



September 29, 2017

This past week was Safety Week. During this week we practiced our safe responses to fire drills, lock down and hold and secure drills. Our students reacted calmly and positively to all of our drills. Teachers and students knew that these drills would be taking place this week so that they could prepare and respond appropriately. Future drills, which are required several times each year, will not be known in order to practice our school wide safe response in an emergency.

Our Terry Fox Run assembly was held today. Due to the weather, the run itself will take place on Monday. Please feel free to continue to donate to this worthwhile charity on this website: <http://www.terryfox.ca/BeynonFieldsPSRichmondHillON>

Orange Shirt Day will be held on Monday, Oct. 2. The [orange shirt day](#) movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973. Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform. Please try to send your child wearing an Orange shirt to be a part of our commemoration.

In the school package sent out at the beginning of September was a permission form allowing students to leave school property on their own; this was attached in error. Please note that for student safety during all hours of the day, students should remain on school property unless they are accompanied by a guardian and signed out at the office.

Interested in a valuable fundraising idea? Instead of donating all those lost and found items, Beynon Fields is linked to Mabels Labels so that you can protect your children's belongings while the school receives a portion of the proceeds. The link for purchasing these fun labels is attached.

Information from the York Region District School Board: We would like to invite the families of the Richmond Hill school community to meet with Local Trustee and Vice-Chair Corrie McBain, Trustee Carol Chan, and Board Chair Lorelea Carruthers on October 4 @ 10:00 AM at Richmond Green Secondary School (1 William F. Bell Parkway, Richmond Hill). More information on Coffee Chats can be found on the Board website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Coffee-Chat.aspx>

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