



PIERRE BERTON



PANTHERS

### Important Dates:

<b>June 6</b>	P.A. Day
<b>June 10</b>	Junior Area Track and Field
<b>June 11</b>	Intermediate Area Track and Field
<b>June 13</b>	Earth Rangers
<b>June 18</b>	Gr. 8 Graduation
<b>June 23</b>	Fame Jr.
<b>June 26</b>	Last Day of School

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# Pierre Berton Public School

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## Administrator's Message

It is hard to believe that it is June. It will be a very busy month at our school as we end the current school year and prepare for September, 2014 start up. Staff are busy planning for next year, including the coordination of class placements and preparing the school timetable. In addition, we are completing the curriculum and are preparing report cards. Term 2 reports will be sent home on Wednesday, June 25th.

We had an opportunity to recognize the numerous volunteers who support the work at PBPS at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception on June 4, 2014. This year, we had over eighty people who volunteered their time to support student learning and well-being, including parents and community partners. Later this month, the kindergarten team will be inviting parents to join their children to celebrate the end of the year with a picnic and activities. All students at Pierre Berton will participate in our Tribes Play Day on June 20th, engaging in many activities outdoors and will attend our final assembly on the last day of school. On June 23rd, we look forward to our students' performance of Fame Jr. We hope families will be able to join us. Finally, we will be celebrating graduation with our grade eight students. We have a special evening planned for June 18, 2014. We know this is a significant time in their lives as they transition to high school. We wish them all the best!

### [School Climate Survey for Parents/Guardians—Deadline Extended to June 6, 2014](#)

We encourage parents/guardians to participate in a [school climate survey](#). The surveys provide the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please use the link provided or request a paper copy from the office. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



Writing the Pages of our Future!

# Positive Climates for Learning

## ***Welcome to Kindergarten***

We had a very successful Welcome to Kindergarten evening in May. Fifty-two families joined us to learn about the Full Day Kindergarten program and engage in activities to support their child's transition to school. We are looking forward to welcoming our new students to Pierre Berton in September.



## ***Track and Field Day***

On May 22nd the junior and intermediate students enjoyed an active Track and Field Day. Students had the opportunity to compete in a variety of track and field events. Congratulations to our students who have qualified for the Area Track and Field Meets on June 10th and 11th at Maple High School. Go Panthers!

A special thank you to Fossil Hill Public School and St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School for welcoming us to their schools on that day. We are very fortunate to have such strong partnerships in our community.

## ***Eco Schools—Ministry Visit***

In May, we hosted representatives from the Ministry to share our focused work on environmental awareness at PBPS. This was an opportunity for our student EcoSchool team to talk about the initiatives taken this year in order to continue to take action and make a difference for our environment. Congratulations to the students for their commitment to our EcoSchool focus.

## ***Grade 8 Graduation 'A Night In Paris'***

It is hard to believe that Grade 8 Graduation is just around the corner. Our students have had a successful year and are well prepared to move on to high school in September. Course selection has been completed and the students are looking forward to being the first students to attend Tommy Douglas Secondary School.

Grade 8 Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 18th. The ceremony and dinner/dance for students will be held at Bellvue Manor. We look forward to celebrating a successful completion of the students' elementary school education with them.

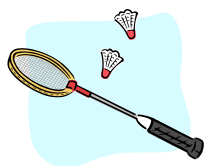
Once again on the last day of school, we will 'clap out' our grade eight students. This provides an opportunity for all of our students to recognize the graduates as they leave our school.



## ***PBPS Athletics***

### ***Badminton***

The Intermediate badminton team participated in the annual Area West Badminton tournament. With a young team led by captains Stephanos and Roshni, the team came 4th out of 14 teams that participated. Coaches Mr. Herbert and Mr. Pennino are proud of their efforts. Congratulations team!



### ***Soccer***

The PBPS soccer team has been hard at work preparing for the area soccer tournament. They have achieved great success at exhibition games and are looking forward to representing our school in the Woodbridge Cup! We wish our boys all the best in the tournament on June 10, 2014.

***GO PANTHERS!***

## ***Tribes Play Day—June 20th***

On June 20th, PBPS students will be participating in our annual Tribes Play Day. Please ensure that your child is prepared for a morning outside in the sun. Please ensure they apply sunscreen. Also, please send a hat and water bottle to school with your child on that day.

# Important Information

## Spring Concert

We had a tremendous turnout for our Spring Concert in May. It was a great opportunity for families to come into the school and celebrate the hard work of their child(ren) in the area of the arts. At Pierre Berton, we value learning through the arts and appreciate the support provided by parents/guardians. Special thank you to Mr. Li!



## Medication

Many students have medication that is kept in the office during the school year. If your child has any medication, an epi-pen or inhalers in the office, please arrange to pick up it by Thursday, June 26th.



## Lost and Found

If your child is missing any clothing, please ensure that he/she checks the lost and found. We will lay the clothing out in the front hall during the week of June 16th. Any unclaimed articles of clothing will be donated at the end of the school year.

## Come Join Us for an Evening of the Arts! Fame Jr.

After a year of hard work and preparation, the cast of Fame Jr. is ready to perform for our school community. The students at Pierre Berton are very excited to entertain you with a performance of Fame Junior. The students will flash back in time to New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts on 46th Street in the the 80s. Get ready to laugh, smile, and cheer as you watch our talented students dance and sing some of our favourite tunes! Looking forward to seeing you Monday, June 23rd for our evening performance at 6:30 pm.



## First Day of School Tuesday, September 2, 2014

If your child is returning to Pierre Berton, but will not be in attendance on the first day of school in September, please notify our school office at 905-303-4540. Students who will be absent for an extended length of time in September are required by the Ministry of Education Bill 52 to complete a form indicating the date of their expected return. Please drop by the office if you require a form.

## Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).



# School Council

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The Pierre Berton School Council met on May 12, 2014. Highlights from the meeting included:

- **Fundraising Report:** Discussion regarding planning a Fun Fair at PBPS for June, 2015. School Council will be seeking volunteers to assist with the planning and implementing of the event. It will take a year of planning to prepare for the day.
- **Parent Reaching Out Grant:** Application submitted for 2014-2015 school year. Focus will continue to be on parent engagement. We are planning to provide one or two speaker evenings for parents. Suggestions for speakers included mathematics, well being, and internet safety.
- **School Year Reflection:** School Council spent some time reflecting on their work this year and setting goals for the 2014-2015 school year.
- **Sharing of school events,** including athletics, Welcome to Kindergarten, Arts Performance, EQAO, Graduation, Fame Jr., and Tribes Play Day.



## Calling all Books ...

It is hard to believe that June is already here. Students are still actively signing out books from our collection. Toward the end of June it will be time to return all books so that we can ensure there is a full collection for the Fall. I ask that at this time you begin looking around with your child for books that may be overdue. When circulation closes, lost book notes will be sent home for any books that have not returned. I'm hoping to set a goal of 100% return!



## Last Day of School—Early Dismissal

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to student success and well-being. On **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in staff meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan.

As has been our practice over the past three years, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26th, 2014 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30 a.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.