



PIERRE BERTON



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# Pierre Berton Public School

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## Important Dates:

April 3	Light it Up Blue!
April 3 –7	Wellness Week
April 14	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Monday
April 27	Spirit Day
April 27	TRIBES Assembly Gr. 7/8 Immunization
April 28	Earn Your Feet Friday

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## Administrators' Message

April 2017

Spring is here and there are so many exciting things happening this month at Pierre Berton PS. This month we will be celebrating Autism Awareness with our Light it Up Blue assembly on April 2nd. We are so grateful to all who have been working so hard to make this event a huge success. This will be an exciting kick-off to our Wellness Week which will include many engaging activities for our students that help to teach our students about the importance of making healthy choices. The week will also include a Family Wellness Night on Thursday, April 6th which includes parent workshops and whole family activities presented by Dynamix. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful event and support our wellness initiative.

Along with our Wellness Week, students are continuing to work hard in the classroom each day. We are so excited to see all of the learning that is happening at Pierre Berton. Our staff work very hard to collaborate and develop rich engaging tasks for our students. Thank you for partnering with us in helping to support all of our learners.

As the weather is changing we encourage students to come prepared for outdoor play each day. Weather permitting, students will be outside for recess and it is important that they are dress accordingly. Students should be reminded to stay away from muddy or wet areas when they are playing outside. It may be helpful for students to have extra socks in their backpacks in the event that they do end up with wet feet.

The warmer weather is also a great opportunity for students to walk or ride to school. We want to remind students and parents to always ensure that helmets are worn. For safety reasons we also ask that students do not ride once on school property. We hope that you are all able to get out and enjoy the warmer weather and keep safe!

## Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Assessments

This year's EQAO Assessments for grades 3 and 6 students will be held between May 23 - June 5, 2017. Please ensure that your child is at school during the weeks of the assessments and avoid booking medical appointments or family vacations if possible. For information about the assessment, please visit the [EQAO website](#).

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



Writing the Pages of our Future!

# Parent Information

## Welcome to Kindergarten Night

(for new Kindergarten students beginning school in September 2017)

**Join us on Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**Sign In beginning at 5:45pm**

**Sessions 6:15-7:15pm**

If your child was born in 2013 and you have not yet registered your child for Junior Kindergarten, please visit our office to complete the registration package at your earliest convenience.



Social Skills ??

Communication??



Anxiety??



Behaviours ??

Do you want to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Come to this informative presentation to learn the basics about Autism, gain knowledge and learn strategies for common challenges. This is a great first step in your journey to becoming an Autism 'expert'! This year, we are going to facilitate sessions at Markham Village Library in English and Chinese (Cantonese & Mandarin)

*Come find out on:*

**Thursday April 20, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00pm!**

*Where?*

**Markham Village Library (6031 Highway 7 East, Markham, ON L3P 3A7)**

**\*Please park at the back**

*Speakers*

**Michael Morris-Kerry's Place Autism Services**

**Ellen Chan & Annie Zhang-Community Living York South**

**Cathy Ng (Teacher Liaison) - Inclusion School and Community Service, York Region**

**District School Board**

For further information and/or registration, please contact Annie Zhang:

905-884-9110 EXT. 382 or Email: [azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca](mailto:azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)

Please indicate what language you prefer (English/Chinese)

# Parent Information



## Summer Institute



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

### YMCA Before and After Care Registration

#### **Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017**

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and select programs and services.

#### **Summer Institute Site**

[Armada S.I.](#)

[Crosby Heights S.I.](#)

[Discovery S.I. \(located at Teston Village P.S.\)](#)

[Lakeside S.I.](#)

[Lake Wilcox S.I.](#)

[Maple Leaf S.I. \(located at Glen Cedar P.S.\)](#)

[Milliken Mills S.I. \(located at Highgate P.S.\)](#)

[Oscar Peterson S.I.](#)

[Sixteenth Avenue S.I.](#)

[Unionville Meadows S.I.](#)

[Woodbridge S.I.](#)

#### **Address**

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email [performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca](mailto:performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca) or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

# Student Achievement

## Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math

This is the third installment of PBPS's "Math Session". In November, we identified clear math milestones kindergarten students to meet by the end of year 2 in kindergarten and strategies that parents can use to become partners in the math learning journey of their child.

In this installment, we will be looking at a few early numeracy strategies primary students consolidate and list some strategies that parents can use to help them through the learning process.

### Abstraction

Quantity can be represented by different objects. Any kinds of objects can be collected together to count. For example, the quantity "5" can be represented by 5 like objects, by 5 different objects or by 5 invisible things (5 ideas).

### Stable Order

The counting sequence is always consistent. Counting words must be recited in a specific, reproducible order. It is always 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and not 1, 2, 3, 5, 4.

### Order Irrelevance

The counting of objects can begin with any object in the set and the total will remain the same.

### Hierarchical Inclusion

Numbers build by exactly one each time and nest within each other by this amount. This relationship means that the child mentally includes one in two, two in three, three in four, and so on. After counting 8 objects, a child who does not have hierarchical inclusion will think of 8 only as the final object, not as the quantity of the entire set.

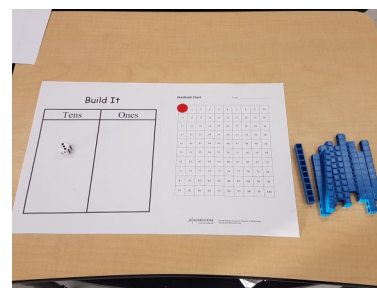
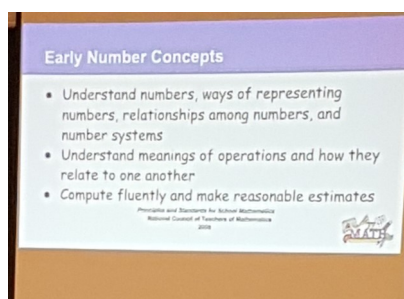
Early Number Concept	Teaching Strategy
<b>Abstraction</b>	Have your child count a set of objects. Make sure that the objects are not the same type. Ask your child to make sets with those objects and tell you how many s/he has in the end.
<b>Stable Order</b>	Have your child count to as high as he or she can. Look for the child to count the numbers in their correct order. Pay specific attention to their ability to say the correct decade numbers, such as 20, 30, 40, etc....
<b>Order Irrelevance</b>	Have the child count a set of objects. Then change the order of the objects and have them count from the middle of the new set. Ask the child why the total number of objects in the set are the same no matter where you start counting. The child should be able to tell you because the total does not change no matter where you start counting from.
<b>Hierarchical Inclusion</b>	This is a simple one that becomes an incredibly important foundation for more complex algorithms such as multiplying and dividing. Have your child count a set of objects and ask them how many they have in total. Once the child gives you an answer ask them what it means to have a total?

Incorporating math into everyday activities will make learning math fun and it's an easy way for you and your child to spend quality time together. More importantly, family math time will help with reducing the level of anxiety that students feel when engaged in mathematics.

# Student Achievement

## Family Math Night

Our Family Math Night was a huge success with families from all divisions attending. The evening began with a presentation to all attendees about the Number Sense and Numeration Continuum and how skills that students learn in one grade build upon each other as students move through each grade. Families then had an opportunity to participate in math lessons at various grade levels in the classroom. It was a great learning experience for those that participated to be able to experience what math looks like in the classroom. Families were able to engage in authentic mathematics tasks and work through the problems that our students might be presented in the classroom. We are so grateful to all of the staff who help to support this event and made it such a huge success.



## Heritage School House Visit

The grade 3 students from Mrs. Ridgley's room had an incredible journey into the past at Heritage School House. Heritage School House is a one-room school house that was built in the 1800s. To blast into the past, we dressed in olden days clothing and ate an old fashioned lunch. At recess we played tug-o-war, skipping, and catch. We learned about arithmetic, reading, writing, spelling, and art, all while writing on black boards with graphite! Some of us even experienced old-fashioned discipline and had to sit on logs for the school house stove. It was a very fun experience that taught us so much about what life would have been like for children over a century ago!



# Positive Climates for Learning

## Junior Basketball Teams On the Go

The Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams have been selected, and the students are practicing regularly to get ready for the area tournaments next month. Both teams will be participating in a number of exhibition games at Fossil Hill and Discovery Public Schools and in exhibition tournaments at Walter Scott Public School. The teams have demonstrated excellent team work and dedication as they continue to develop basketball skills. Good luck Panthers!



## Badminton Season!!

Intermediate Badminton season has begun and the team is in full swing practicing hard as they will defend their area title this year. Coaches Mr. Pennino and Mr. Herbert are proud of their current progress and they will be testing their skill at the annual Pierre Berton Invitational Badminton Tournament on April 20th. The area championships will take place May 9th at Maple High School. Go Panthers Go!



**Go Panthers!**

## Light It Up Blue! Autism Awareness

A wonderful tradition will continue this month at Pierre Berton PS. On April 3rd, students, staff, and many special guest will come together to help raise awareness about Autism in our Light it Up Blue Autism Awareness assembly.

Our guests will hear about so many special people with Autism and stories about the many successes they have experienced. This assembly is such an important event in our school and we are so grateful for all of the hard work and dedication that many of our staff have shown in preparing for this event.



## Family Wellness Night Thursday, April 6th 2017



As part of our Wellness week we are excited to present this wonderful opportunity to engage with our families. Our Family Wellness Night has opportunities for active fun for parents and children through the Dynamix Adventure Challenge as well as two presentations to support parents. Aim educational services will be presenting; 3 Secrets to Becoming an Empowered Parent, and Family Services of York Region will be presenting; Raising Confident, Competent Children.

Child Minding will be provided free of charge during the parent presentations. We hope that you can attend and will benefit from these great opportunities to continue our commitment to wellness.



# School Council

**2016 –2017**

**Pierre Berton School Council**

**Co-Chairs**

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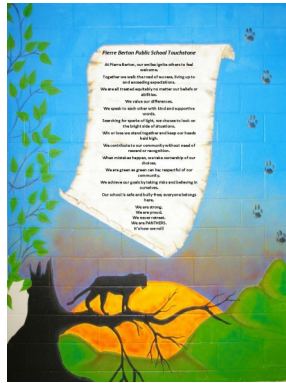
**Teaching Staff**

Jacqueline Stone

**Administration**

Wendy McVicar-Lew

Jennifer May



**Next School Council Meeting:**

**Monday April 24, 2017**

**7pm**

**Learning Commons**

**Other Upcoming School Council Meetings**

**May 29, 2017**



**Congratulations Panthers!**

**We raised \$4500**

**through our**

**Dance-a-thon!**

**The money will go towards more purchasing more technology for the school.**

**Save the date...**



**Pierre Berton School Council is hosting  
our 3rd**



## **Family Fun Fair and Basket Raffle**

**Thursday, June 8th, 2017**

**5:00 - 8:00pm**

**We are excited to announce that the planning of this year's Family Fun Fair is well underway! There will be delicious food, fun games and our themed basket raffle, and much more for all to enjoy!**

**Order forms and further information will follow in the coming months.**

**We can't wait to see you there!**