

BEYNON FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL



October 9, 2020

*Best wishes to our
BFPS families
observing Thanksgiving on
Monday, October 12th!*

Did you know:

Many family favourites on Thanksgiving dinner tables across Canada trace their origins to food made by First Nations peoples long before Europeans set foot in North America.

<p>October 10, 2020</p> <p>World Mental Health Day</p>	<p>October 10, 2020 is World Mental Health Day. This is an annual international day of awareness regarding mental health issues around the world. This day provides an opportunity to mobilize efforts to support mental health and encourage conversations and action to increase mental health care globally.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day for more information on raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.</p> <p>Interested in learning breathing exercises that can be done with your child to manage emotions and cope with stress? Click here more information and access to York Region Public Health resources.</p>
 <p>October 15</p> <p>Spirit Day</p> <p>Wear Purple in support of 2SLGBTQ+ youth</p>	<p>Each year, students, educators and allies bring attention to the need for safer and more inclusive learning and working environments for two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (2SLGBTQ+) people.</p> <p>October 15 is Spirit Day. It is an annual day in October when millions of North Americans wear purple to show their support for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and to take a stand against bullying. Students, schools, organizations, corporations, media professionals, celebrities and parents wear purple to send a message that 2SLGBTQ+ youth are to be celebrated and respected for who they are.</p> <p>Students, staff, and community members are invited to wear purple on October 15.</p>

TRUSTEE BY ELECTION

Just a reminder that early voting for the [Oct 19 trustee by election](#) for [Richmond Hill, Wards 1, 2 and 4](#) begins this **Wednesday, October 14.**

The City of Richmond Hill will hold a by-election on Monday, October 19, 2020 to fill the vacant trustee position for Richmond Hill, Wards 1, 2 and 4. Voting in trustee elections is important. The trustee who is elected on October 19 will help make and influence decisions that affect your child's education.

Internet voting will open on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for those who would like to vote early and will remain open until 8:00 p.m., October 19. If you missed the All Candidates Meeting you can visit the YRDSB website to view a recording of this meeting.

Please remember to vote!

COVID UPDATES & INFORMATION

As we approach the long weekend, please consider this information from York Region Public Health

- [Thanksgiving: A time to celebrate and reflect](#)
 - **Reminder of hosting Thanksgiving celebrations with only those you share a household with**
- [When should I see COVID-19 testing?](#)
 - **Important information about Ontario's recent change to the provincial COVID-19 testing strategy**
- [October 7, 2020 Edition of #YRMatters](#) (York Region's bi-weekly e-newsletter)
 - **Thanksgiving Reminder, School Supports ... and more** Also visit the york.ca/SafeAtSchool webpage, [newsroom](#), and www.yrdsb.ca for current information and updates.

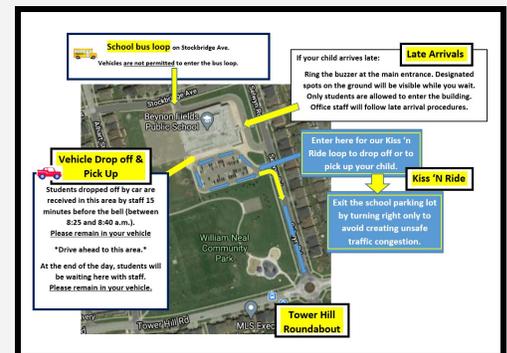
Repeat Message:

Movement & Safety in our Parking Lot

Thank you to all families and visitors to our building who continue to ensure safety for our BFPS community.

Reminders:

- Ensure that your child is exiting the vehicle on the right hand side and onto the sidewalk.
- Use the two sidewalks located in our parking lot when moving to and from your parked vehicle with your child. As a driver, you are reminded to stop for those using the crosswalk to ensure safety for everyone.
- The Kiss 'N Ride is used for dropping off students independently. Parents are not to exit their vehicle in this area. Feel free to park your car if you would like to assist your child in exiting your vehicle.



[This video](#), prepared by YRDSB, reviews important procedures and expectations for arrival and dismissal at our schools.

**Repeat
Message:**

**Friday,
October 30,
2020**

For some families, Halloween is traditionally celebrated. In order to be inclusive at Beynon Fields, we respect all families' wishes and their traditions. For those wishing to participate, students may wear simple costumes on October 30, that are appropriate for school. Students from Grades 4-8 (and as suggested in Grades 1-3) are still required to wear personal face masks, as per policy, despite any costume accessories.



Costumes must comply with our YRDSB dress code and safety expectations. Students may not bring costume accessories, such as replica or toy guns, knives, swords, etc. This is in accordance with the York Region District School Board's Safe School Policy #668.0. Compliance to this policy is compulsory for students from JK to Grade 12. Failure to comply can result in a suspension from school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FOOD ITEMS WILL BE SHARED AT SCHOOL.