

BIRCHMOUNT PARK C.I.

School News – April 2018

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

This Newsletter comes with the Semester 2 Mid-Semester Report Card. We hope that your student is progressing well in semester 2. Please contact the school with any concerns you have at this time regarding your student's progress and we will assist with communicating with the classroom teacher to contact you.

Walk for Water

On Friday, April 27, 2018 Birchmount Park CI will be heading outside in the morning to **Walk for Water!** We are walking in support of Indigenous peoples in Canada without access to safe, clean water. By participating in our **Walk for Water** we all have the opportunity to raise awareness of this provincial and national issue in Canada.

BPCI will walk in unison with another school in Calgary, Alberta who will be walking as well on April 27th. We have also invited our feeder schools to take part by holding their own walk at their school.

BCPI is focused on raising awareness around Indigenous communities in Canada without access to safe, clean water. In one of the most water rich countries in the world, approximately one out of every five first Nations communities in Canada lacks access to clean, safe and sustainable drinking water. Everyone in Canada has a right to clean drinking water.

BPCI will be fundraising in support of WE Walk for Water and are asking students to donate a loonie or toonie on Friday, April 27. Proceeds will go to Water First which is a registered Canadian charity that addresses water challenges in First Nations communities through education, training, and meaningful collaboration.

Dates for your Calendar

Tuesday, April 24

Staff Meeting
Late start schedule

Wednesday, April 25

Visiting Artist Rebecca Bird

Friday, April 27

We Walk for Water Day

Monday, April 30

Semester 2 Full Disclosure Date

Thursday, March 22

Assembly: World Water Day

Tuesday, May 1

PLC Late start schedule

Thursday, May 3

AGO Arts Field Trip
LN18 Leadership-Feedership Mental Health Initiative; BPCI Peer Leaders and Grade 7 & 8 students.

Friday, May 4

Valedictorian Breakfast

Tuesday, May 8

LC3 Gr. 12 Walk with Excellence
SAC Assembly and Elections

Thursday, May 10

2018 PROM at Parkview Manor

Monday, May 14

Author David Poulson visit

Wednesday, May 16

School Council Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Monday May 21

Victoria Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 29

Staff Meeting
Late start schedule

School Cash Online

The Toronto District School Board is launching "SchoolCashOnline", an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay associated school costs such as: field trips, agendas, and yearbooks. **Please see the attached letter and "SchoolCashOnline" information and registration instructions.**

Birchmount Park CI will be using SchoolCashOnline starting Monday, April 23, 2018. This will be a significant change in our school procedures and we appreciate your patience as we all learn how to use this system effectively.

Please note that BPCI will still be supporting a small number of events with cash. For example: loonie / toonie fundraising events and Food Fair Fridays.

2018 COMMENCEMENT

June 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

BPCI is excited to announce that this year we have moved our annual Commencement Ceremony to June! We will no longer have a fall Commencement. Please save the date.

Invitations will be sent to potential graduates in April. All potential grads need to be aware that if they do not complete all of their graduation components by June – then they will not be included in the 2018 Commencement Ceremony. This includes:

- successful completion of the mandatory 30 credits
- 40 hours of community service
- successful completion of the OSSLT or the OLC401 course

At this time we remind potential Grads that they must submit documentation for their 40 hours Community Service to Guidance as soon as possible.

Potential graduates who have not met graduation requirements will be notified on June 26th that they will not be able to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

We look forward to celebrating the success of our graduates with a new BCPI tradition!

Semester 2 moves very quickly from this point until June exams. We encourage you to please contact the office with any concerns that you have so that we can assist.

Sincerely,

Ellen Austrom
Principal

Debora Ferrari
Vice-Principal

Shawn Robertson
Vice-Principal

Please see the school website for current information at -
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/>

SEMESTER 2 30% SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Important school policies regarding the 30% component for each subject is outlined in the Student Agenda on pages 34 – 36.

30% of the final course mark is determined in the final weeks of the course.

Final Culminating Activities begin May 22 and continue until the final exam period.

Culminating tasks, assignments and assessment are compulsory components for each subject. It is important that students meet key timelines and due dates.

JUNE EXAMS

- Final June Exams will be scheduled June 19 – 26.
- The Exam Schedule will be available towards the end of May and will be posted on the school website.
- Each student will be provided a copy of their own exam schedule.
- **Final Exams are compulsory for all students. There are no exemptions.**
- A medical note is required if the student is not well enough to write an exam on a specific date.

We ask parents and guardians to call the school and speak to the Principal or Vice-Principals regarding specific concerns that they may have regarding final June exams.