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Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
Empathy Fairness
Initiative Courage
Integrity
Optimism
Perseverance
Responsibility



From the Administrator's Desk



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are into the first week of November already! The students have been kept very engaged and busy in the classroom and during recesses and before and after school. We have a very dedicated staff who care about the students and their learning very much. They should be commended for all their efforts and commitment!

Great News—our school has been selected to host visitors from the Netherlands on November 14th. This group of educators from the Netherlands is interested in learning all about Berczy's Well-Being initiatives and seeing our school in action. They will be attending the Quest Conference in Richmond Hill from November 15th to 17th.

More Great News—we are very proud of Ms Talwar and her talented students who were selected to present their Artonomy Project at Quest this year. The Artonomy Project is meant to promote inclusion and a sense of community. Ms Talwar and her students will display teamwork and leadership as they collectively work on a collective Self-Portrait artwork at the Quest Conference on November 16th, showing off their skills in both the arts and communication. They will also be filmed in action at our school on November 8th. We will be sure to keep you posted about their experiences on our Twitter account and next newsletter.

As a result of our Education Enrichment Funds we are able to pay for every student in our whole school to attend a guided tour of the Varley Art Museum in Unionville. We thank our wonderful families for continuing to support our school through their generous donations to our Education Enrichment Fundraising Program. So far, we have raised \$19,731.11 towards our goal of \$35,000. Please continue to donate if you haven't done so already. We appreciate your generosity and all the money collected goes toward enriching the lives of our students at Berczy.

Sincerely,

Ms Rhamey
Principal

Mr. Pasta
Vice Principal



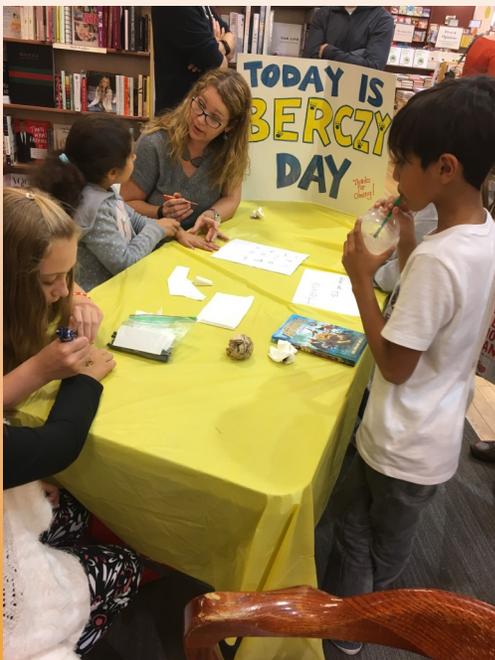
WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

CHAPTER'S NIGHT

Written by : Miyuki Mori

An Epic Berczy Evening

What better than a night full of fun, games, and reading to bring our school community together? On October 19th, our Berczy Bears took part in Chapter's Night at the Woodside Centre's local Chapter's Book Store. Student Volunteers face painted, squeezed out henna designs, and dressed up in character costumes. Staff members got to meet with our Berczy families and mingled throughout the night. Story time, featuring Ms. Speed, was a great success! We thank all the staff, students, and families for coming out that evening, and would like to send a big Berczy thank you to all the parent volunteers, and especially School Council organizers Mandip and Lisa, who made this event a great success. We would also like to thank all our families who made purchases during the night, as a percentage of the proceeds went to our school. Overall we raised \$1012.48! We hope you had a great time as well!



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

CHAPTER'S NIGHT

...Continued



Chapters/Indigo Fundraising Contest

As a result of School Council's amazing Chapter's/Indigo Fundraising Night our school has received a gift card for \$1,012.48! As a result, we will be looking for six lucky students; two representing each division, who will win a chance to spend the afternoon perusing and purchasing books at our local Chapter's for our Learning Commons!

How do students get selected for this opportunity? Easy! Students can write a poem, riddle or letter persuading Ms Rhamey and Mr. Pasta why they would be the best person for the job of selecting books for our school. **All submissions must be handed into Ms Taylor in the library by November 10th at lunch recess.** Good Luck!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCYZ

WELCOME MR. MARCHIONE!

An Exclusive Profile of our New Caretaker, Mr. Marchione



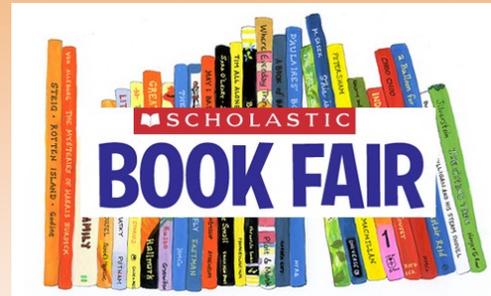
We at Berczy are thrilled to welcome our new caretaker, Mr. Christopher Marchione. He's an easy-going but punctual person who is looking forward to making William Berczy P.S. a cleaner and safer place to be. Not only does he have a positive personality, but he is also a great soccer player. If you see him in the hallway, don't forget to give him a big Berczy welcome!

Written by : Annie Li



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

BERCZY'S FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR November 20th - 24th



**SPECIAL EVENING
OPENING HOUSE DURING
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23rd from 3:45pm-8:00pm
& FRIDAY MORNING FROM 8:30am-10:30am.**

Attention All Berczy Volunteers!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving soon, and we're excited about sharing the joy of reading with our students. We invite you to participate in this Scholastic Book Fair from, Monday November 20th to Friday November 24th .

Scholastic Book Fairs gives our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students, and books together. It's the ultimate book event! Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read.

Being a part of something special is easier than you think. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** There are lots of ways to volunteer. We need people in a variety of areas, including:

- Volunteers are needed to help set up the fair on Friday November 17th. Ms Taylor will be setting up the fair from 1:50pm – 3:30pm.
- Volunteers are needed to help during the week of the fair. Some of the tasks a volunteer might be asked to do include: straightening/reorganizing displays, cashing out students, helping students make responsible choices etc.

Please contact Ms Taylor (mary.taylor@yrdsb.ca) if you are available to volunteer your time. Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers!

Berczy Cross Country Runners @ Regionals

75 students from grades 4-8 have been waking up early to run in the mornings as part of this year's Cross Country Team. Congratulations to all athletes who competed Friday, September 22nd in the Area Meet at Milliken Mills Park! 23 of our runners qualified at the Area meet to participate in the Regional Meet on Monday October 16 at the ROC in Sutton. These students overcame nasty winds and steep hills demonstrating perseverance and determination. We are very proud of their accomplishments and of the many 'personal bests' that were achieved this season. Congratulations to all athletes for their perseverance in training and many thanks to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Chapman for their excellent coaching!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCY

TURNING A NEW PAGE

Written By: Andy Wei

Hello! My name is Andy, and recently I served as a Page in the Ontario Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park. This selective program is a rewarding experience for anyone interested in learning more about the Provincial Legislature. As a Page, you will experience the Legislature first-hand and watch debates regarding government policy, proposals for new laws, and much more while taking on the important responsibility of delivering important documents around the precinct. This is a chance to forge long friendships with like-minded peers and meet prominent politicians, such as the Premier of Ontario. This remarkable opportunity is open to all students in grade 7 or 8 and I highly encourage anyone interested to apply for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The due-date for applications is November 15. To learn more, simply Google "legislative page" or visit [this link](#). I would be glad to answer any further questions.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BERCZY

Hallowe'en @ Berczy

On Hallowe'en, Berczy's Primary students joined together and came parading in Hallowe'en costumes down the school's hallways. Junior and Intermediate students and staff were side by side in their costumes cheering on the younger kids. The Primary students had a blast while showing off their amazing costumes!

Many classes had Hallowe'en parties in the afternoon as well. Healthy snacks were brought in by students and teachers in the classrooms so they could celebrate Halloween. In the end, Hallowe'en was a fun celebration and a great gathering for all the students in the school.

Written By: Sam Viero



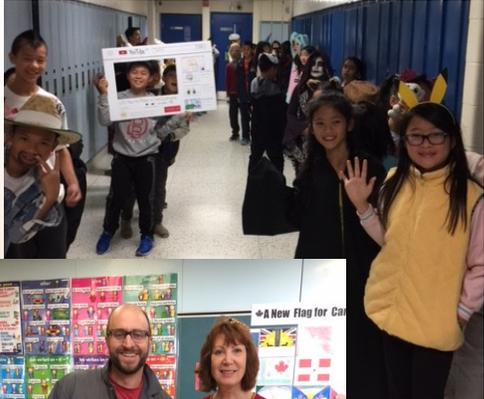
HALLOWE'EN SPIRIT DAY



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HALLOWE'EN SPIRIT DAY



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ARTONOMY PROJECT @ QUEST

We are happy to announce that this month, the works of William Berczy P.S. students will be featured in the Quest Conference's Artonomy Project. We will also be participating in a live action inquiry-based art demonstration! Art Club students and Ms Talwar will be inviting the public to help create a Mixed Media Self-Portrait Collage on Canvas. Students will get the opportunity to display their skills and interact with Quest participants in this internationally renown yearly conference. Currently, Art Club students are getting ready to be filmed and interviewed on November 8 on their creative process.

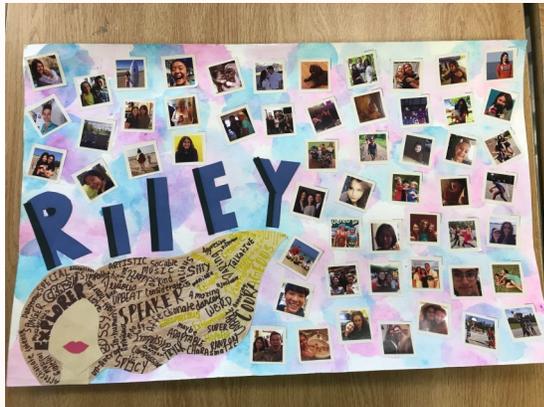
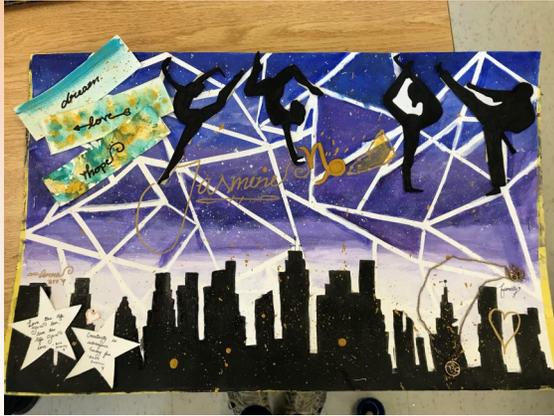
The "Artonomy" project, is meant to promote inclusion and a sense of community. A project that was once a mere competition has blossomed into a demonstration of the abilities of students across the York Region District School Board. The selected students from different schools will display teamwork and leadership as they collectively work on an artwork on location, showing off their skills in both the arts and communication. Be sure to look out for our exhibition and Quest film made by our talented Art Club students Devlyn and Rohan!

The Artonomy project will be on November 16 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill, Ontario. The Quest Conference is an event brought to you by the York Region District School Board that brings together more than a thousand educators and students, for the purpose of learning about ways of improving the learning experiences of students and the working experiences of teachers and other staff. We look forward to sharing our experience in the next newsletter.



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THE RING OF PEACE CONFERENCE

On Thursday November 2nd, Ms Ishaq took seven grade 6 students to Maple High School to participate in the Ring of Peace Conference. The conference was held outdoors and despite the rain, students enjoyed the day immensely. They learned a lot about anti-racism and anti-discrimination education and about Truth and Reconciliation and the power of peace in restoring relationships between different groups. We look forward to seeing how the students plan to share the learning with their peers back at William Berczy!



Ms Ishaq and Grade 6 students: Dory, Tiffany, Daniel, Rishi, Daniel, Brian, and Michael at the Ring of Peace Conference.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Edsby Platform Comes to Berczy!

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on the evening of **Thursday November 23rd** and the morning of **Friday November 24th**.

We are pleased to announce that we will be using an online process to manage our Parent-Teacher Interview scheduling.

Edsby is an intuitive, cloud-based platform that will allow families to easily reserve times to meet with their child(ren)'s teachers.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parent-Interviews. **Only families who create an Edsby account prior to the schedule being opened on November 13, 2017 will have access.** For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyparents>.

Once you have set-up your account, you can schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews through Edsby at any time beginning on Monday November 13 and ending on Wednesday November 22nd at 12 pm.

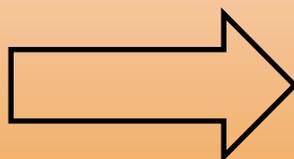
If you are unable to schedule an interview during your child's teachers' allotted times, please contact the teacher individually to arrange for an alternative interview time.



ECO-NEWS



The Berczy Eco-Team has been hard at work promoting choices that will improve the health of our planet and our school's immediate environment. We are currently undertaking a campaign encouraging students to "BOOMERANG" their lunches. Any solid food waste should be brought home and composted in the Green Bins. Because we don't yet have Green Bins at school we are finding a lot of food waste in our Garbage and even Recycling bins. Please encourage your children to return food waste (apple pits, chicken bones, leftover food, etc.) home with them. Many thanks!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIZZA DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY

A reminder that Pizza sales continue every Tuesday until January 30th. Special Thanks to our Parent and Student volunteers!



PASTA DAY SCHEDULE

The Next dates for Pasta Lunch are: November 15th, December 13th and January 17th.

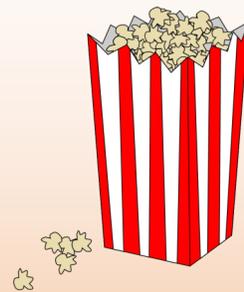


POPCORN SALES

ON SALE NOW EVERY FRIDAY!

We are excited to announce that popcorn is being sold every Friday at morning recess in the pit area.

Many amazing flavours to choose from. **Cost \$2.00 per bag.**



EDUCATION ENRICHMENT

Thank you for your generous donations and we appreciate them coming in every day!

We are excited to announce that we have raised **\$19 731.17** so far.
Thank you, Berczy!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALKING WEDNESDAYS

COLDER WEATHER IS HERE, BUT THAT CAN'T STOP BERCZY FROM ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS!

In an effort to appreciate the outdoors and promote student and staff well-being, the Berczy community will be going on a nature walk along the nature path behind the school every Wednesday. The walks will occur at different times each week and are dependent upon favorable weather conditions. We have already had one walk, and it was a nice opportunity for students and staff to breathe in the fall air and get some exercise.

Pictured at Right: Our wonderful Secretary Mrs. Krishnan enjoying the first walk of the year.



WINTER IS COMING!

Winter will be upon us shortly! Please ensure your child has appropriate cold-weather clothing. Recommended items include: a warm jacket, winter mittens or gloves, a winter hat, winter boots, and a snowsuit if your child will be playing in the snow. It is also wise to label each item with your child's name, in case the items are lost or misplaced.

SCHOOL BUS CITY

As the weather grows colder, we are faced with the possibility of inclement weather days. To determine if buses are running, please visit www.schoolbuscity.com for details. A general rule is, if the bus is not running in the morning, it will not be running in the afternoon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Wednesday
November 22, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAGGIE FU AND TINA SHA ON JOINING THE WILLIAM BERCZY 2017-2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE. AT THE OCTOBER 25th MEETING, MAGGIE WAS ELECTED TREASURER AND TINA WAS ELECTED SECRETARY. WELCOME MAGGIE AND TINA!

Upcoming Dates... Mark your calendars!

Wednesday November 8	Photo Retake Day
Thursday November 9	Grade 6 York Region Police VIP
Tuesday November 14	Quest attendees from the Netherlands visit Berczy
Wednesday November 15	Pasta Lunch
November 15-17	Quest Conference (Artonomy Project Nov. 16)
Thursday November 16	Grade 6 York Region Police VIP
Thursday November 16	Boys Volleyball Area Tournament @UHS
Tuesday November 21	Progress Reports go home
Wednesday November 22	School Council Meeting
November 23, 24	Parent-Teacher Interviews
November 24	Parent-Teacher Interviews/P.A. Day
November 27	Girls Volleyball Area Tournament @Markville

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!

Our Ring of Peace Experience

by Rishi, Daniel and Robert from Mrs. Bablani's class

Our trip to the Ring of Peace Rally was a memorable one. It was a pleasant surprise to see more than 300 people attended the rally. We headed to a large field located near the back of Maple High School and found a spot. We started listening to different important speakers come up and share their valuable experiences with all of us. As a community, we talked about the importance of being a community and standing up for various problems kids our age face on a daily basis. Some of those problems included: racism, sexism and judging people based on their religions or backgrounds.

There was a child speaker who really inspired us to take action because she was as old as us and has experienced bullying and discrimination that none of us ever have. During the Ring of Peace we had the walk of reflection, where we reflected upon how we could change our society and take action while walking together to form a circle around the field. After we all settled from the walk there was a talk from a First Nations group of people and they talked about the schools that they were forced into as children. Their ancestors first welcomed early settlers warmly and they were greatly mistreated by them. Later, there was a group of First Nations people who had an amazing performance with drums and singing.

In the end, standing in the rain and cold while our legs were hurting was definitely worth it. We learned so much about what is really happening around the world, even though we were so oblivious about it. Now we know that many people around the world do not have the freedom and respect that we take for granted just because of their race, skin colour, or gender. We all realized that we left the Ring of Peace with more of an understanding about bullying and other problems in this world than when we came. Overall, it was just an amazing experience and we really look forward to attending next Ring of Peace. Martin Luther King's words come to mind when he said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

