



November 3, 2017

Hello Parents/Guardians,

This has been an exciting week! We enjoyed our first House assembly where we were united in song and students created a puzzle piece based on a future memory (please ask your child about it!) They then collaborated with their House members to put it together. The goal of our Houses is to create an inclusive Beynon family where younger and older students can come together in a respectful community. Our House committee, comprised of a group of dedicated teachers plan collaborative activities that are led by our older students in break-out sessions to achieve this goal. Of course Halloween is always a treat (!) and students and staff were happy to show off their costumes. We have a lot happening between now and the winter break as well....

Edsby update: Families have been sent reminders to set up an Edsby account if they have not already done so last year. Please note that for families who had even 1 child with us last year, you will not have received an invitation to create an account since you already have one set up from last year. We are working with the Edsby IT team at the Board to rectify any glitches that have been brought to our attention. **Families who are new to Beynon must create an account by November 3rd as bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews in Edsby will start on Monday, November 6th after 8:30 am.**

We thank you for paying for the Arts and STEM package fee at the beginning of the year. These fees are used to book French Arts performances and robotics workshops to enhance your child's education. In addition, we have been able to subsidize 1 related activity per grade from these fees. *Several reminders have gone home to those families who have not yet paid; we ask that you do so as soon as possible so that every child can enjoy the experiences we work hard to provide.*

Save the date! Craft Night, our festive school activity evening for children and guardians will take place this year on December 8. Watch for your invitation on School Cash on-line. The more the merrier.... ☺

Our lost and found bin is continues to grow. We have already sent out one large donation full of clothes that were never reclaimed. Please remind your children to look for their lost items! An easy way to quickly FIND them is to LABEL them. Please see the attached information on Mabel's Labels, a School Council fundraising initiative.

We ask that parents please respect our neighbours when picking up and dropping off their children; please do not block a neighbour's driveway. We currently enjoy positive relationships with our external community and would like to maintain that respectful relationship. Additionally, our parking lot is quite full during arrival and dismissal times. We ask that parents not park in the loop around the perimeter of the lot so that cars are able to manoeuvre safely into and out of the lot. Sadly, if this situation does not improve, we may be forced to close the parking lot during these times. Please do your best to be mindful of others and respect the convenience of our parking lot. Thank you for your understanding.

In order to maintain the cleanliness of our school, especially in the upcoming muddy months, we remind you that all students Grades 1-8 should have indoor shoes to wear in the building. We are very proud of our “home” and would like to ensure that no one sits in mud or slips on a wet floor.

Coffee Hour has been moved to Nov. 17 @ 9:00 am. Our guest speaker this month will be our very own, Mr. Bradford discussing how to support your child with Math by understanding how it’s taught!

EQAO Grade 3 Primary Assessments of Mathematics & Grade 6 Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will take place between May 22 – June 4, 2018. If possible we ask that you not schedule your child to be absent from school during that time period.

For your interest, I thought you may enjoy this article: <http://mailchi.mp/screenagersmovie/how-young-is-too-young-to-have-a-mobile-device-750453>

Wishing you a wonderful, warm week ahead!

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