



January 26, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If you haven't already heard, at the recent Board meeting it was decided that our VP, Mme Lara Loseto will be moving to another school effective Feb. 5, 2018. Mme Loseto has proven herself to be an effective leader, a knowledgeable teacher mentor and a respected member of our Beynon Fields family. Although we are saddened to see her leave, we know she will be an asset to her new school. In her place, we welcome Mme Terry Cariglia-Bull who we know you will welcome with Beynon warmth. Please introduce yourself when you stop by, as I'm certain she will be eager to get to know our community!

Our Grade 1 registrations have been coming in much faster than expected. We are in communication with the Board to determine what our next steps might be should we meet our capacity prior to the Feb. 9 deadline. If there are still families with siblings at Beynon who are intending to register their Grade 1 child at Beynon Fields for the fall, we strongly encourage you to register sooner rather than later as we do not yet know where additional students will be placed.

In order to keep our community safe, members of School Council along with our trustee, local councilor and Board personnel have been working hard to obtain a crossing guard at the roundabout at the corner of Selwyn Road and Tower Hill. The concern is that local traffic is unaware of how to treat a roundabout as far as pedestrians are concerned. Additionally, pedestrians are unsure of where and when to cross safely. As they are still relatively new to drivers in Canada, please check out the following link to see [how you can safely navigate a roundabout](#). To further encourage safe routes to school, we encourage children, with their parents where necessary, to walk or bike to school when possible. This will minimize the danger of an overcrowded parking lot and a potential tragedy as we've recently seen in the news. Please look through the Board sanctioned link of [Safe Routes to School](#).

Linked to safe travel to school is also our message to please not leave your car idling in the parking lot. This is an environmental concern of course, as well as a safety concern for those who are breathing in the car fumes. Since we have noticed, we feel the need to remind parents that small children should not be left alone in the car for any amount of time unless you are behind the wheel!

We are always looking for valuable transition activities for our older Intermediate students. "Transition" is a term that is employed to discuss how our students will gain an understanding of what their future may hold, whether it be high school or beyond. In order to best prepare them, we make every effort to expose students to a variety of employment opportunities, some

that require a university education and others that may require college and perhaps an apprenticeship to learn a trade. This week we are proud to have shared with students employment opportunities in the skilled trades.

We are excited about our Healthy Lunch challenge that took place in many classrooms this week. Teachers have been looking to see if children were meeting the challenge to bring all food groups to school in their lunch bag. Feel free to continue the challenge at home!

We enjoyed another Arts performance this past week and another one is coming up in the weeks ahead. We hope your children enjoyed it; we continue to search for French performances to enrich your child's academic life at Beynon Fields. You are also reminded that Jan. 31 is a House Day; please encourage your children to come to school in their House colours!

Reminder that Term 1 Pizza Lunch orders have been posted to School Cash and parents should have received a reminder to order. Please note the strict deadline of Feb. 4 to place your order for term 2.

Also, you are reminded that Friday, Feb. 2 is a PA day where teachers will be involved in professional learning around Math and how we can best support our learners. There is no school for students on that day.

Attached to this message, please find:

- Trustee greetings
- Dental Screening information for Grades 2 & 8 and possibly Grades 4, 6

Want to know more about the happenings at our school? Follow us on Twitter: @Beynon_FPS. Our followers have been growing by the day which encourages us to post more and more about your children's experiences.

Have a great weekend,

Heather