



# BEYNON FIELDS P.S.

Community Newsletter

September 15, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please review below some important updates and reminders.

## Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew: ראש השנה), (literally “head of the year”), is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the High Holidays or Yamim Noraim (“Days of Awe”), celebrated ten days before Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is observed on the first two days of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar.

We are wishing all our families a happy new year.

## Lunch for Purchase Now Available

Beynon Fields is very excited to offer lunch options for purchase. Term 1 offers selections from Pizza Nova, Swiss Chalet (halal), and Subway.

All the information [is available here](#).

**No new orders, changes or cancellations once the order deadline of Monday, September 18, 2023 has passed.**

All lunch purchases must be made through School Cash Online.

## Lunchtime Chess

Beynon Fields is proud to offer a lunchtime chess program through Chess n’ Math Association beginning this November. Families can register their child for the 7-session program which carries a cost of \$112.

Registration and payment go directly to the Chess n’ Math Association. For more information and to register please visit this website: <https://chess-math.org/beynon-fields-fall2023>

## Lunch Lady

Another lunch option for our students is through “Lunch Lady”. Orders are made through their website. For more information, please [see the flyer](#).

## Terry Fox Walk/Run



Beynon Fields P.S. is pleased to be hosting the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. All money raised goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation to benefit cancer research. Our walk/run will take place **Thursday, September 21** with a rain date of Tuesday, September 26. All students take part in this worthy cause.

The school is not accepting cash donations. Those should be made using the following link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/BeynonFieldsPSRichmondHill>

The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation, with 82 cents of every dollar going directly to cancer research. Thank you for joining the fight against cancer.

With the full participation of the wonderful Beynon Fields community, we are confident that this year's Terry Fox Walk/Run will be another great success. Let's keep Terry's dream alive to find a cure for cancer!

### **Student Technology Use**

Students are not to have cell phones or other electronic devices out during the school day (i.e., instructional time and recess) unless directed by the teacher for instructional purposes.

Repeated infraction of this policy may include:

1. The cell phone/electronic device will be kept in the office for the day.
2. Parents will be notified to pick up the cell phone at school.
3. The student will not be allowed to bring their device to school in future.

### **Items That Cannot be Brought to School**

This is a reminder that the following items cannot be brought to school.

- items that people may be allergic to, like peanut butter and scented products.
- items that can be used as weapons or toys that look like weapons. For example, water guns, bats, plastic knives and swiss army knives. Knives are not allowed at school for lunch purposes.

- items such as Cannabis, vaping and e-cigarette products.
- any alcohol or alcohol related products

**THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OF OUR SCHOOLS!**



### Health Care Plans

**Please remember that our school is a nut free environment. Please do not pack snacks or lunches that contain peanuts or tree nuts.**

If your child has medical needs, please ensure that the appropriate health care plan is completed and returned to our office before September 19, 2022. Click on the health care plan that corresponds to your child's medical situation and return the form(s) to school. Completed forms can also be email to [rose.kipling@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rose.kipling@yrdsb.ca)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Administration of Medication Form](#)

### Safe entry and exit procedures

To ensure safety for all BFPS community members, while mitigating traffic, it is strongly recommended that you exit our parking lot by turning right. If needed, please use the roundabout at Tower Hill Road to proceed in the opposite direction.

Please note:

- Aside from the Kiss 'N Ride area, there is no parking alongside sidewalks in the parking lot at Beynon Fields;
- Refrain from parking next to pylons- they are placed to support safety for our families in no-parking zones;
- In the morning, parking is available on a short-term basis, and can take place on the south side of Stockbridge Avenue. To maintain safety, you are encouraged not to park on the north side of Stockbridge Avenue.
- Adhere to signs posted at the bus entrance to the school. Buses require a certain distance to enter the bus loop safely. Cars are not to park close to the entrance to the bus loop.

- To maintain safety for all. There is no pick up at the end of the day on Stockbridge Avenue (north of school).

### Grade 1 Parents/Guardians

For any guardians who will accompany our new learners to school, starting Monday, September 12, families are asked to drop off their child at the perimeter of the pavement area. Teachers will take over supervising and escorting students into the school. **The field and pavement area is closed to just staff and students.**

### Signing up for School Cash Online

When making purchases for your child this year, (such as lunches) most sales will be done through School Cash Online. If you don't have an account yet, please [follow these instructions](#) to get started.

### EDSBY

Those who have their child(ren) with YRDSB in the past, will likely already be familiar with [Edsby](#). It is a cloud-based platform. 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. **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](#).

### Letter from the Director Re: Class Re-Organization

Please [see the letter](#) from the YRDSB Director of Education, Bill Cober, on class re-organization.

### Elementary 5-Day Cycle

Please [click here](#) to access the YRDSB 5-Day Cycle Calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

### School Council

As parents/guardians, participation in school council is one way to be engaged in your child's learning experience. Our first school council nomination meeting will take place at 7pm on September 27, 2023 in the school library.

School Council email: [beynon.fields.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:beynon.fields.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

### Lunch Routines

If you need to drop off lunch for your child, there will be a drop off table by the front door. Please remember to label your child's lunch with their name and teacher. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch with them in the morning. *Please include cutlery, where required; however knives (even plastic and disposable) are not permitted on school grounds.*

### **Powley Day 2023**

On September 19, 2023, Métis Peoples from all over Canada will celebrate Powley Day. Powley Day is a day of political and cultural significance for Métis communities throughout Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Powley Day marks the anniversary of the 2003 Supreme Court decision in the matter of R v. Powley, a Métis family from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. R. v. Powley was the first major Indigenous rights case concerning Métis peoples. The ground-breaking decision in 2003 affirmed that there were, and continue to be, distinct Métis people and communities on the land now known as Canada prior to 1867. The Powley Decision resulted in "the Powley Test," which laid out a set of criteria to not only define what might constitute a Métis right but also who is entitled to those rights. The Powley decision recognizes and affirms Métis as distinct Indigenous peoples with a unique culture and identity. Métis' inherent rights as Indigenous peoples are entrenched within Section 35 of Canada's Constitution, which has opened the path forward to full [Métis self-government](#).

It has been 20 years since the Supreme Court of Canada made the unanimous decision to recognize and enshrine Metis rights in the Canadian Constitution. Since then, the [Métis Nation of Ontario \(MNO\)](#) has celebrated the decision alongside the Métis Governments in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Powley Day is recognized on **September 19th** every year and is an opportunity for educators and students to engage in learning about Métis resistance, culture, and Identity. Please take time on Powley Day and throughout the year, to learn about, with, and from Métis peoples.

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day 2023**

Every year on September 30, Canadians observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. It is a day to educate and promote awareness of residential schools and their lasting legacies of trauma, suffering and genocide of Indigenous Peoples. These institutions were designed to assimilate Indigenous children and to eradicate Indigenous cultural practices. The topic of residential schools first appears in the newly revised Social Studies curriculum in Grade 1. Given the observance of Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, many Educators K-12 will take on this topic as part of their instructional program.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, observed on September 30th in Canada, is a solemn occasion dedicated to acknowledging the historical and ongoing injustices faced by First Nations, Métis and Inuit. It serves as a vital step towards reconciliation and understanding, providing an opportunity to learn about the painful legacy of residential schools and the enduring trauma experienced by Indigenous communities. On this day, schools across the country also recognize Orange Shirt Day, which specifically remembers the story of Phyllis Webstad, a survivor of the residential school system, who had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day at school. These events in schools take on a solemn tone as students and educators engage in activities and discussions that foster empathy, respect, and awareness of the hardships endured by First Nations, Métis and Inuit, promoting a more inclusive and equitable society for future generations. We encourage YRDSB staff and students to wear an

orange shirt on Friday, September 29, 2023, to recognize the resiliency, bravery and survival of Residential School Survivors and those who did not come home.

### **Nur Muslim Mentorship Program for Grade 7 and 8 Students**

This memo provides information about the Nur Muslim Mentorship Program for Grade 7 and 8 students.

YRDSB and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) is excited to continue to offer our mentorship program for Muslim students. This year, the Nur Muslim Mentorship Program provides an opportunity for elementary Muslim students from Grade 7 and 8 to be supported through an identity affirming mentorship program and build relationships with other Muslim students and staff across the Board.

This program addresses needs identified in the YRDSB's community consultations held in 2017-2018. By engaging with Muslim staff, community partners and mental health professionals, this mentorship program will provide concrete opportunities to differentiate well-being support for Muslim learners in YRDSB.

This program meets:

- [DAP Goal 1.1](#) Foster Well-Being and Mental Health: Build positive relationships with staff and students to promote feelings of mattering and belonging.
- [EIAC Islamophobia Sub-Committee Recommendation 1b](#) Provide resources and space for a network of Muslim students to connect with and support each other and engage with Muslim educators and mental health professionals to share opportunities for healing.
- [Anti-Black Racism Strategy P3.3](#) The YRDSB will provide the tools and resources for creating Black-affirming and anti-racist learning and working environments.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE NUR MUSLIM MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

This program aims to support all areas of the Board and focuses on affirming students' identities and building a sense of belonging. Participants will include:

- Muslim students (grade 7-8) from all elementary schools across YRDSB.
- Muslim mentors within YRDSB (i.e., YRDSB staff).

Any Muslim-identifying staff member who is interested in becoming a mentor is asked to complete the [Nur Muslim Mentorship Program - Mentor Application](#) by September 26, 2023.

### **Tune In YRDSB: Indigenous Education: A Student's Perspective**

Hear Indigenous student trustees share their experiences and perspectives on Indigenous education in York Region on [the latest episode of Tune In YRDSB](#).

### **Community Organization Wellness Resource – Odeiwin Lead**

Odeiwin Lead is a free virtual community-based leadership development program and circle of support open to Indigenous Community members. [See the brochure](#) for more information and

how to connect with the organization to register. This program is not delivered by York Region District School Board. Please note if you are interested, the first free cohort will commence on September 7th to November 23 from 6 pm to 8 pm

**Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow 2023**

September 23 and 24 Sutton District High School is hosting the Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow. Please [see the flyer](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

BFPS Administration

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