



BEYNON FIELDS P.S.
Community Newsletter
February 2, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please review below some important updates and reminders.

Term 2 Lunches Begin February 12

Term 2 lunches begin the week of February 12, 2024. If your child did not order lunch, please remember to send them to school with lunch at that time.

Winter Weekly Chess Program

The Chess n' Math Association will be returning to BFPS to run a weekly chess program. For more information and to register, please visit their website at <https://chess-math.org/beynon-fields-winter2024>.

Congratulations to our JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

This was an epic week for BFPS Volleyball!

Congrats to our girls' team who placed 2nd at their Area Tournament! The girls and the coaches rocked it! Way to go to the boys team who dominated and came in FIRST at their area tournament!

Both teams' attitude and perseverance led them to victory! Bump, set, spike, serve...they did it all! There were some tight moments but the Beynon athletes were always able to pick each other up.

It was amazing to have numerous volunteers, other coaches, parents and even the refs come up to us and tell us what amazing skill was shown but even better, what amazing spirit, positivity and friendship was exhibited. It was truly special for us all!

The Junior Boys team will be competing in the YRDSB regional tournament on February 8th. Bonne chance!



BFPS Student Spirit Wear now Available

Beynon Fields clothing, known as spirit wear, is now available for purchase. It can be purchased through the following link: https://stores.inksoft.com/beynon_fields_public_school/shop/home



French Immersion Registration

FI registration is currently open. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enroll. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact families by phone or email to collect any necessary information. Families are asked to register by February 6, 2024. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2024. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Inclement Weather Days (Snow Days)

When the school board calls for “inclement weather days”, often referred to as “snow days”, it usually involves the cancellation of buses to school. Please note that on those days, paid lunch programs such as pizza, Subway, and Swiss Chalet are also canceled. In the event of an inclement weather day, please send your child(ren) to school with a packed lunch.

Black History Month 2024

Celebration of Black History Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950s. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History Month in Ontario in 1993, and in 1995, the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa.

These declarations set the stage for acknowledging the contributions of Black people of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600s. They have also increased our awareness that people of African and Caribbean Heritage are an integral part of Canadian history.

During the month of February, we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its diversity, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History Month. During this month we are able to appreciate the significance of African people in world history by centering people of African, Caribbean, and Canadian heritage, famous and not so famous, who have influenced the nation and the world through their ideas, words and actions.

Ubuntu Healing Circle

Please [see the flyer](#) for A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

Centre for Black Student Excellence January Newsletter

Visit the [January 2024 Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter](#) for events, updates, resources and more.

Resources For Additional Learning

For those looking for some resources to continue learning at home over the break, please see the chart below.

What is it for?	Resource	website	Info	Username password
Knowledge!	BrainPop	https://fr.brainpop.com/	Tons of curriculum related videos and activities. Also quizzes kids can do online!	Beynonfields pop1
	Encyclopedia Britannica	https://school.eb.com/	Learn something new every day! Access Multi-media, journal, news and magazine articles, biographies, compare countries, lesson plans, 3 learning levels with read-aloud functionality. Can change the language to French (but it is just google translate).	dsbyork dsby7692
Math	Knowledgehook	https://www.knowledgehook.com/	No need to sign up with a Classroom. Fun Math activities that are directly linked to the Ontario Math curriculum	Sign up with a google account (not GAPPS)
	Khan Academy	https://www.khanacademy.org/	Great interactive website that offers short tutorials but also activities.	You do not need to make an account but you can for free!
	Typing Games	https://www.typing.com/student/games	Now that you know how to properly use a keyboard here are some games to practice!	None!
Reading	Sora	https://soraapp.com/library/yorkregionca	Read or listen to thousands of amazing books - all for free. Books available in French and English (but also other languages too!)	0 + Student number
	Storybooks Canada	https://www.storybookscanada.ca/stories/fr/0087/	"Storybooks Canada is a free open educational resource that promotes literacy and language learning in homes, schools, and communities. Part of the Global Storybooks project, it makes 40 stories from the African Storybook available with text and audio in English, French, and the most widely	None!

			spoken immigrant and refugee languages of Canada.”	
	Indigenous Storybooks	https://indigenoustorybooks.ca/	“Indigenous Storybooks is a resource designed specifically for children, families, community members, and educators. Inspired by the open-licensed stories from Little Cree Books , this project aims to make the text, images, and audio of stories available in Indigenous languages as well as English, French, and the most widely spoken immigrant and refugee languages of Canada.”	None!
Sound work (in French)	apprendre à lire	https://apprendrealire.net/	All great websites with sound work and vocabulary! Great for our emerging readers!	None
	logiciel éducatif	https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/jeux/domaine/les-sons		None
	Clic! Ma Classe	https://clicmaclasse.fr/		None

Safety Courses for Students

There are two upcoming courses available for students.

Please note the target grade for each:

(1) [Red Cross Babysitting Course](#) (PA day)

Grades **5, 6, 7, and 8**

Date: Fri Feb 2 (PA day)

Time: 8:30am-3:30pm

(2) [Red Cross Stay Safe Course](#) (3-day session)

Grades **3, 4, and 5**

Dates: Mon Feb 5, Tues Feb 6 and Wed Feb 7
Time: (after school) 3:30-5:30pm

Registration is done online through the Stayin Alive's website. Click on the above links for more information.

YRES Weekend Camp

YRES Weekend Camp offers both a paid and a free half-day camp opportunity for children 5-12 years old to help them stay active through sports, while building team spirit and learning new skills. For more information, please see [the flyer](#) or email Info@yorkeducation.ca

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) Black History Month Recognition Ceremony

The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) and the city of Markham are hosting a Black History Month Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday February 24, 2024.

Theme: STEMming from the Motherland: Nurturing Future Innovators

When: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

Time: 11am-1:30pm

Where: Cornell Community Center, 3201 Bur Oak Ave Markham, ON.

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Cherryl Lewis- Executive Director-African Canadian Christian Network (ACCN).

[Register Here.](#)

Certificate of Community Appreciation Award - 2024

The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) is seeking nominees for Community Appreciation Awards. The nominees must be individuals of African/Caribbean heritage who have contributed to our community in his or her field of expertise. The contribution should have brought honour to the City of Markham and is recognizable beyond the community of Markham. [Submit a nomination.](#)

Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities, to name a few. It is celebrated across the Asia-Pacific and diaspora communities around the world. This holiday commemorates the first day of the Lunar Calendar. The date is determined by the appearance of the moon and usually takes place between late January to early February. For some, this occasion has religious significance as well.

Lunar New Year is celebrated where families come together, enjoy traditional foods and activities. Many countries also have their own unique ways of celebrating the event. These could include families coming together to spend time with one another, sharing of traditional meals, and engaging in traditional activities such as cleaning the house and performing ceremonial ritual to elders and ancestors. For example, in many Chinese communities, customs may include: cleaning houses, paying off debts, settling old arguments, and other means of making a "fresh start." In the Korean community, the ceremonial ritual of seh-bae (deep bow) is performed to the elders and ancestors. Families share the traditional meal of rice cake and dumpling soup and play traditional games such as yut-nori.

Sincerely,

BFPS Administration