



# BEYNON FIELDS P.S.

Community Newsletter

November 3, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please review below some important updates and reminders.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews - Evening of November 16 and Morning of November 17

Parents' Night is on November 16 and November 17. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about the classroom. Edsby is the online tool supported for scheduling elementary interviews/conferences. Families will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

Below is the sample invitation email sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) on behalf of YRDSB.

Edsby has been chosen by [school board name] to provide a modern way for parents and guardians to follow their children's progress at school, receive school updates, and much more.

You are receiving this Edsby invitation because you are listed as a parent or guardian of [child's name].

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

If you have any questions regarding Edsby please contact the school office.

To watch a video that describes how to set up your parent account please use the following link:  
<https://vimeopro.com/edsby/edsby-help-videos-for-school-administrators/video/144798060>

If this message was sent to you in error, or you do not wish to join Edsby, please [click here to decline](#).

If you have any questions about this process please contact our main office for support.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on the scheduled days, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

**Important Timelines**

- November 6, 2023 Parents' Night schedule opens at 9am for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found [here](#).
- November 14, 2023 Interview Scheduler closes at (9:00 a.m.)
- November 15, 2023 Families to receive virtual links and information for accessing the virtual conferences
- November 16 - 17th Family-Teacher Interviews/Conferences**

**Cookie Dough Drop Fundraiser - November 3-20**  
**Beynon Fields is excited to kick off the Cookie Dough Drop fundraiser in partnership with Terra Cotta Cookie Company this year!**

**What's a Cookie Dough Drop™ exactly?**

Cookie Dough Drops are pre-portioned and packed cookie dough that goes straight from your freezer to your oven.

Bake as few or as many as you like. There are a [variety of flavours to choose from](#) so there is something for everyone! All products are nut and peanut free! Gluten free and vegan options available as well! These are a delicious warm treat at home and just in time for the holidays!

**Shopping is easy:**

1. Between November 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup>, visit: <https://fundraising.terracottacookies.com/current-fundraisers/beynon-fields-public-school/> to go to Beynon Fields Public School's dedicated site. (site closes at 4:00pm on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)
2. Select the items you wish to purchase
3. Enter the name of the student you are purchasing from
4. Enter the School Name – Beynon Fields Public School
5. Check out

Cookies will be delivered to the school on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If you wish to pick up your order from the school on the day of delivery, please send an email to [Beynon.fields.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:Beynon.fields.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca) by Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Otherwise, your order, including any order under your child's name will be sent home with your child.

This campaign is only available until NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 so act fast if you have cookies lovers at home!

**Popcorn Distribution**

For those who have purchased, popcorn will be distributed this coming Tuesday. This week's missed popcorn delivery will come in the form of an additional bag to all recipients this coming week.

**BFPS Scholastic Book Fair**

BFPS is holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Nov 9 - 17. Please [see the flyer](#) for more information.

**Holocaust Education Week**

November 1 - November 9, 2023 marks the annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW). Learning about the Holocaust in classrooms, schools, and workplaces across the YRDSB is critical to countering antisemitism and other forms of hate.

The Holocaust was the systemic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it's critical that we not allow this cruel chapter of

modern history to fade from memory. During Holocaust Education Week, it is important to also acknowledge that other racialized people, the Romas, people with physical disabilities, and those who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, among others, were also targeted and murdered by the Nazis. As one means of working towards communities free of intolerance, racism, discrimination, and hatred, educators are encouraged to discuss the Holocaust and the many people who put their lives on the line in the face of antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Holocaust Education re-humanizes those who experienced and continue to experience the impact of the Holocaust. By giving voice to the victims and survivors, we can ensure historical contexts are not trivialized.

### **Hindu Heritage Month**

On December 8, 2016, the province of Ontario designated November as Hindu Heritage Month as outlined in the [Hindu Heritage Month Act](#). November 2022 marked Canada's first official Hindu Heritage month.

Hindus first arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century. During various waves of immigration, Hindus from all parts of the world continued to make Canada their home from the 1960s to present day. Canada is the proud home to nearly 830,000 Canadians of Hindu heritage, and many have settled in the Greater Toronto Area, including York Region.

"By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario." - Hindu Heritage Month Act, 2016 Hinduism is considered by some as one of the world's oldest religions, dating back over 10,000 years. With over 900 million followers worldwide, Hinduism is the third-largest religion.

Hinduism is a henotheistic religion that worships one God without denying the existence of other gods. Some of these deities include Brahma, Shiva, Paarvathi, Lakshmi, Ganesha, Muruga, Kaali, and Vishnu, along with others. Hinduism consists of many traditions and festivities that are celebrated throughout the year. Diwali, Navaratri, and Ganesh Chaturthi are some celebrations in which Hindus participate in Ontario, Canada, and around the world.

### **Treaties Recognition Week**

Did you know that the first week of November is officially Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario? 2023 is the [100th year anniversary of the signing of the Williams Treaty](#). When learning about the significance of this signing, consider the 2018 negotiated Settlement Agreement as well as

the [statement of apology](#) made by the Canadian Government on November 17, 2018. During the week of November 5-11, 2023, we recognize the importance of treaties and bring awareness to the treaty relationships between First Nations, Métis and Inuit and non-Indigenous people throughout the province. There are 46 treaties in Ontario, and we all have a responsibility to recognize, learn about and honour these treaties.

### **Tune In YRDSB: Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month**

In [this podcast episode](#) in recognition of Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month, two YRDSB vice-principals share their personal experiences within the educational system, and speak about how we can all help to create more identity-affirming spaces for Latinx students, staff and families.

### **Tune In YRDSB: Elevating Women's Stories**

In honour of Women's History Month, [this latest podcast episode](#) features a conversation with six female leaders and change makers in YRDSB. The conversation highlights the crucial role of preserving and elevating the stories of women, including those from diverse backgrounds. The guests share their personal stories and journeys in education, emphasizing the importance of representation, community, identity, allyship and how they see their role in inspiring the next generation to reach their full potential.

### **Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECP) Brochure**

YRDSB has a number of different community partnerships. For more information please see The [Education and Community Partnership Programs \(ECP\) brochure](#).

### **Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World**

敞开孩子的心房/敞開孩子的心房

Tuesday, Nov. 21 there are two sessions. One in Mandarin and the other in Cantonese where presenters will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture. For more information and to register, please [see the flyer](#).

### **Student Mental Health and Addiction Newsletter - November**

Please find the YRDSB Student Mental Health and Addiction Newsletter for the month of November [available to read here](#).

### **Not an Experiment Vaping and Youth**

York Region Public Health is sharing information on tobacco-free living. Please see [this letter to families](#).

Sincerely,

BFPS Administration