



BEYNON FIELDS P.S.
Community Newsletter
February 23, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please review below some important updates and reminders.

Toronto Marlies Hockey Tickets SOLD OUT

We are very excited to share that our full allotment of tickets to the Toronto Marlies game on April 3 has sold out. Thank you all for your continued support.

Muffin Mondays - Muffins for Sale

We are excited to announce that nut and dairy free muffins from Sweets From The Earth are now available for purchase on School Cash Online. For all the details, please see [the flyer](#). **Order deadline is Monday, March 4.**

Manie Musicale

Starting on March 1st, the members of *The Club de Coyotes* and library helpers are hosting a French song competition... Manie Musicale! Manie musicale is a French music event in which the most popular songs from Francophone communities from around the world are voted on by students. The competition runs for the entire month of March. Each week two songs go head to head. The winning song moves on in the competition until there is only one victor.



Similar to March madness for basketball, students will be filling out a bracket and predicting the winners. Each week classes will cast their vote for their favourite song. The featured

artists come from all around the world, ranging from African countries like Ghana and Ivory Coast to Haiti and Canada. This is an excellent opportunity for students to see, hear and enjoy various examples of French artists and their contributions to the music community. Many of the artists are from countries colonized by France, making this another opportunity to highlight Black excellence.



YouthSpeak - March 19

YouthSpeak charity will be at BFPS on March 19 providing learning on well-being and equity initiatives within our school community. Grade 7 and 8 students will see the presentation 9:15-10:15 am and grades 4-6 students at 10:55 - 11:55 am. For more information, please [see the flyer](#).

BFPS Student Spirit Wear Available

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

Late Buses

There are times that buses are late after school. As busing is done through a third party and not the school board, all notifications of late buses are posted online on the [school bus city website](#).

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.

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) Family Engagement Evening

Welcome to our first “Family Engagement Evening” supporting families and caregivers to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. In this first session, we will provide an overview of the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions, pathway planning, the OSSD and the course selection process.

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, Korean and Cantonese.

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Markville Secondary School, 1000 Carlton Road, Markham, ON L3P 7P5

Please [register](#) by Monday, February 26, 2024

<https://bit.ly/3Ot1p0X>

For additional inquiries, please contact: pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca or bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) is a group of YRDSB educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners are also a focus of our work.

YRES Youth Workshops, Keva Planks and Anti-Bullying Program

York Region Educational Services (YRES) is providing an anti-bullying program. For more information, please [see the flyer](#). YRES is also hosting youth workshops. For more information and to see their workshop calendar, please [see the flyer](#).

Correction - Early Dismissal Time April 8, 2024

Last week, we shared a message after the York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early.

Unfortunately, in order to ensure transportation services (school bus and taxi) can accommodate all schools' early dismissal, there will be a slight adjustment in our dismissal time. Our school will actually dismiss at **12:10pm**. Please disregard the previous message.

The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be cancelled on April 8.

We're sorry for the confusion and appreciate your cooperation and support to ensure student safety during the solar eclipse.

Virtual School Council Meeting

The next school council meeting is scheduled for next week. It will be held virtually and all are welcome to attend. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday February 28, 2024

Location : Virtual

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 251 999 448 105

Passcode: ksoZzV

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter - February 2024

The Center for Black Student Excellence February newsletter is now available. It can be [read here](#).

York Region Public Health School Immunization Letter for March Break

This is an important notice for all York Region Families about Immunization information. You can [read it here](#).

Chief of Police for a Day Essay Contest

All grade 5 students in YRDSB are invited to participate in the annual Chief of Police for a Day 2024 essay contest. View [contest details](#) and the [YRP website](#) for more details.

Exploring Mental Health Together: Resources for parents and caregivers

School Mental Health Ontario has prepared [this information](#), which includes a set of resources for parents and caregivers.

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.

Celebrating Black History Month - Events

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Light refreshments will be served. Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Rm 113

Ubuntu Healing Circle - February 28

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.

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.

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.](#)

Pink Shirt Day

February 28, 2024, is [Pink Shirt Day](#) which is a globally recognized day to support anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour, and simple acts of kindness. We invite all staff, students, and families to dress in pink on February 28.

Resources For Additional Learning

For those looking for some resources to continue learning at home, 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	dsbyork dsby7692

			learning levels with read-aloud functionality. Can change the language to French (but it is just google translate).	
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 spoken immigrant and refugee languages of Canada.”	None!
	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

Sincerely,

BFPS Administration