



29 March, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our Grade 8 travelers who enjoyed a very educational (and exhausting!) trip to Ottawa this week. They visited the Parliament, Art Gallery of Ontario as well as several sites that were directly linked to their learning this year. In their absence this week, our Grade 7 students stepped up as our school leaders and assisted with the necessary tasks of distributing milk, popcorn and the snack bins to benefit our school community. Thank you Grade 7's! We are excited to share the latest information from King City Secondary School who will be joining us to welcome our students who will be the inaugural French Immersion Grade 9 class, through a variety of transition activities. As a starting point, they will be making visits to Grade 7 students. Their mentors, along with a few grade 9 students, will be visiting the grade 7's to do a brief presentation about the transition activities planned for their grade 8 year. They will briefly outline high school course levels, graduation requirements, and extra-curricular activities, as well as addressing any questions or concerns your students might have.

We are excited to share with you some information regarding our PRO Grant, School Council event that will take place on April 18 from 7:00- 8:30 PM. Come and support your child's mental health and well-being with a presentation from "The Empowerment Project". Dr. Shar Rai, Dr. Stephanie Gaston & Andrea Bosco RYT will be providing parents with research, tips and techniques to create a household of self-empowered children. Most exciting this year, is that a parallel presentation will take place for the Grade 6, 7, 8 students the following day. What a unique and valuable way to start the conversation between home and school. A flyer and RSVP link coming soon. See you on the 18th in the Beynon Fields Library!

We are in a continual need for adult lunch supervisors. This is a paid position for 1 hour each day to supervise the children outside while at play, assist them to problem solve when required and then ensure that they are eating their lunch when they return into the school. Lunch clubs have been very successful this far thanks to our fabulous parent volunteers. Parents of Grade 5-6 students who have registered are reminded to ensure that their children have their user names and passwords available for Scratch Coding club beginning next week as they will be needing them in the club beginning next week.

On the safety front, this week, we had a successful fire inspection. As we continue to educate and encourage Safe Routes to School, attached to this eblast please find information on walking safely to school and the benefits of doing so. We are trying to minimize traffic en route to school for safety as well as benefit our health and the environment. We are currently completing our application for a Platinum Eco recognition and have been working hard to put together the package representing all grade levels and the positive impact we can have on our environment as a community. Please see the attached flyer for safety tips that you can review with your children.

Interested in having a voice in the direction of the YRDSB? The Board is hosting 5 Town Halls to allow communities the opportunity to voice your perception about public education, particularly our Board. If this is of interest to you, please see the attached flyer for the possible dates and locations to attend.

Attached to this eblast please find:

- An [invitation](#) from the Chair of the Board to attend a Town Hall in your area.

For those members of our community celebrating Easter, we wish you a Happy Easter!

And, for those members of our community celebrating Passover, we wish you a Happy Pesach!

Of course, we hope you enjoy the long weekend.