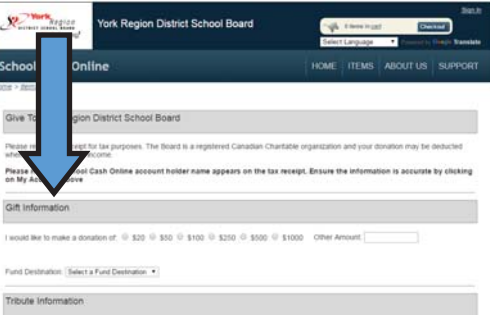
Log onto schoolcashionline.net

click on, **ITEMS**

STEP 2

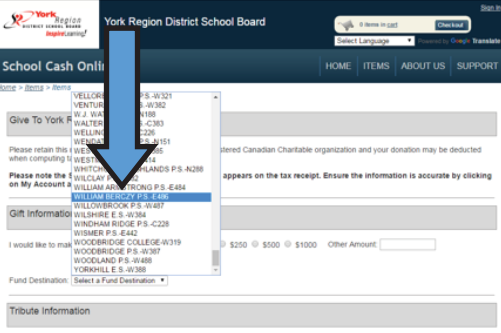
Click on the tab on the right side of the screen that says, **MAKE A DONATION**





STEP 3


Scroll down to the very bottom where it says, **GIFT INFORMATION** and click on the amount you want to donate, and scroll down to the very bottom and select, **WILLIAM BERCY P.S. -E486**











STEP 4

You do not need to enter any other information, just **ADD TO CART** and check out!

Thank you so much for your support!



October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15
16	17 Day 3 Staff Meeting	18 Day 4	19 Day 5 PASTA LUNCH DAY CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22
23	24 Day 3 Grade 8 Trip Parent Information Session	25 Day 4 Grade 6 VIP	26 Day 5 	27 Day 1	28 PA DAY – No school	29
30	31 Day 2 Dress up Day- Assembly Block 1 	Notes: 				



Helping kids eat well and perform better.

OCTOBER 2016 UPDATE

Autumn is upon us and with it arrives our first seasonal special of the school year! We are excited to bring back the Thanksgiving Special Lunch for October!

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL LUNCH

Our popular Thanksgiving Special is available for the month of October only!

Roast Turkey Slices with gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and carrots with a Mini homemade pumpkin spice cupcake.

Don't delay, place your orders today at www.kidskitchen.ca

The Thanksgiving lunch is available each day we service your school.



OCTOBER SPECIALS

Each month we feature new specials and combos to bring you even more variety!

For the month of October your child can enjoy:

Chicken Caesar Wrap or
Alfredo Pasta with chicken or
Alfredo Pasta

These are available as an entrée only or as a combo.

Our September specials will end on September 30th. Remember to place your orders for October soon.



Back by popular demand...

With overwhelming feedback from our customers, we are pleased to add some favourites to our every day menu.

Available as of September 26th, you can now order...

California Rolls
Veg California rolls
and Grilled Cheese (with real cheddar cheese)

Place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca today!

Please check your school's menu - some restrictions may apply.



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

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

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

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Information Night for Students and Parents

**Are you interested in attending Bill Crothers Secondary School
for the school year 2017 - 2018?**

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. This school operates on a Balanced School Year (early August to mid-June) schedule which supports the diverse needs of student-athletes. Specialized programming is offered to support our students through our diverse and daily Health and Physical Education and High Performance Athlete Program with contextualized learning in a variety of subject courses. During the school day, we offer an Integrated Learning Instructional Period (ILIP) which provides supervised time for students to achieve their academic goals.

Information Night at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.

Tuesday October 18th, 2016 – Students in the West & North of the Region

Wednesday October 19th, 2016 – Students in the East Region

Thursday October 20th, 2016 – Students in the Central Region

Information sessions will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

If you have a conflict with your designated evening, you are welcome to attend an alternate evening. The above suggestions are made to assist with seating for each evening's presentation. Thank you.

Admission to Bill Crothers Secondary School is by application and is open to students who reside in York Region entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students must declare the sport in which they compete at the highest level outside of school and will not be able to compete in this sport for BCSS in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) league. Alternative competitive options are being explored. Secondly, students who transfer in for grade 10, 11 and 12 are subject to YRAA and OFSAA transfer rules. Please refer to the <http://www.yraa.com>

Due to limited space and building capacity regulations, we ask that **only families with students interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2017 - 2018** attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that you carpool or park at the GO Station. **By-law officers will enforce the parking regulations.**

Applications will be available from the website on Friday October 21, 2016.

For further information, contact shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca

*To develop the love of sport through learning and the
love of learning through sport.*

