



April 6, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Numerous holidays and celebrations recently took place to celebrate that Spring has sprung and now Mother Nature just needs to listen...!

Over the past 2 months, our students across the grades have been exploring ways to critically think about our history, contributions, and future as Canadian citizens. Starting at Black History month, we have been able to explore the inquiry statement "No one has ever been treated unfairly in Canada" and have used this as a springboard to delve deeper into the rich history that makes us who we are today. Looking at the topics of Equity, Equality, and Inequality, students have had an opportunity to share their understandings, explore their questions, and challenge their thinking in diverse and grade appropriate ways, from Grades 1 - 8. Students have also been asked to share the conversations and findings with you, in order to embed your background knowledge to further build upon the learning from class. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 in the evening for the consolidation and exploration of the learning that our students have been working on. Just prior to our School Council Empowerment Project event, we will be hosting a scavenger hunt, where you will be challenged to find the answers to 10 questions found within your children's work.... We hope you'll be able to join us!

Grade 8 students have been working hard in consultation with several Drama students from Aurora High School to put together and produce the own 1-Act play. They are getting excited for the final performance being held at AHS on Tuesday evening, April 17. Bonne chance to our actors and support crew!

This week and next, we continue to practice to our safety drills, such as a lockdown and fire drills. As always, we encourage you to speak with your children about lock down drills that have become a reality in today's society. Although we hope never to experience it for real, practice will ensure that we know how to keep ourselves safe.

We are proud of our many clubs that our teachers find time to lead in their busy day. Whether it's a sports team, academic support club or simply a fun way to connect Coyotes together, our teachers are always happy to give their time to add to the positive culture at Beynon Fields. Félicitations to our Junior Boys and Girls Basketball players who participated in several tournaments this week. They did us proud; our boys came in second place overall and our girls won their tournament! Bravo to both Junior teams!

At this time we are beginning our plans for next year. If you know that your child will be leaving Beynon Fields, please advise the office so that we can plan accurately. Thank you!

Please save the date for the end of the year festival! As a reminder, it's Friday, June 22 from 5:00-8:00pm. We'll be looking for volunteers, so if you have a small amount of time to help out on that day, please send an email to the school. More details will come soon.

Our PRO Grant, School Council event will take place on April 18 from 7:00- 8:30 PM. We hope you will join us to learn how to empower ourselves and our children to be happy. We are excited to be sharing this presentation to parents and then with the Grade 6, 7, 8 students the following day. Hopefully this will encourage further conversation at home where both parents and children have the same information! Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Attached to this eblast please find:

- Flyer advertising [Asian Heritage](#) Month Celebrations taking place in Richmond Hill on April 29 @ Langstaff Community Center
- Flyer advertising our next [Coffee Hour](#) on April 13 @ 9:00 “Mental Health Issues”
- Information flyers regarding the EIAC community consultation on [Islamophobia](#) and [Anti-Semitism](#)
- PRO Grant – [Empowerment Project information](#) being held on April 18 (evening) and April 19 (for students)

Enjoy your weekend!

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Principal