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## Character Matters!

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Integrity  
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# BERCZY BANNER

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ISSUE I

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## From the Administrator's Desk

Dear Families,

This past month, our staff have been working diligently at creating a learning environment for our students so that they feel safe, included, and look forward to coming to school. Here are some highlights from the month of September and early October:

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> our school held its first Well-Being Assembly of the year. It was also Orange Shirt Day, and the assembly was a sea of orange. At the assembly, we learned about the significance of Orange Shirt Day, and how Phyllis Webstad started the movement to bring attention to the injustices she suffered as a Residential School Survivor.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Terry Fox Run. Under the guidance of grade 7 helpers, the Primary students participated in the morning run, and the Junior and Intermediate students ran through the Toogood ravine in the afternoon. Mrs. Chapman and Ms Taylor organized this important event and as a school we raised money for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Ms Taylor and Mrs. Chapman also coached over 60 students from our Cross Country Team who went to the Area meet on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Over ten of them will be going on to participate at the Regionals on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all our runners and to Mrs. Chapman and Ms Taylor for leading the team.

Our first School Council meeting was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> and Michelle Fong was appointed School Council Chair, Shuang Liu was appointed Treasurer, and Gilbert Li was elected Secretary. We thank these parents, and all who attended— especially those who nominated themselves to be our 12 voting members. It was an excellent turnout!

Mrs. Talwar has started the Art Club and the club is already busy with many exciting projects. Ms Hancox and Mr. Yuen have started the choir and band and are practising in preparation for the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

William Berczy's Well-Being Team, Inclusivity Team, Ambassadors and Student Council are all in the beginning stages and together with our staff and parent champions, will begin organizing activities and events designed to engage students and in turn improve mental health and well-being at school.

The Magen Boys Dance team is coming to Berczy on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> to run hip-hop dance workshops with Junior and Intermediate students. The Magen Boys are professional dance instructors who will choreograph a hip-hop dance with each class at Berczy. Each class will then perform their dance at an assembly on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Magen Boys will be back during the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> to run similar dance workshops with our Primary students and they will also be joining us at our Well-Being Expo the evening of May 16<sup>th</sup>, where they will teach parents and guardians some hip-hop dance moves!

Lastly, we will be holding three separate dances on Hallowe'en, Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. DJs Rhamey and Pasta will be playing the music and giving out prizes to participants as a thank you to our families for donations to our Education Enrichment Fundraising. We are about \$27,000 short of our goal of \$35, 000. Please donate so that we can reach our target. This will help enrich the lives of Berczy's students.

As you can see Berczy is not only a welcoming place but also very busy! Stay tuned for more learning opportunities, activities and special events in the upcoming months. We look forward to continuing to help make Berczy such a positive, safe and healthy environment for learning. We thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Ms Rhamey  
Principal

Mr. Pasta  
Vice Principal



## School Organization and Staff 2018-2019

Assignment	Staff
JK/SK	Mrs. Murley, Mrs. Muccio
JK/SK	Ms Lambropoulos, Ms Kahlon
SK/1	Mrs. Rahman, Ms Ricciardi
1	Ms Sadler
1/2	Mrs. Danukarjanto
2	Mr. Jeffries
2	Mrs. Goad
3	Mrs. Won
3/4	Mrs. Norris
3/4	Mrs. Hancox
4/5	Mrs. deParra
5	Ms Kim/Mrs. Brown
5/6	Mrs. Ishaq
6	Mrs. Lee
6/7	Ms Mark/Mrs. Bablani
7	Mrs. Chapman
7/8	Mr. Li/ Mr Kitching
8	Mr. Cordick
4/5 CCG	Mrs. Jaatinen
5/6 CCG	Mr. Payne
6/7 CCG	Mr. Doss
7 CCG	Mrs. Ho
7/8 CCG	Ms Petrovic
8 CCG	Mr. Spencer
Visual Arts/SERT	Mrs. Talwar
Music/SERT	Mr. Yuen
ESL	Mrs. Pang

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<b>French</b>	<b>Mme. Terzian</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>Mme. Kattis</b>
<b>Reading Recovery/FDK</b>	<b>Mrs. Cariglia</b>
<b>SSC/SERT</b>	<b>Ms Shields</b>
<b>Learning Commons/Literacy</b>	<b>Ms Taylor</b>
<b>Educational Assistant</b>	<b>Ms I. Mark</b>
<b>Child and Youth Worker</b>	<b>Mrs. Chawla</b>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Mrs. Krishnan</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs. Chin</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs. Chan</b>
<b>Caretaker (Lead)</b>	<b>Mr. Dignoti</b>
<b>Caretaker</b>	<b>Ms Dusome</b>
<b>Caretaker</b>	<b>Mr. Taylor</b>
<b>Caretaker</b>	<b>Mr. Anyaele</b>
<b>Principal</b>	<b>Ms Rhamey</b>
<b>Vice Principal</b>	<b>Mr. Pasta</b>

### Staff Changes for 2018 – 2019 School Year

We would like to extend a warm welcome to teachers who have accepted Long Term Occasional teaching positions at William Berczy this year: Ms Irene Lambropoulos in Kindergarten; Ms Amanda Sadler in Grade 1; Ms Sejeong Kim in Grade 5; Ms Ashley Mark in Grade 6/7; and Mr. Aaron Li in Grade 7/8. We would also like to welcome Ms Keltie Shields who is stepping into the role of Special Education Resource Teacher; Ms Martha Lee, in Grade 6; Ms Adrianna Ricciardi, the Designated Early Childhood Educator in the SK/1 class; Ms Sukh Kahlon, the Designated Early Childhood Educator in the JK/SK class with Ms Lambropoulos; Ms Ranu Chawla, in the role of Child and Youth Worker; and Ms Wynne Chan, who steps into the role of School Administrative Support at WBPS.

### William Berczy PS Schedule

<b>School Starts</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Recess</b>	<b>10:40–11:10</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:50–1:50</b>
<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>

Please be reminded that supervision in the schoolyard will begin at **8:45 a.m.** The entry bell rings at 8:50 a.m. with Opening Exercises commencing at 9:00 a.m. Please ensure students are at school on time so that they maximize their learning opportunities during instructional time.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

## Terry Fox Run

By: Rishi Mehta, Grade 7 Student

The Terry Fox run is a tradition we do at our school every year. Last Friday, our school participated in the Terry Fox run: an event dedicated to help fund cancer research. Our school, as well as many others do the Terry Fox run to honour the legacy Terry has set. Even today the run continues, getting more popular every year.

On April 12th of 1980, Terry dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic ocean and began his run. He strived to run 42 kilometers every single day. Through any weather, rain or shine, Terry kept running. The part that is truly impressive is the fact that he did all of this with a prosthetic leg. Not only did Terry want to raise awareness and money for cancer research, but he wanted to do the impossible. The inevitable truth is Terry is not simply a hero: he will be remembered as a legend for the many years to come.

The Terry Fox Foundation was founded in 1988 after it separated from the Canadian Cancer Society. Since its separation, The Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$750 million for cancer research. Currently, Terry Fox Runs take place every year with many participants from all over the world. During our Terry Fox Run, students walked, jogged or ran. There were two runs: one for the Primary Students, which took place after morning recess and one for the Junior and Intermediate students, which took place after lunch recess. For the Juniors/Intermediates, everyone gathered outside under the tree at the front of the school near the Canadian Flag. Once the students were given permission the run began with the Cross Country team leading the way for everyone else. The event went on for roughly an hour and a half.

Overall, the Terry Fox run is something to remember each year. It is not just running that students and staff enjoy, it's what we are running for—Terry Fox and cancer research.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCYZ

## ART CLUB NEWS

**By: Eliot Atherton, Grade 7 Student**

This September/October, the Berczy Art Club has created a wonderful art installation in the Learning Commons about the book "Only One You" by Linda Kranz. The aquarium scene shown here was designed by Mrs. Taylor and Anna Wei. The students of the art club used only scissors and paper to create the underwater art depicting everything from anemones to squid. This is going to be the first large project for Ms. Talwar and the Art Club and the rest of the school can't wait for the next ones.

"There is only one you in this beautiful world. Make it a better place"-- Linda Kranz

P.S. thank you to the primary students for their contribution of amazing fish in the scene.



**Congratulations to Ms. Talwar, Mr. Yuen and the Art Club on having their Art and Music Proposal accepted to the Artonomy Exhibit at the York Region District School Board's Quest Conference. The Berczy Art Club's artwork will be featured at this annual conference that is attended by educators from across the globe. What an amazing accomplishment for Berczy staff and students! We are looking forward to November 14th and 15th, the days of the exhibit. More to come soon.**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

## Orange Shirt Day at Berczy

Orange Shirt Day at Berczy was an enormous success. We raised awareness of the struggles and injustices Indigenous Children endured while in the custody of the Residential School System. Orange Shirt Day was started by Physllis Webstad, an Indigenous woman, who as a six year-old child, was taken from her family and brought to the St. Joseph Mission Residential School. There she was stripped of her bright orange shirt and garbed in an institutional uniform. For years she showed resiliency in overcoming having her culture taken from her. In a reunion ceremony held in 2013 at the Mission school, where former students participated and came together to share their stories of healing, the legacy of Orange Short Day was born. We at Berczy recognized this important first step toward reconciliation at our assembly on October 2nd. We wore orange, and Ms Shields and Mrs. Won's students honoured the resiliency and courage of the children who were forced into these schools through their beautiful presentation. Most importantly, the students in the audience learned that every child has a right to learn about who they are and be proud of their cultural background, because Every Child Matters!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCYZ

## THE BUDDY BENCH AT BERCYZ



The Buddy Bench was installed this August just outside the Music Room door and it has made a tremendous difference at Berczy! The goal of the Buddy Bench is for students who might need a buddy to sit at one end of the bench. This signals to other students that they would like someone to talk to. It has been a great way for our new Berczy students to make friends and feel included. There have been several occasions this year where the Buddy Bench was used as a way for students to meet new friends and get to know someone new. It ties in perfectly with the 2 x10 Challenge issued by Ms Rhamey and Mr. Pasta at the recent assembly. The Principals challenged every Berczy student and staff member to spend 2 minutes a day for 10 straight days getting to know someone whom they haven't spoken with or gotten to know. We look forward to sharing some stories in our next Banner!

## BERCZY CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

The Berczy Bears Cross-Country Team participated in the Area event on September 28th. Congratulations to all participants who demonstrated great character traits including determination and perseverance. Students ran, then helped cheer on their peers. A special congratulations to the runners who have qualified for Regionals later this month! Coaches Ms Taylor and Mrs. Chapman thank Mrs. Pang for accompanying the team to the meet. Go Bears!



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Safe Arrival

**Please call the school if your child is going to be away or late at 905-477-2047. You can also report absences using our EDSBY platform.** If your child is going to be away from the school or will be arriving late for any reason, please contact the office with this information. If you are calling between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. of the following morning, you can leave a message on our answering machine.

Confirming the whereabouts of every absent child can take quite awhile and could result in a child being missing for some time. **Board policy dictates that if a student has not arrived at school, and all attempts to contact the parents have been unsuccessful, then our next step will be to contact the police and report the child as missing.**

## Dropping Off Children at School

Students who do not take a bus are encouraged to walk to school every day. Walking to school promotes a healthy lifestyle, encourages older students to be responsible for younger children, gives students an opportunity to socialize with friends, and much more. Fewer vehicles in front of the school reduces traffic congestion and lowers pollution levels in the schoolyard during drop-off times.

Teachers are on duty 15 minutes before the start of school in the morning at 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that the students do not arrive prior to this time as the yard will not be adequately supervised and we want all of our students to be safe.

**\*\*If you need to drop off your child by car, please use the left-most lane around the parking lot loop labelled "Kiss and Ride". Drop students off at the Cross Walk in front of the school and ensure they use the Cross Walk. We ask that you do not use the bus lane nor the middle lane due to limited space and safety. \*\***In the past at other schools there have been close calls and some scary incidents.

**\*\*Please do not park your car in our drive through lanes** as this significantly inconveniences other parents who are trying to get to work on time. Kindly **do not leave your cars running or idling** as it creates a harmful impact on the environment.

*Your cooperation in these matters will ensure the safe arrival and departure of all of our students. Thank you!*

## Medical Information



**It is very important that the school be informed if your child has a medical condition.**

**If your child currently has a medical condition that you have not informed us about, please contact the office immediately. There are required forms that must be completed so that in the event of an emergency, all school staff will be prepared to take the necessary action.**



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



We encourage students to practice “boomeranging” their lunch. A boomerang lunch is where every piece of waste is returned home for composting, recycling or garbage disposal. It helps reduce waste at school and keeps our school clean!

## School Bus Info



For school bus information please go online to:  
[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

This site will give you bus stops, pick-up and drop-off times. You must be at your designated pick-up 10 minutes prior to the stated time. Students under the age of 10 years require an adult to be present at the drop off stop. If no adult is present the student will stay on the bus and be returned to the school where you must pick them up immediately.

If buses are 10 minutes late or more please consult the website for late bus details, please do not call the school, as we do not have any further details.

During inclement weather if the buses DO NOT run in the morning, they will NOT run in the afternoon. If they do pick up in the morning they WILL drop off in the afternoon.

## Colder Weather is on the Way!



Please make sure your child(ren) dress(es) appropriately for the upcoming cold, winter weather. Warm boots, socks, pants, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and scarves tucked inside the coat are very important for children of all ages to wear. Children will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch, so please make sure they are dressed for the weather.

As well, since we have approximately 600 students here at William Berczy, and many children wear the same brands, colours and sizes of clothing, it would be very helpful if your child's name could be printed in ink in boots and labels of clothing. If your child has lost any items, please check our Lost and Found box just inside the pit area. It is always a good idea to send extra clothing with younger students as accidents do happen or they get wet on the way to school with rain or snow.

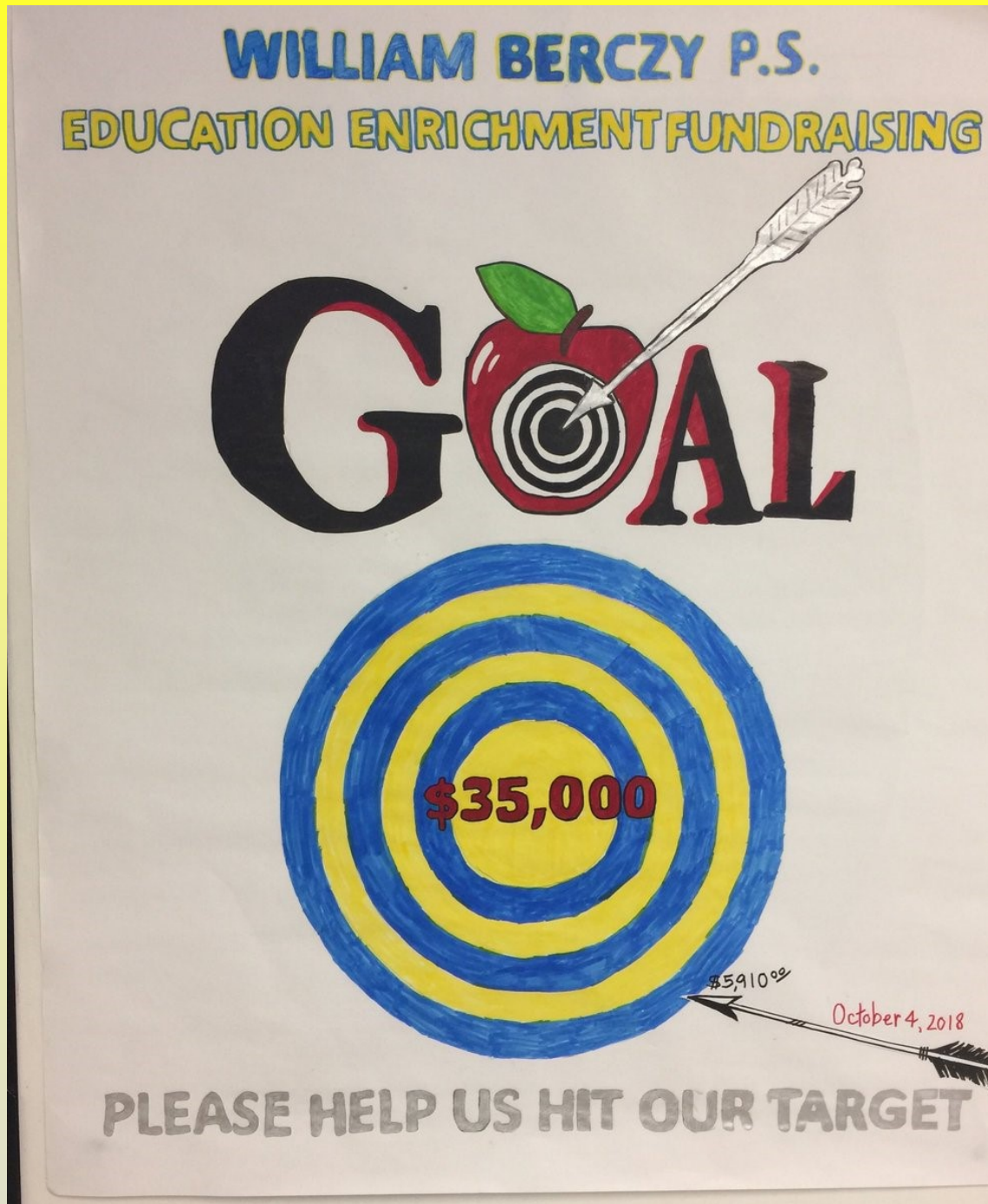
**Hallowe'en is just around the corner! If your child's teacher has special plans for the class, she/he will notify you.**



**Reminder: If your child is wearing a Hallowe'en costume to school, please refrain from having them bring replica weapons to school (e.g. guns, swords) even if they are part of the costume. Thank you for your support with this matter.**



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Education Enrichment Fundraising

Please donate to our Education Enrichment Fundraising at Berczy. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 which will help pay for exciting initiatives such as: Scientist in the School for all grades, the Magen Boys Dance Crew, Dreambox Online Math program, Robotics Equipment, chromebooks, the Varley Art Gallery trip for all grades, and much more. To donate, please visit [SchoolCashOnline](#) and donate to the Education Enrichment platform. We also accept cash and cheques. Tax receipts will be issued. As of October 12th, we have raised \$7,910! Your generosity is much appreciated.

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday  
October 23, 2018  
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.

**Congratulations to the School Council Executive for 2018-2019:**  
Michelle Fong— School Council Chair  
Shuang Liu—Treasurer  
Gilbert Li—Secretary



## Upcoming Dates... Mark your calendars!



Monday October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday October 17 to Friday October 19	Grade 7 Camp Muskoka Trip
Monday October 22	P.A. Day
Tuesday October 23 to Monday October 29	Magen Dance Crew
Tuesday October 23	Grade 7 Immunizations
Tuesday October 23	School Council Meeting
Tuesday October 30	Grade 8s to Unionville High School Arts Performance
Wednesday October 31	Whole School Hallowe'en Dance
Wednesday November 7	Photo Retake Day
Friday November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly

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

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