

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the students, staff and families for their support and collaboration towards a successful start-up. BFPS Administration has prepared <u>a welcome letter</u> to greet all our new and returning families.

Please review below some important updates and reminders.

## **School Start-up Package and Forms**

In the coming weeks, an email will be sent to your child's gapps account which will include the start-up package and forms. Guardians are asked to review this information, sign, and return completed forms which cover:

- Internet Policy and Technology use
- Lunch time agreements for students to follow when going home for lunch
- School Start-Up Permissions Form
- Use of Student Personal Information Consent Form
- Faith Reguest for Curriculum Accommodations Form
- School Council Candidate Nomination Form

#### **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 <a href="mailto:rose.kipling@yrdsb.ca">rose.kipling@yrdsb.ca</a>

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.** 

### Lunch room assistants needed

Lunch assistants support our students during the lunch hours, both indoors and outdoors. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact our school office at 905-508-7060 or send an email to <a href="mailto:rose.kipling@vrdsb.ca">rose.kipling@vrdsb.ca</a>.

#### **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 during the week of September 26, 2022. More information to follow.

School Council email: <u>beynon.fields.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca</u>

#### **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.

#### A Message From Our Trustee

September 2023

### Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many <u>responsibilities</u>, including making <u>policy</u> and <u>budget</u> decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to <u>contact me</u> if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our <u>newsroom</u>, listen to our <u>podcast</u> and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our <u>new Director of Education Bill Cober</u>, who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the <u>Multi-Year Strategic Plan</u> that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Crystal Yu

Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4

## **Professional Activity Day Plans**

The following are the staff professional activity day plans for September 22, 2023.

**Fun Fair and Meet and Greet Celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot**Please join us to foster cultural understanding to celebrate the Jewish holidays in September.
Please <u>see the flyer</u> for more information.

# 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

Sincerely,

Sofia Papadatos Jeffrey Borsuk Principal Vice Principal