

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 11th

Beynon Fields Public School

Admin Message

As we enter the final and busiest stretch of the school year, we want to recognize the incredible efforts of our students, teachers, staff, and families. These months are filled with projects, performances, assessments, and celebrations—a true testament to our shared commitment to success.

Let's embrace this season with energy and positivity, supporting one another and celebrating all we've achieved together. Thank you for being such an integral part of our wonderful school community.

Happy Spring!

HELLO
SPRING

Reminders

Let's continue to use the parking lot and traffic spaces with courtesy and respect, ensuring a safe and smooth experience for everyone in our community.

Upcoming Events

- School Closed - April 18th & 21st
- Junior Boys Basketball - April 22nd, 20th
- Scientists in School Gr. 5 - April 23rd
- Jump Rope 4 Heart - April 24th
- Community Clean Up - April 28th - May 2nd
- Junior Girls Basketball - April 29th, May 1st

Sincerely,

Lara Kheir - Vice-Principal

Sofia Papadatos - Principal

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Applause!

Applause! is the recognition of significant achievements and contributions by staff, students and community partners at a York Region District School Board Public Board Meeting.

Recognition of achievements is based on alignment with the organizational goals outlined by the Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan in combination with the criteria set out in the Awards policy.

The LEGO Robotics 5 Areas Competitions event is the result of a year-long effort by a team made up of two YRDSB curriculum staff members and six elementary teachers. Their work ensured the success of the five competition sites, each of which provided students with a unique and enriching learning experience. The event required students to combine their teamwork, problem-solving and innovation skills with the application of STEM concepts, where students demonstrated creativity and critical thinking.

Congratulations to each of the organizers for their work and contributions to this event.

Congratulations to our very own Mr. O. Grebler!

Congratulations



GRADE 6 VISIT TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

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The Toronto Holocaust Museum

The Holocaust was a very serious and depressing period in human history. Many people were killed, tortured, traumatized, forced to work, and suffered from sickness or malnutrition. We are now learning the significant stories of numerous survivors to remember and reflect on what happened during the past and how we can now change our future to end any form of racism. It is very pleasing to see that the government of Ontario incorporated the Holocaust into our school curriculum.

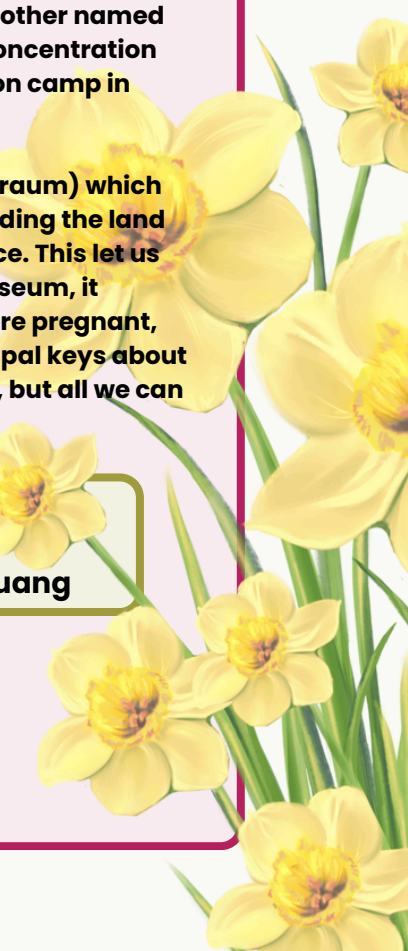
We saw multiple sorrowful objects, like artifacts from times before the Holocaust and after the Holocaust. We were also able to listen to stories from a few testimonies and stories from Holocaust survivors, and we heard some very mourningly things from them.

Before we entered the museum, we were listening to a true story based on Yael Spier Cohen (Gisela Spier), who was born in Germany and a father who was given the Iron Cross of Bravery in World War I, but who was still deported to concentration camps. She also had a brother named Mangred. Yael mostly managed to follow her family throughout their journey in concentration camps, but was separated once they reached the famous Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

Furthermore, in the museum, there was a lot of information regarding the (lebensraum) which means land to live, of Nazi Germany. There were a lot of timelines and maps regarding the land of the Nazis, like when they invaded the Soviet Union, or when they occupied France. This let us know how, when and where they had the power and influence they had. In the museum, it described how Jewish women were the most vulnerable target, because if you were pregnant, you would be sentenced to immediate death. The Museum described many principal keys about the Holocaust. We may never experience the traumatic situations the Jews faced, but all we can do is to remember and reflect this disturbing and violent time of human history.

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!

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Message from Mme Orr

Jump Rope for Heart has kicked-off with a bang @Beynon!

Exciting news! Jump Rope for Heart kicked off at our school on **March 21st!** This year's campaign that puts the "fun" in "fundraising" has already motivated our community to raise

\$ 2836

(AS OF THURSDAY EVENING)

A big thank you to everyone who contributed. With your family's help, this year's Jump has surpassed our original school fundraising goal of \$2,000!! Your contributions will make an impact in the lives of many in our community.

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/8379>

Celebrating with Popcorn & PJs

To celebrate our achievements classes will be signing up to visit the community park!





LETTER FROM A STUDENT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Liam from grade 6. I work with HNET, an organisation which protects the earth's ecosystems and combats the global climate crisis. Since I was very young, I was fascinated by things in nature, such as butterflies, mushrooms, and ants. When I learned that the planet was endangered, I decided to become an activist. I have a special interest in saving important insects in the Ontario ecosystem. In spring, my main goal is to raise the population of bumblebees and solitary bees.

It is finally spring, so I would like to make a request for something very important.

Bees are vital pollinators for our ecosystem. Most flowering plants depend on these pollinators, including fruits, vegetables, and garden plants. When we think of the word "bee", we usually think of honeybees. But, researchers discovered that bumblebees and solitary bees are much more effective at pollinating. Bumblebees are larger, fuzzy bees that live in small colonies. Solitary bees are usually small, and they live alone. They are rarely aggressive; their instinct is to flee rather than sting or bite.

Currently, bees are hibernating and are coming out in mid-May. The bees depend on common dandelions as a reliable first source of food as soon as they wake up. Instead of picking and killing dandelions, I ask you to leave them or transplant them into spare pots. This way, you have saved the lives of bees and the next generation of flowering plants. When the flowers start to wilt and produce white fluff, you can cut the stem off.

Spring also means garden cleaning. We get rid of dead foliage on the ground. This is a problem for hibernating bees because piles of dead leaves and sticks are bees' favorite places to sleep for the winter. Spring cleaning wipes out a large fragment of the population of bees. If not necessary, please leave all the debris where they are until mid-May. Otherwise, you can carefully place the dead foliage in a corner.

Thank you for reading my letter.

SAVE THE BEES

KEEP DANDELIONS

**DANDELIONS ARE
VITAL FOOD SOURCES
FOR BEES AFTER WINTER**

**THE BEST POLLINATORS
IN CANADA DEPEND
ON DANDELIONS**

**THROUGH BEES,
DANDELIONS HELP RAISE
NEW GENERATIONS OF
PLANTS**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO
HELP THE PLANET**

**INSTEAD OF MERELY KILLING
ALL THE DANDELIONS, YOU CAN
FIND A SPARE POT OR TWO AND
TRANSPLANT DANDELIONS INTO
THEM. LEAVE THEM OUTSIDE.
ONCE THE FLOWERS START TO
CLOSE AND WHITE FLUFF STARTS
COMING OUT, CUT OFF THE
STEM.**

**LET THE BEES CONTINUE
THEIR ROLE OF POLLINATING
ALL PLANTS THAT DEPEND ON
POLLINATORS.**



MANIE MUSICALE

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Our Manie Musicale month has come to a close with a wonderful celebratory assembly. Manie Musicale is an annual bracket-style competition designed for students and teachers of French, inspired by the excitement of March Madness basketball. Participants engage with 16 francophone songs, predicting which will be the most popular, while voters determine the advancing songs until a champion is crowned.

At Beynon, this event is more than just a competition—it's a celebration of French music and culture, allowing students to immerse themselves in the richness of international French-speaking traditions.

This last couple of months students enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to explore Francophone music, analyzing lyrics, discussing themes, and sharing their opinions on the songs. The event fostered a deep appreciation for the diversity of French-speaking artists and cultures, making language learning both interactive and enjoyable. Through activities like voting and class discussions, students demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm, and passion for French music and culture.

A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated teachers and students who contributed to making this long schoolwide event a success. Your efforts in guiding and inspiring students made a lasting impact. Special appreciation goes to the student presenters, whose energy and dedication brought the Final Event to life. Their enthusiasm and commitment to sharing their love for French music and culture made Manie Musicale an unforgettable experience. Bravo! 🎵👏



GETTING READY 4 SPRING & SUMMER

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Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 9 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

Registration opens March 26, 2025 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.

CHESS

Spring Chess @ Beynon will be starting up. It will run for 8 weeks from Apr 8 to May 27
<https://chess-math.org/beynon-fields-spring2025>

Please note the important board flyers at the end of this newsletter:

- York Region Volleyball
- Camp Twirl It!
- York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference
- GIVE workshop for parents
- Camp Black Brilliance



YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

SPRING HOUSE LEAGUE

APRIL 6 – JUNE 8, 2025

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

\$240 (+tax)

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified game play every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

8 weeks on Sundays

Session 1: 9am – 10:30am | 8 – 11 years old
Session 2: 10:30am – 12pm | 12 – 15 years old
Session 3: 12pm – 1:30pm | 8 – 11 years old
Session 4: 1:30pm – 3pm | 12 – 15 years old

Location:

St. Elizabeth Catholic High School
525 New Westminster Dr, Thornhill, ON L4J 7X3

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CAMP TWIRL IT



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**BATON TWIRLING,
DANCE, GYMNASTICS,
CRAFTS, & MORE!**

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DATES & LOCATIONS

- Richmond Hill
 - July 7-11th
 - Royal Canadian Legion, 233 Centre St.
- Orangeville
 - August 11-15th
 - Orangeville Curling Club, 76 Fifth Ave.
- Newmarket
 - August 25-29th
 - Optimist Youth Centre, 55 Forhan Ave.



For More Details:

www.starsunitedbaton.com

3RD ANNUAL YORK REGION ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: EDUCATE TO ERADICATE

**FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS,
PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND YOUTH AGES 11+**

Join us for an educational and awareness raising event about human trafficking. Gain valuable knowledge, tools and resources to help protect and empower our community!

PARENTS!

Learn how to safeguard your children from human trafficking. Hear from a mother of a survivor and York Regional Police officer.

YOUTH!

Win prizes and have fun, while learning about personal safety, self-esteem building, and resilience.



Funding provided by Department of Justice Canada

LOCATION

Seneca Polytechnic, King Campus
13990 Dufferin Street, King City

DATES

Attend on either **May 13 OR
May 14 2025** from 6-9 pm.
Doors open at 5:30 pm.

LEARN, ENGAGE & ENJOY

- Information sessions
- Community information booths
- Free pizza and refreshments!



**REGISTER USING QR CODE
OR USING THE CODE BELOW
BIT.LY/4BO4CTH**



G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2025 Spring Session

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and Inclusive education
- Self care and well-being
- Human Rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost Professionalism

Location: Sharon Public School Library

900 Murrell Blvd, Sharon, ON L9N 0P6

Dates: April 7 to 11, 2025 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents, guardians, caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!

Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit the [Registration Link](#) to sign up.



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

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The Centre for Black Student Excellence

CAMP BLACK BRILLIANCE

Camp Black Brilliance will offer families the opportunity to get to know the Kindergarten program and have their children experience their introduction to schooling in a way that is culturally responsive and affirming of their identity, through experiential learning.

Who: Children of Black Families who are Junior and Senior Kindergarten entering school in September 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 7 - July 25, 2025

Location: Choose One of the following locations

(subject to change based on registration)

- Armadale Public School
- Crosby Heights Public School
- Discovery Public School
- Maple Leaf Public School

[REGISTER](#) Today!

Deadline June 1, 2025

