

BIRCHMOUNT PARK C.I.

School News – February 2019

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

This Newsletter comes with the final Semester 1 Report Card. Please contact the school with any questions or concerns regarding Report Card results.

Semester 2 – Setting the Stage for Success

- Being on time and present in class every day
- Being actively involved in classes and making the most of class time to complete work
- Completing assignments on time
- Asking for help from the subject teacher when you don't understand the work
- Speaking with the teacher when you have been absent so that you can arrange to catch up on missed work
- Our shared goal is four credits per semester!

Welcome to New BPCI Staff Members

- Mr. Stewart – Technological Education
- Ms. Vincent – Family Studies
- Mr. Wagman – English, Careers, Guidance

Many thanks to our Occasional teachers who are here in

Semester 2: Ms. Alli, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Jain, Ms. Kiperman, Ms. Lam, Mr. McLellan, Ms. Morrison, Ms. Muqem, Ms. Sloan, and Ms. Smith.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH “Out of Many We Are One”

Birchmount Park's African Heritage Month Committee has planned a month with many special events that celebrate and honour the accomplishments of individuals of African descent.

Events include:

- Daily African Heritage Month facts, accomplishments and celebrations
- Music in the Foyer
- Feb 22: Movie Buy-out for “The Hate You Give”
- Feb. 22: Cultural lunch celebration
- Feb. 28: African Heritage Month Assembly with a guest speaker Dwayne Morgan.
- African Heritage Month school T-shirt sales!

Dates for your Calendar

Thursday, February 14

African Heritage music & treats in the foyer

Friday, February 15

PA Day – Classes cancelled

Monday, February 18

Family Day Holiday

Wednesday, February 20

School Council Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26

Staff Meeting; Late start schedule

Thursday, February 28

Black History Month Assembly

Friday, March 1

2019-2020 Course Selection due

March Break

March 11 – 15, 2019

Wednesday, March 20

Semester 2 Progress Reports issued

Tuesday, March 26

Staff Meeting; Late start schedule

Wednesday, March 27

Special Schedule
EQAO OSSLT

Tuesday, April 2

Half Day Schedule
Parent-Teacher Interviews
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

PLC Late Start Schedule

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

Monday, April 22

Easter Monday

2019-2020 Course Selection Process

The Guidance Department is working with students on the 2019-2020 course selection process.

Students will be working on "MyBlueprint" in computer labs to complete their course selection. All students must complete their selection by Friday, March 1st.

Please contact the Guidance Department with any questions you may have.

2019 PROM

Friday, June 7, 2019 at The Guild Inn!

Please save the save the date. The Prom Committee will be sharing information soon.

UBER-EATS – students have been ordering food deliveries to the school. We appreciate your support in advising students that:

- The school lunch period is 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. The expectation is that students have finished lunch and are ready for their afternoon classes by 12:20 p.m.
- Students are not permitted to eat in their classrooms.
- The school does not assist with the delivery of food.
- Students cannot leave class to receive food deliveries.

YEARBOOKS - It is not too late to purchase a 2018-2019 Yearbook! The cost of BIRCHVUE is **\$35.00**. You can pay for the Yearbook using SchoolCashOnline. Visit the school website: then click the link on the SchoolCashOnline icon.

Please do not hesitate to call or visit the school with any concerns that you may have. We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

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/Home.aspx>

CELLPHONES & PEDs IN THE CLASSROOM

Powering down in the classroom!

Reminders to BPCI Students, Parents and Guardians that the private use of cellphones and Personal Electronic Devices in the classroom interrupts and distracts students from learning.

School Expectations are outlined in the School Code of Conduct on page 16 of the Student Agenda.

Reminders for students:

- The use of Cellphones and PEDs should never interfere with the learning environment of the classroom.
- The use of Cellphones and PEDs will not be permitted in the classroom unless the teacher approves their use for educational purposes only.
- Students with IEP's will continue to have access to assistive technology as stated in their IEP's.
- Students are to ensure that Cellphones and PEDs are powered down or on silent mode and out of sight in classrooms and other teaching spaces in the school.
- Privacy laws prohibit the filming, recording and/or taking of pictures on school property without the written permission of the staff member and/or student.
- The use of a Cellphone or PED to photograph, film or record a conflict, argument or fight between individuals is not acceptable as it aids and incites harmful behaviour in the BPCI school community.