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From the Desk of the Principal

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Great News for our BEAP program!

Our BEAP program is oversubscribed and we have enlisted a team of 8 staff who are busy reading applications. We hope to offer our potential candidates spots in the program early in January. We have had quite a few requests to submit applications late. We have tried our best to accommodate them as much as possible given the unusual circumstances this year. Hopefully next year we will be back to our regular face to face routine so we can all meet face to face and share information the way we used to.

Covid-19 Update from TPH

Please find here some updated information from Toronto Public Health. We have had a few cases at our school but our team has done a great job containing any cases that have come into our school. We have not had any community spread in our building and that is a credit to our efforts to keep everyone safe. Please remember to keep yourself safe by washing your hands, wearing your mask and maintaining appropriate physical distance.

[Click here for a Covid-19 Update from TPH](#)

Important Dates

[Click here for TDSB important dates in Secondary School](#)

Student Leadership & Engagement Opportunities

In collaboration with the City of Toronto's Youth Outreach Worker and the Birchmount Community Centre, a group of BPCI students have volunteered their time every Thursday afternoon. The group is led by students and gives youth a chance to have input on activities they would like to see run in the community. If your student is interested in getting involved,, please contact debora.ferrari@tdsb.on.ca.

Midterm Reporting

Mark updates and midterm marks will take place the week of January 4-8. If you have questions about your student's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers. Reminder: Teach Assist provides both students and parents with progress updates on an on-going basis. You will need to login with your student's login credentials.

School Council Corner...We ASK because we CARE

Question of the week:

What part of this year's changing learning environment do you and your child find most challenging? What can we do to help?

Please email your responses to Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca or Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca

Any questions: Please email Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca or Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Dec. 14	Tuesday Dec. 15	Wednesday Dec. 16	Thursday Dec.17	Friday Dec. 18
Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3 Virtual Tour -Mohawk College	Day 4

School Calendar Link: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/About-Us/School-Calendar>

Guidance Corner

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Guidance is busy getting commencement ready for next year. We are excited to honour our graduates of 2020. Check out our website next Thursday to watch the presentation.

Our colouring contest winners were announced this week. Congratulations to all the winners!!

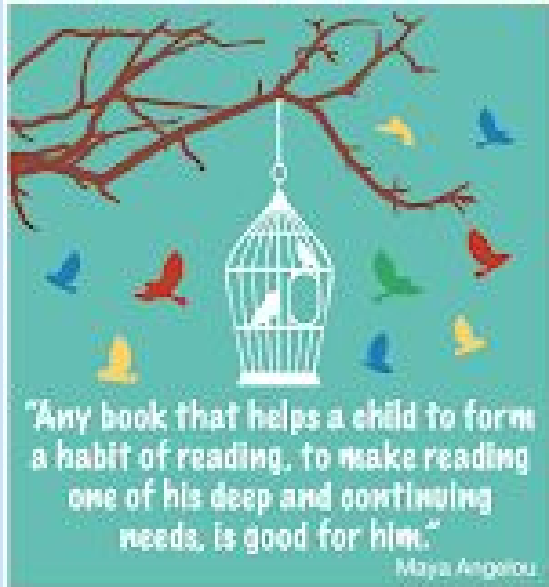
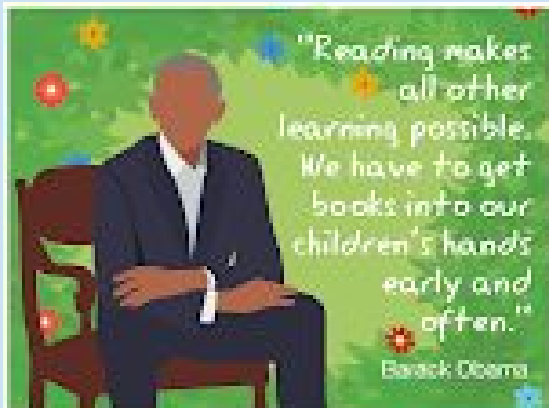
Spirit wear apparel will be available for pick up this Thursday. Pick up will be from the guidance windows. Please knock on the window and we will be happy to safely hand you your new BirchMerch!

"Proper nutrition is the difference between feeling exhausted and getting the most out of a workout."

— Summer Sanders, Olympic Swimming Champion

BPCI Library

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Reading is very, very, very, good for you.

Research shows that regular reading:

- improves brain connectivity
- increases your vocabulary and comprehension
- empowers you to empathize with other people
- reduces stress by 68%
- lowers blood pressure and heart rate
- fights depression symptoms
- contributes to a longer life

Take advantage of the many physical and psychological benefits waiting for you in the pages of a good book.

The best way to get books? Your school library, free and easy, in person, or virtually.

[BPCI Library Website](#)

[Virtual Library OPEN 24/7](#)

Virtual Resource Room for Quadmester 2

The Virtual Resource Room or VRR is a live virtual classroom to support our students with Individual Education Plans or IEPs. Click on the link to access our [Google Classroom](#) and use the access code, **2yyda47**, to connect to the VRR. The VRR schedule:

- DAYS 1&2 (Reversed on DAYS 3&4):
 - 08:45-12:30 –M Russell
 - 14:00-15:15 –L Singh

Individual Education Plans

The Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2020-2021 school year were sent home, either by mail or given to the students. Please review it with your child and encourage him/her to access the [Virtual Resource Room](#) for support and to speak with their teachers if they need help.

If you have not done so already, please sign and return the IEP to the Department of Special Education. Thank you.



Unity is strength... when there is
teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things can be
achieved.

Mattie Stepanek

 BrainyQuote

Student Success and Gifted

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What is the best gift in the world?

In our world of Student Success we have been reviewing data from the first quad. We are in the process of identifying students that should consider taking a summer or night school course or enrolling in our Credit Recovery course. We will be meeting with these students either in-person or virtually to discuss their option(s).

I would like to shout out Ms. Russell who has been diligently reaching out to many of our students in need of academic support.

Last year our gifted students assembled once a month to share in a pizza lunch. This event adopted the tag: SIXERS MIXER



which was ingeniously devised by Mr. Wang. The gifted students have been invited to participate in our **first ever VIRTUAL Sixers Mixer**. It is scheduled for Tuesday December 15 at 3:30 PM.

I would like to shout out Ms. Ying Jahoor and Ms. Gloria Morgan for planting the seed of inspiration and for sharing their visions of reintroducing the Sixers Mixer.

Finally, the best gift in the world is a broken drum - you just can't beat it!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Teacher Quote of the Week

"Being different from is not being worse than"

Prince Duah, Superintendent of Instruction, Ottawa Carleton District School Board

