



November 17, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Coffee Hour this morning was a resounding success! We had a very informative session on how we teach Math and why this is the best way for your children to learn in an inquiry method. Mr. Bradford explained the most valued skills from Fortune 500 companies in 1979: 1- Writing, 2- Computational skills, 3- Reading skills. When compared with the same question in 1999, Fortune 500 companies identified 1- Teamwork, 2- Problem Solving, 3- Interpersonal skills as their top characteristics. At the bottom of the list – yet still valuable skills- were Organizational effectiveness, Computational skills and Reading skills. Our children are learning how to use math skills in real life situations so that they can understand the process they must use to solve problems and not be intimidated by calculations alone.

French Scholastic Book Fair is taking place next week! Mme Brouillet will be setting up the library with a variety of French books, resources and games that will be for sale to students. Classes will be scheduled to come visit the Book Fair at different times during the school day. The Book Fair will be open during parent teacher interview hours (until 8 PM on Thursday and until noon on Friday). During the week, it may be open some afternoons until 5:00, please check the posters for specific dates and times. All *cheques* should be made out to *Beynon Fields P.S.* Cash will also be accepted.

Please be reminded that our bus loop is intended for buses. We understand that during the school day it may be convenient to stop in front of the school to come in and pick up your child. At the beginning and end of the day however, the bus loop must remain clear so that late buses can arrive or depart as safely as possible.

Attached to this email please find:

- Information regarding bussing procedures in the case of inclement weather. Winter is now definitely upon us, please note our procedures. We will make an effort to Tweet out bus cancellations, so please follow us!
- A reminder of our Craft Night on December 8, 2017

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parent- Teacher Interviews and Student led Conferences next Thursday evening and Friday morning!

Have a great weekend,

Heather Zaitlin