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Dear Parent and Guardians,

Welcome to spring---Finally! Many of us are enjoying a new bright attitude along with the weather. So many exciting events happening at this time of year:

Music Alive update- Bravo to our <u>Strings Ensemble</u> who earned a Gold level performance this week and to our <u>Band</u> that performed beautifully and earned Gold recognition as well! When listening to the adjudicator provide feedback, it was very exciting to recognize how extraordinarily talented our students are.

Also in the Arts, we were thrilled to see our Grade 8 stars highlighted in "snapd Aurora" newspaper! Check out the "Night of Play at Aurora High School"

In sports (I am starting to feel like a TV announcer), our Basketball teams and Badminton teams have all excelled. Students in Grades 1-6 are now being encouraged to "Get up and Move!" and they are going to try to bring their parents along. Students have logbooks and are encouraged to earn energy cubes for every 15 minutes of physical activity. Good luck to us all as Beynon Fields tries to place in the top 25 schools in Ontario.

We have a group of very dedicated students who really have a FitSpirit! They have been running every Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon to develop their fitness while also increasing their confidence and resilience. Best of luck to our runners in their 5K and 10K runs on May 8th.

Jump Rope for Heart kick-off was this afternoon and students are really excited to start jumping and earning donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Our event will take place on Friday May 18. Here are the 4 easy steps to donating on-line:

- 1. Go to jumpropeforheart.ca
- 2. Click **register** in the top right hand corner
- 3. Choose student fundraiser and Beynon Fields as the school and click Join
- 4. Fill in the information required and collect pledges.

The end of May will be the official start for **Bike to School month**, but why wait? You can start early and your children could win prizes for their initiative, while reducing the number of cars in the parking lot.

Our French book fair has wrapped up and we are proud to have earned over \$3000 which means more books for our Learning Commons. Thank you to all the parents and students who joined us and made the fair a success!

Has your child lost any clothing these past few months? Very likely, as we have a large amount of **lost** and found items currently neatly folded and organized outside the office. Please stop by to check it out; it won't stay neat for long! <u>Leftover clothing items will be donated before Victoria Day weekend.</u>

Please note that this is wet, rainy season and we have had numerous students wanting to call home for a **change of clothes after recess**. Please consider sending spare pants and socks to school for these days.

Attached to this eblast please find:

- Information on Mental Health week and the workshops available to support children and families, through York Centre
- Information on how parents can be involved in the Parent, Family, Community Engagement Committee (PEAC)
- Flyer advertising the presentation being held at Lester B. Pearson: "Helping parents raise resilient children"
- The link for interested Grade 6-7 students to register for Judo and Jujitsu

Have a wonderful weekend,

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