



# BEYNON FIELDS P.S.

Community Newsletter

September 21, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please review below some important updates and reminders.

## PA Day - Tomorrow, September 22

This is a reminder that there are no classes tomorrow, September 22. Teachers will be engaged in professional development and are not available to supervise students.

## Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur translates to "Day of atonement." We wish all those observing the holiday, *Tzom Kal*, an easy fast.

## Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night - September 27

On Wednesday, Sept 27, Parents and Guardians are invited to attend the 2023-2024 Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night Event at BFPS. This evening is designed for **adults** as our target audience. Please note that the purpose is to have parents and guardians meet this year's teachers.

The format for the evening is as follows:

- Session A - 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- 6:30 - 6:35 pm travel time
- Session B - 6:35 - 7:05 pm

*\*\*Please note: You do not need to sign up for a session as we are offering 2 opportunities for families to meet the teachers. The intent of the 2 sessions is in the event you have more than 1 child attending BFPS.*

## **Session A and Session B are the same.**

Any parent/guardian who would like more information specific to their individual child's progress is asked to reach out to teachers via phone, agendas, edsby, or email as there will not be an opportunity to discuss individual students this evening.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Once the last session has wrapped up, all parents/guardians are invited to the library on the second floor for a school council meeting and elections. It will begin at 7:10 pm.

### **Volunteers Wanted**

We are looking for volunteers to help with pizza lunch distribution here at BFPS. Pizza days are Thursdays this year. If any parent/guardian is willing and interested in volunteering, please email [rose.kipling@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rose.kipling@yrdsb.ca) to be added to our list.

### **Terry Fox Walk/Run**



This afternoon, BFPS held its annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. Students had a great time as they took steps for an important cause. All money raised goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation to benefit cancer research.

The school is not accepting cash donations, but if you would still like to make a donation, they should be made using the following link:

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

We thank all our families for their support in this cause and the students for their participation this afternoon.

### **Photo Day - October 11**



Wednesday,  
October 11, 2023

- ☀️ Class Group Photos & Individual Photos will be taken on this day
- ☀️ Proof Cards will be delivered to the school 3-5 days after Photo Day with all ordering information



### Startup Forms

Startup Forms are due to the office. If you haven't submitted them yet, you can find everything you need at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>.

### 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>

### Crossing Guard

After a great deal of lobbying from the school and families in the community, the Town of Richmond Hill has agreed to place a crossing guard at the corner of Selwyn Rd and Tower Hill Rd. They are expected at this intersection before and after school. The placement began on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

### School Council Dates

School Council dates have been set for this school year. They are the evenings of Oct. 11, Nov. 29, Feb. 28, May 15

## 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.

## 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).

### **Extracurricular teams and clubs**

Extracurricular teams and clubs are rolling out! Please encourage your child to listen to the announcements for information on extracurriculars, and to speak with the organizing teachers and coaches directly to participate.

### **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 7:10pm 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.*

### **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.

### **BFPS Emergency Preparedness Dates**

Fire Drills: Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 15, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16

Lockdown Drills: Oct 19, Mar 28

Hold and Secure Drill: Nov 2

Bomb Threat Drill: Sep 26

### **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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