

# BERCZY BANNER

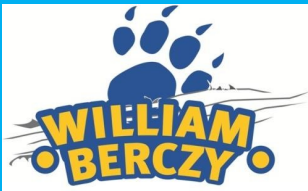
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ISSUE I

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WELCOME  
BACK!!



**Principal**  
Lindsey Rhamey

**Vice Principal**  
Alex Pasta

**Superintendent**  
Peter Tse

**Trustee**  
Billy Pang

**Lead Caretaker**  
Sebastian Dignoti

**Office Administrators**  
Sunitha Krishnan  
Joyce Chin

## Character Matters!

Respect    Honesty  
Empathy    Fairness  
Initiative    Courage  
Integrity  
Optimism  
Perseverance  
Responsibility



## From the Administrator's Desk

Dear Families,

Our staff have been working really hard at creating a positive, welcoming and healthy learning environment for our students so they can thrive and succeed at William Berczy. We are gearing up for what promises to be an exciting year ahead. Just look at what we have been doing throughout the first month of school:

Mr. Spencer and 9 other teachers have formed a Math Club for professional learning in mathematics that they will participate in and share their learning with staff at staff meetings. 10 of our teachers have signed up for a Stanford online math course to begin in January, 2018. This professional math learning opportunity has been funded by the school. We are excited for them to share their learning from math expert, Jo Boaler.

Service Providers Hatch Coding and STEM Minds have begun their programs with students again in the Learning Commons at lunch and after school. Chess is set to begin soon.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> our school participated in the Terry Fox Run. Due to the extremely hot weather conditions, we went as a school in the morning in order to avoid the heat in the afternoon. Mrs. Chapman and Ms Taylor led the school in championing for Terry and organizing this important event to carry on his work.

Our amazing coaches Ms Taylor and Mrs. Chapman practised hard over the last month with over 60 committed students from our Cross Country Team. They went to the Area meet on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are really proud of our staff and students and over 20 of them will be going on to participate at the Regionals on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Parents were able to join us for our first School Council meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> and Lisa Ren was elected School Council Chair. We thank her for taking this important role on again: she was an excellent representative last year. Thank you, Lisa!

Mrs. Talwar had an overwhelming response from grade 7 and 8 students wishing to join the Art Club. In order to allow even more students to participate in this popular club, she will be running an Art Club each term with different students.

Mrs. Hancox and Mr. Yuen have begun forming their bands and choirs this year and they are already working on our Remembrance Day music.

William Berczy's Well-Being Team is in the beginning stages and will soon come to fruition. Together with our staff and parent champions, our students will begin participating in clubs, activities and events designed to improve mental health and well-being and provide engagement and positive connections at school.

Please join us for our Chapter's Night on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We thank Berczy parent, Mandip Rai, for organizing this wonderful event again for us this year. We hope many families will come out to support this event.

As you can see from all the activities and events throughout the first month at Berczy, we are a very busy and exciting school! Stay tuned for more learning opportunities, activities and special events in the upcoming months. We look forward to continuing to help make Berczy such a positive, safe and healthy environment for learning. We thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Ms Rhamey  
Principal

Mr. Pasta  
Vice Principal

# School Organization and Staff 2017-2018

Assignment	Staff
JK/SK	Ms McNaughtan, Ms Muccio
JK/SK	Ms Ng, Ms Han
1	Ms Danukarjanto
1/2	Ms Pirjamali
1/2	Mr. Jeffries
2	Ms Won
2/3	Ms Zions
3/4 + ESL	Ms Pang
3/4	Ms Goad
4	Ms Speed
4/5	Mr. Liu
5	Ms deParra
6	Ms Ishaq
6	Mr. Cordick
7	Ms Chapman
7	Ms Kattis
8	Mr Kitching
8	Mr Payne
Community Class 4/5	Ms Jaatinen
Community Class 5/6	Ms Bablani
Community Class 6/7	Ms Lock
Community Class 7	Mr. Doss
Community Class 7/8	Mr. Spencer
Community Class 8	Ms Petrovic
Visual Arts/Math	Ms Talwar
Music/SERT	Mr. Yuen
Music/Math	Ms Hancox

## School Organization and Staff 2017-2018

<b>French</b>	<b>Mme. Terzian</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>Mme. Sung</b>
<b>Reading Recovery/FDK</b>	<b>Ms Cariglia</b>
<b>SSC/SERT</b>	<b>Ms Thomas</b>
<b>Learning Commons/Literacy</b>	<b>Ms Taylor</b>
<b>Educational Assistant</b>	<b>Ms Mark</b>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Ms Krishnan</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ms Chin</b>
<b>Caretaker (Lead)</b>	<b>Mr. Dignoti</b>
<b>Caretaker</b>	<b>Ms Dusome</b>
<b>Caretaker</b>	<b>Mr. Taylor</b>
<b>Principal</b>	<b>Ms Rhomey</b>
<b>Vice Principal</b>	<b>Mr. Pasta</b>

### Staff Changes for 2017 – 2018 School Year

We would like to extend a warm welcome to teachers who have accepted long term occasional teaching positions at William Berczy this year: Ms Clarissa Ng in Kindergarten; Ms Heather Parjamali in Grade 1/2; Ms Kim Speed in Grade 4; Mr. Ambrose Liu in Grade 4/5; Ms Janney Lock in Community Class Grade 6/7; and Mr. Sean Payne in Grade 8. We would also like to welcome Ms Sunitha Krishnan who is stepping into the role of Administrative Assistant and Ms Joyce Chin, who is the new Secretary at WBPS.

### William Berczy PS Schedule

School Starts	9:00 am
Recess	10:40–11:10
Lunch	12:50–1:50
Dismissal	3:30 pm

Please be reminded that supervision in the schoolyard will begin at 8:45 a.m. The entry bell will be at 8:55 a.m. with Opening Exercises commencing at 9:00 a.m. Please ensure students are at school on time so that they maximize their learning opportunities during instructional time.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## Terry Fox Run

By: Miyuki and Devlyn  
Grade 8 Students

Amid the heat, our Berczy Bears continued our tradition of the annual Terry Fox Run. On Wednesday, September 27th, the ecstatic staff and students of William Berczy persevered through a long lap around our neighbourhood in honour of Terry Fox, the man who dedicated his life to cancer research. Diagnosed with osteosarcoma at the young age of 18, Terry wanted to help everyone else who was suffering just like him, and decided to start a marathon to fund-raise. The Marathon of Hope started its journey on April 12th 1980, when Terry dipped his prosthetic leg into the Atlantic Ocean and started his long trek towards a cure to cancer. Unfortunately, Terry was unable to finish his endeavour; but luckily, Canadians around the country have continued his aspirations, including us! We thank all Berczy Bears for their effort and audacity in helping us support cancer research. Great Job!



**THE**  
**TERRY**  
**FOX**  
for cancer research **RUN**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## Terry Fox Run Continued...



## Berczy Bears Cross-Country Runners

The Berczy Bears Cross-Country Team participated in the Area event on September 29th. The team practiced diligently every day before school leading up to the race! Congratulations to all participants who demonstrated many character traits including determination and perseverance. Students ran through pouring rain and helped cheer on their peers. A special congratulations to these runners who have qualified for Regionals later this month! Jenna Robinson: 7th, Max Schultz: 9th, Marcus Yu: 13th, Ava DiPrizio: 3rd, Jessica Chen: 13th, Aaron Yu: 4th, Stephanie Shen: 4th, Stephanie Tam: 5th, Rachel Yan: 10th, Andrew Durnford: 13th, Jasmine Yavarifar: 3rd, Rabia Bhura: 15th, and Riyad and Riaz Asgarali, who placed 6th and 15th respectively. Coaches Ms Taylor and Ms Chapman want to thank Ms Hancox for accompanying the team to the meet. Go Bears!

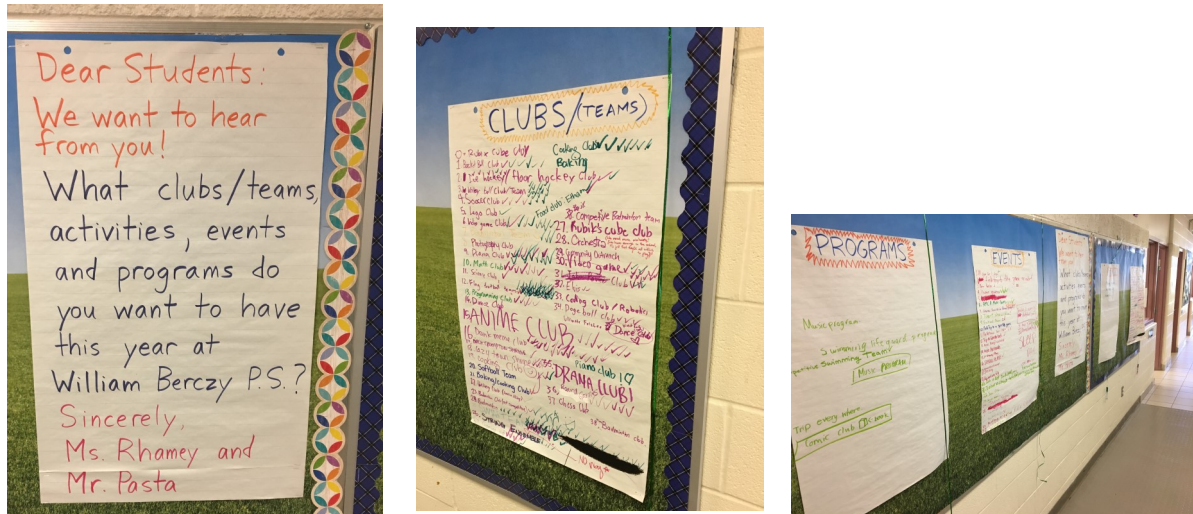


Our Cross Country Runners Braving the Cold Rain

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## CAPTURING STUDENT VOICE @ BERCZY

By: Jasmine Fu, Ms. Petrovic's Grade 8 Class



Aside from this September's Terry Fox Run and Cross Country Areas, we have also started getting some of the teams and school clubs up and running! Ms Rahmey and Mr. Pasta have been taking student suggestions about which teams, clubs and events they would like this year through posting pieces of chart paper outside the Art Room, and they are currently looking for staff that might be interested in championing these prospective clubs and organizing these prospective events.

Multiple chart papers' worth of ideas have already been submitted! The students seem to be buzzing with excitement, being given the opportunity to express what clubs and teams they would like to see become a reality. We cannot wait to watch all these students find a place to house their excitement and passion, and possibly even contribute to the school in the process.

Alongside clubs and teams, there have also been multiple suggestions for possible events that could be organized this year. Some of the events suggested by the students sound like great ideas, but would undoubtedly require a lot of preparation and work. However, we have faith that our students and staff, with enough grit and determination, can execute these events as effectively as possible.

With these prospects in mind, we can say with great certainty that there are going to be many things to look forward to this year. Although we cannot predict the outcome of this break from the old tradition of the same clubs over and over again with little change, we can say for certain that it will be interesting.

## ART CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Ms. Talwar and the Art Club on having their Self-Portrait Proposal accepted to the Artonomy Exhibit at the York Region District School Board's Quest Conference. The Berczy Art Club's artwork will be featured at this annual conference that is attended by educators from across the globe. What an amazing accomplishment! We are looking forward to November 16th, the day of the exhibit. More to come soon.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## Why We Love William Berczy Public School

William Berczy Public School is a great school. All the teachers are kind and amazing at teaching. It all started fifty years ago and teachers at Berczy have been teaching wonderful students every year since.

William Berczy creates a fun learning environment for everyone. It makes children feel safe and makes Berczy the best of the best schools in York Region.

William Berczy has healthy snacks for students and we have twenty minutes of daily physical activity (DPA). There are recesses in between every couple of classes to take a break and enjoy a healthy snack.

Overall, William Berczy Public School has an amazing teaching environment, which includes proper education, physical education, and a spectacular school. Berczy is the best school ever. It costs nothing to be kind!

By: Abby Wang  
Ms. Bablani's Grade 5/6 class



William Berczy is such an amazing school that you'll have to hear about it. Firstly, the learning environment is really good. With nice teachers and clean washrooms. You also don't have to worry about being bullied, all the kids are really nice. Even if they do bully you, the teachers will immediately stop it. So you have nothing to worry about. The washrooms are really clean and the classroom looks welcoming because of all those assignments posted on the wall and the tidiness.

I also think William Berczy's starting and ending times are really reasonable because at 8:50 the bell rings so that means you have 10 whole minutes to get ready for O Canada at 9:00. Even if you're late, you won't get anything more than a late slip. And you get a 2 recesses. The dismissal bell is at 3:30. So, you can see for yourself that it is very reasonable. Also they provide you with free snacks, don't you think that's so nice of them?

So if you are saying it's boring to just come to school and leave, then there are lots of clubs you can join such as: basket ball, knitting, badminton, art and you can even suggest your own clubs! There is cross country and track and field. They are all really fun to play, if you're good then you can get to areas and regionals. Isn't that cool? I hope you can keep me updated on your events. But bye for now!

By: Grace Zhu  
Ms. Bablani's Grade 5/6 class



Two of our Morning Announcers, Sam and Stella, hard at work!

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Lunch Assistant Positions

If you are interested in working as a Lunch Assistant at our school, please contact the school office at 905-477-2047. **We currently need people for occasional backup.**

These are paid positions and require one hour a day, over our lunch hour which is from 12:50-1:50 pm.

A Police Vulnerable Sector Check will be required.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

### **Please call the school if your child is going to be away or late – 905-477-2047**

If your child is going to be away from the school or will be arriving late for any reason, please contact the office with this information. If you are calling between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. of the following morning, you can leave a message on our answering machine.

Confirming the whereabouts of every absent child can take quite awhile and could result in a child being missing for some time. **Board policy dictates that if a student has not arrived at school, and all attempts to contact the parents have been unsuccessful, then our next step will be to contact the police and report the child as missing.**

## Dropping Off Children at School

Students who do not take a bus are encouraged to walk to school every day. Walking to school promotes a healthy lifestyle, encourages older students to be responsible for younger children, gives students an opportunity to socialize with friends, and much more. Fewer vehicles in front of the school reduces traffic congestion and lowers pollution levels in the schoolyard during drop-off times.

Teachers are on duty 15 minutes before the start of school in the morning (8:45 a.m.) and 20 minutes before school after the lunch hour (1:30 p.m.). Please ensure that the students do not arrive prior to these times as the yard will not be adequately supervised and we want all of our students to be safe.

**\*\*If you need to drop off your child by car, please use the lane labelled “Kiss and Ride” around the parking lot loop. We ask that you do not use the bus lane nor the middle lane due to limited space and safety. \*\***In the past at other schools there have been close calls and some scary incidents.

**\*\*Please do not park your car in our drive through lanes** as this significantly inconveniences other parents who are trying to get to work on time. Kindly **do not leave your cars running or idling** as it creates a harmful impact on the environment.

***Your cooperation in these matters will ensure the safe arrival and departure of all of our students. Thank you!***

## Medical Information:

It's very important that the school be informed if your child has a medical condition.



**If your child currently has a medical condition that you have not informed us about, please contact the office immediately. There are required forms that must be completed so that in the event of an emergency, all school staff will be prepared to take the necessary action.**



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



We encourage students to practice “boomeranging” their lunch. A boomerang lunch is where every piece of waste is returned home for composting, recycling or garbage disposal. It helps reduce waste at school and keeps our school clean!

## School Bus Info



For school bus information please go online to:  
[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

This site will give you bus stops, pick-up and drop-off times. You must be at your designated pick-up 10 minutes prior to the stated time. Students under the age of 10 years require an adult to be present at the drop off stop. If no adult is present the student will stay on the bus and be returned to the school where you must pick them up immediately.

If buses are 10 minutes late or more please consult the website for late bus details, please do not call the school as we do not have any further details.

During inclement weather if the buses DO NOT run in the morning, they will NOT run in the afternoon. If they do pick up in the morn-

## Colder Weather is on the Way!



Please make sure your child(ren) dress(es) appropriately for the upcoming cold, winter weather. Warm boots, socks, pants, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and scarves tucked inside the coat are very important for children of all ages to wear. Children will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch, so please make sure they are dressed for the weather.

As well, since we have approximately 500 students here at William Berczy, and many children wear the same brands, colours and sizes of clothing, it would be very helpful if your

child's name could be printed in ink I boots and labels of clothing. If your child has lost any items, please check our Lost and Found box just outside the Caretaker's office. It is always a good idea to send extra clothing with younger students as accidents do happen or they get wet on the way to school with rain or snow.



**Halloween is just around the corner! If your child's teacher has special plans for the class, she/he will notify you.**



**Reminder: If your child is wearing a Halloween costume to school, please refrain from having them bring replica weapons to school (e.g. guns, swords)**

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday  
October 25, 2017  
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.

**Congratulations to Lisa Ren, who was acclaimed as William Berczy School Council Chair for 2017-2018!**

**GYM UPDATE:** Our Gym is still under construction as the concrete floor needs to be completely dry before our contractor can lay the new floor. We will keep you updated on its progress! In the meantime, gym classes continue to be held outdoors, and the volleyball teams will be practicing at St. John the 23rd Catholic School, which has so graciously offered to share their gym with us.



## Upcoming Dates... Mark your calendars!



Monday October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday October 12	Grade 6 and Grade 8 York Region Police VIP
Tuesday October 17	Cross-Country Regionals
Thursday October 19	Grade 6 and Grade 7 York Region Police VIP
Thursday October 19	Chapters Night
Friday October 20	P.A. Day
Wednesday October 25	HPV Public Health Visit
Wednesday October 25	School Council Meeting
Thursday October 26	Grade 6 and Grade 3 York Region Police VIP
Wednesday November 8	Photo Retake Day

### 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!