



March 9, 2018

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Thank you as always for your continued support of our programs at Beynon Fields. We are proud of our students who are trying their best, showing leadership in organizing school wide initiatives, as with our House Day focus on celebrating the accomplishments of women in different fields. Our grade 8 students have been maturely discussing a variety of social justice issues affecting our society that have been in the news recently. Our grade 4's have enjoyed sharing their learning around pulleys and gears in an expo that was very well attended by other classes and parents.

This is the season for illness and flu and it's certainly not pleasant for anyone! Children who are unwell while they are in class will be cared for in the office until a parent or guardian is able to pick them up. We would like to remind you that we simply cannot care for children in the office who are still recovering from a cold; if children are well enough to attend school, they are expected to go outside at recess. You may wish to send them with an extra sweater, but please do not ask the teacher or office staff to stay with your child during recess; they often also have additional responsibilities at those times.

Recess times are intended to be fun times and time for free play for children. At times however, these times can cause more stress for children who may have difficulty making and sustaining friends. To that end, we organize a variety of clubs during the week that are staffed by parent volunteers, and students are organizing activities that small groups of students will be able to enjoy as well. These are the types of initiatives that make Beynon Fields a special place where older students show their leadership by assisting our younger ones to make friends.

Immediately following the break, we will be having our spring concert with a few classrooms and we invite parents to join us. We will also be continuing with our 1-Act plays in Grade 7 and deepening our learning around the treaties and relationships between First Nations and Canada in Grade 5.

This will be the last eblast until after the March break. We would like to wish you all a happy and safe time with your families. We look forward to seeing your children's smiling faces when they return to school on March 19.

Bonnes vacances!