

THE BERCZY BANNER

JUNE

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Berczy Families,

As a school community, we are committed to creating and fostering a warm, caring and supportive educational environment for your child. Throughout the year your child has been provided with many opportunities to grow intellectually, emotionally and physically within a framework emphasizing a positive self-concept. As a collaborative team, we strongly believe in and value a community school, where the school is an integral part of the community and serves students and their families by providing opportunities for life-long learning.

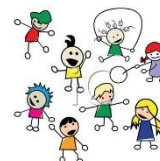
The school administration, staff and families of William Berczy Public School have worked hard over this past year to develop a clear and intentional focus and shared values between school and community. I am very pleased to have been a part of this team and will work hard on supporting the transition of the new Vice-Principal. We will continue this work with all of you next year as we develop goals, set priorities, and establish expectations aimed at enhancing student achievement.

Please join me in wishing Ms Dalia Osman all the best in her new locations at Parkview and Markham Gateway Public Schools as their new Vice-Principal. She has contributed in so many ways to WBPS and I know that she made a lasting impression on the staff, students and families. For next September we will welcome Mr. Alex Pasta to our school as the new Vice-Principal.

The WBPS Team looks forward to seeing all of our families back on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Please remember that teachers and support staff will meet children outside their designated areas before the start of the day, where they will share individual class assignments.

Please enjoy the summer break with family and friends and stay safe.

Lindsey Rhamey
Principal



Staff Changes for 2017 - 2018 School Year

Our school community will be saying goodbye to several teachers who have been teaching in long term occasional positions at William Berczy this year: Ms Chau and Mrs. Jaichi. We thank them for their devotion in teaching our children and we thank them for their support this year. We will also be saying goodbye to Mr. Cooper who has accepted a teaching position at another school. He will be fondly missed but his legacy will remain at WBPS. We also will be wishing Ms Berdoussis well next year as she takes a maternity leave and welcomes a new addition to her family over the summer.

We will be welcoming Mr. Alex Pasta who will be our new Vice-Principal in September. He comes to us as a teacher from YRDSB. Ms Dalia Osman will also be moving to two new schools for September 2017. We wish her all the best in her new locations. She will be greatly missed.



Thursday, June 15th,
2017
at 7:00pm - 8:00pm

School Council Meeting

Please mark your calendars!

All parents are welcome, and
encouraged to attend;
babysitting services will be
provided if requested.

Reminder to all families
KG Registration is OPEN!!

First day back next year:
Tuesday, September 5



If you are **moving**, or **not returning**, to William Berczy for
Sept 2017, please email the office:
william.berczy.ps@yrdsb.ca



Upcoming Dates... *mark your calendars!*

Wednesday, June 7	Caroline Pignat, Author Visit	Grades 6 – 8
Thursday, June 15	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	All staff
Thursday, June 15	School Council Meeting	All welcome
Monday, June 19	Aussie X Movement for Grade 8s	Grade 8 students
Tuesday, June 20	Grade 8 Graduation	Grade 8 students & families
Wednesday, June 21	SK Graduation	SK students & families
Wednesday, June 28	Reports Go Home	All students
Thursday, June 29	Character Assembly (PIN)	All students
Thursday, June 29	Half Day School ends at 12:00pm	All students



**Thursday,
June 29,
2017**

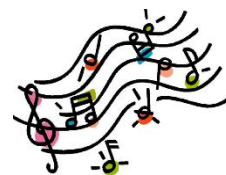
**Early
Dismissal
at 12:00pm**

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Reminder from our Music Department

Daily Practice: Students are welcome to borrow the school's music instruments to practise at home; however, they must be returned to the music room the next school day so others may use them. Parents are asked to help remind students of this and to return any instruments that are still at home. Please take a look at home for musical instruments, stands, and other equipment that should be returned to the school.

Summer Loan: Most instruments are also available for summer borrowing. Students may see Mr. Yuen or Ms. Hancox if they are interested in doing so. Any borrowed music equipment must be used and stored carefully at home over the summer (e.g., returned to case after each use). Students are responsible for repair costs incurred as a result of careless handling.



Message from our Trustee Billy Pang

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mother's Deli is moving...

Mother's Deli has been proud to serve you for the past 15 years. It is with bitter sweetness to share that we are relocating our business to 122 Main Street North, Markham. Although we will no longer be available for daily lunches, we will still offer our Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch Menus. We look forward to serving you at our new location and in the school year to come.

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York Region Mission:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Inspire Learning!



Grade 8 Trip to Quebec

From May 16-19 grade 8 students from William Berczy were off to their annual education enrichment trip; this year, in Quebec City. As the students trickled in on an early Tuesday morning at 7:00 am the excitement was palpable. Months of planning, discussing and anticipating was finally a reality as we boarded our coach busses. After a long bus ride we finally arrived at the Hotel de Concorde, looking forward to a nice dinner and the adventures of our next few days. Over the course of our trip we took in the sights of one of Canada's most historic cities, went on a ghost tour, made art at the Copper Art Museum and toured the beautiful Sainte-Anne Basilica. We were also given amazing opportunities to explore Old Quebec City with our friends and compete in rallies testing our knowledge on the historic city. The four-day trip culminated in an evening boat cruise on the beautiful St. Lawrence River. After a delicious dinner at Les Voûtes du Cavour we boarded a large cruise ship and spent the next two hours dancing and having fun with our friends, classmates and teachers. On our departure day, we were treated to a traditional breakfast at the Traditional Huron Site, and participated in a guided tour exploring animal skins and native legends. Following the tour, we boarded the coach bus and headed home. Our grade 8 grad trip was an amazing experience that we will never forget. We got to spend time with our fellow graduates and explore another part of Canada. Thank you William Berczy Public School and all the teachers who volunteered their personal time to give us an experience and memories that will last a lifetime! By: Ana

Du 16 mai au 19 mai, les élèves de la 8e année ont visité le Québec. Puisque je suis une des élèves, je voulais expliquer pourquoi le voyage a été très important pour l'expérience de la 8e année et pourquoi il a été tellement bénéfique. Premièrement, nous avons passé beaucoup de temps sur l'autobus, alors, pour nous, il a signifié parler avec nos camarades de classes; juste sur l'autobus, j'ai rencontré beaucoup des amis avec qui je n'ai jamais parlé avant ce voyage. Pour moi, c'était une de mes parties favoris de l'excursion. La première journée, après nous sommes arrivés, nous sommes allés d'une tour de la vieille ville, où nous avons vu beaucoup des monuments, repérés, et par conséquent, nous avons appris beaucoup d'histoire d'une belle, intéressant, et vraiment belle ville. Quelque chose que j'ai apprécié était que nous avons eu une opportunité d'apprendre l'histoire et culture avec mes camarades de classe, pendant qu'avoir le fun, et dans une manière pratique et réaliste. Au deuxième jour, nous avons fait beaucoup du tourisme. Nous avons visité le canyon Ste Anne, où nous avons exploré de la nature et des belles canyons et chutes d'eau avec nos amis. Nous avons visité la Basilique Ste Anne et un magasin de cuivre, où nous avons vu beaucoup de la culture québécoise et franco-canadienne. La troisième journée a été très très agréable. Nous avons visité les Champs d'Abraham, qui a été très intéressant, mais, nous avons aussi eu l'opportunité à explorer la vieille ville avec les autres élèves et avec notre nouveaux amis. Le soir, nous avons eu une danse sur une croisière, et nous avons eu l'opportunité à relaxer, lâcher, et célébrer tous les travaux que nous avons fait pendant l'année. En général, cette voyage était très important et bénéfique aux notre expériences d'école. Il était très intéressant d'avoir les espérances de tous les leçons que nous avons appris dans la classe. J'ai fait beaucoup des amis et amitiés que j'apprécie (bien sur), qui n'était pas possible sans cette voyage. Le voyage à Québec va toujours être une de mes parties préférées de l'année. Par Nadia

OUR SPRING
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
RAISED \$2000
FOR OUR
LEARNING
COMMONS!
THANK YOU TO
ALL THE
FAMILIES WHO
PARTICIPATED!

Learning Commons Update

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The end of the year is fast approaching and it is time to start collecting any outstanding library books that may be kicking around the house or classroom. All materials signed out of our library will now have a **final due date of June 9th**. In the meantime, our school's library will remain a vital and vibrant learning space until the final day of school. Our resources remain available for use in the Learning Commons space, and partnering with classrooms will continue.



MS Read-a-Thon

A BIG BERCZY **THANK YOU** TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR BEING SUCH GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF THE MS READ-A-THON. A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO MRS. SPEED'S CLASS FOR RAISING OVER \$700 AND TO TASIN FROM MRS. CHAPMAN'S CLASS FOR RAISING OVER \$300!



Top Female Athletes	Track and Field	Top Male Athletes	On March 23rd, grade 4-8 students participated in our school's annual track and field meet.
Grade 4 - Renata S Grade 5 - Jessica C Grade 6 - Jayden F Grade 7 - Jasmine Y Grade 8 - Emma T		Grade 4 - Julian C Grade 5 - Andrew H Grade 6 - Allen W Grade 7 - Riyad A & Ricky T Grade 8 - Kevin Z	

We are very fortunate to have outstanding athletes! Students got to select which events to participate in and helped to cheer on their peers when not competing. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped to make the day a success. Students placing 1st or 2nd in most events will be invited to join our school team and compete at our area meet on June 6th at Bill Crothers Secondary School.

Camp Muskoka

Along with the other Grade 7's, I went to Camp Muskoka for a 2-night stay. We bonded, played games, learned survival skills, worked together, and made memories. However, in my opinion my favourite part about the camp was the people: they were really nice, and did a great job coordinating activities and helping us out while still having a sense of humour and fun. Overall, I really enjoyed Camp Muskoka, and I'm sure the other Grade 7's enjoyed it as well. I would highly recommend it to any person going into Grade 7 who just wants to get away and have fun. *By: Jayden*



Educators for Tamil Students' Success of YRDSB

"Uukkamathu Kaividaile"

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

2017



Congratulations
to our winners!

Shreya S.

Sruthy S.

Thivya P.



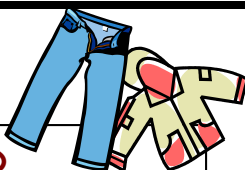


William Berczy Arts Night 2017

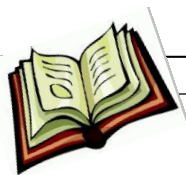




LOST AND FOUND



Please encourage your child to take time to visit the Lost and Found bin in the hallway by the pit area. There are lots of items that have not found their way home to their owners yet! Any leftover items at the end of the year will be donated to charity.



Literacy Corner

It's hard to believe that another year has almost come to a close, and what a busy year it has been! We have had a lot of things going on at WBPS that support areas of literacy. We gave away hundreds of books during our Mental Health and Wellness ProGrant Expo. We were able to purchase many new books for our Learning Commons from the profits of our Chapter's Night and Scholastic Book Sales, students participated in a Read-a-Thon to support MS, and we have begun revitalizing our Learning Commons space. In looking ahead, we will continue to develop critical thinking for each of our students, which requires them to think about what they are learning and what it means: it is the difference between "listing/memorizing" and "comparing/analyzing". Here are some suggestions for keeping your children thinking critically over the summer months:

- Allow them opportunities to explore and play. Children learn about the world around them when they have an opportunity to be involved in it.
- Talk to your child about their summer adventures.
- Consider keeping a photo or written journal of travels or get-aways.
- Visit your public library. Many local libraries offer summer programs or activities that support literacy development.
- Have your child learn a new skill or create something (learn to cook, publish a story, etc.).
- Provide time each day for independent or shared reading.



Wishing all of our families and community members a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to continuing our learning partnership in September.

Congratulations to Scarlett Y. from Ms Jaatinen's Class!

Her artwork was selected for display in York Region's "Holidays & Observances" Calendar for 2017 – 2018. Abby W., Sep S. and Nuha Z.'s artwork submissions received honourable mentions. Way to go students!





Student Transportation Services Website

The STS website, www.schoolbuscity.com, is a valuable tool for schools and parents and contains important transportation information including but not limited to:

- Bus stop location, route information and service times for all schools
- Late bus listings
- First time rider safety events
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- STS information brochure
- Policies and procedures
- Service provider information and bus route numbers

Access to Transportation Eligibility and Route Information for students in Regular, Gifted and French Immersion Programs

- Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Find Your Bus Stop tab at www.schoolbuscity.com.
- This tool enables parents/guardians to enter their house number, street address and select their child's school from a drop-down box to determine if they are eligible for transportation.
- Families whose address is eligible for transportation will receive the bus stop location closest to their home, along with applicable service times. Please note staff work throughout the summer to create bus routes for September that reflect new student enrolment. This year parents are able to access this revised route information as of Monday August 21.
- Non-eligible families will be informed of their status.
- If a child is registered at school and is eligible for transportation, no additional registration is required to ride the school bus.



Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser June 1, 2017

Thank you for your support. We raised over \$4000 so far to support music, the arts, makerspace, robotics and indoor/outdoor recess games and activities. We are still waiting for some contributions to trickle in but we are really happy with the results so far. Thank you Berczy families!





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Ms Lindsey Rhamey, Principal

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June 1, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: June 29, 2017 - Early Release Day

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Partners in Education,

Lindsey Rhamey
Principal

Dalia Osman
Vice-Principal

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - DAY 1 - 5 Calendar

All Professional Activity Days, June 27th and 28th are day 'zeros'.

Month	No. of Instruct. Days	No. of P.A. Days	1ST WEEK					2ND WEEK					3RD WEEK					4TH WEEK					5TH WEEK							
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Enjoy from a variety of specials for the month of June!

OUR END OF YEAR LUNCH SPECIAL

Our sliders are back and better than ever!

You can choose from the following:

2 Beef sliders, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade

Homemade 100% mini beef burgers

or

2 Chicken sliders, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade

Homemade 100% mini chicken burgers

or

Veggie burger, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade



MONTHLY SPECIAL LUNCH

You asked for it and we brought it back!

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Crunchy chicken pieces wrapped in a whole wheat tortilla with crispy romaine lettuce in a creamy Caesar dressing.

or

Chicken Caesar Salad

Crunchy chicken pieces on a bed of crispy romaine lettuce. Creamy Caesar dressing served on the side. Gluten Friendly Option available.

Our monthly lunch specials are available as an entrée only or as a combo.



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted online until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

Spend more quality time with your kids.
Leave the lunches to us!

