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Friday, April 30, 2021

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday May 3	Tuesday May 4	Wednesday May 5	Thursday May 6	Friday May 7
Day 3	Day 4 Textbook Drop-off ACL Meeting 3:20pm	Day 1	Day 2 IPRCs 1-3:30 pm	Day 3 IPRCs 1-3:30 pm

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

From the Desk of the Principal

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April is

- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [Latin-America History Month](#)
- [Sikh Heritage Month](#)



Principal Council presents...

Student Council Call for Applications

Attention Birchmount Students! Do you want to see changes in the school and make yourself and peers feel heard? This is your chance to do so, there will be a student council election coming up. If you would like to apply please click the link below, everyone is welcome to apply. We would love to hear from you. Applications are due by May 7th.

Click here to join our 2021-2022 Student Council Executive <http://bit.ly/BPSC21-22>



TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

School Council Co-Chair Message

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Coming Soon! BPCI School Council brings you

A workshop series

Racialized Trauma

w/ Charmaine Lane, Registered Psychotherapist

Part 1 Tuesday May 18th, 2021

Part 2 Tuesday May 25th, 2021

Bonus workshop for Students: Thursday May 20th, 2021

More details to follow

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

"Join your Parent Council for the last meeting of the school year on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m."

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97267954692?pwd=RUNqZmk4ckp0ZVVNOE9NdmlhaUNqZz09>



[Click here for Birchmount Park School Council Facebook Link](#)

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE IS DUE MAY 1, 2021

Students must go into their Ontario Colleges account and accept their offer by May 1.

If you are still waiting for an offer, but have an offer from another school, accept that one. It will not affect you being considered for the offer you are waiting for. Please speak to a guidance counsellor if you require assistance with us.

2021 Summer School Registration is open...again

The website has been inconsistent but is due to relaunch on Monday May 3, 9:00 a.m.

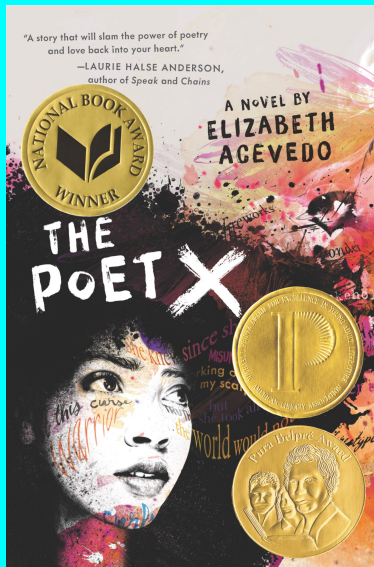


UPDATE: Birchmount will ONLY offer remote programming. Many subject areas to choose from..
More information and registration can be found at www.creditprograms.ca



It is that time of year again where the grade 12 class will vote to see who will give the 2021 Valedictorian address
Successful candidates will be notified on: April 30
Speeches will be held on: May 11

BPCI Library and Learning Commons: Featured Read



“I only know that learning to believe in the power of my own words has been the most freeing experience of my life. It has brought me the most light. And isn't that what a poem is? A lantern glowing in the dark.”

**Elizabeth Acevedo
The Poet X**

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's views and her own relationship to the world. The novel is written in verse, a series of short poems, creating a fifteen-year-old slam poet's diary.

Debut novel of renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo.

Available on TDSB Virtual Library



[DESTINY DISCOVER](#)

Ebooks and audiobooks

BEAP News

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Sleep improves split second decision making ability by 4.3%.
Adolescent athletes who slept 8 or more hours were 6.8% less likely to be injured.
Facts from Documentary "Sleep Matters."

Resource Room

Resource Room hours changed to 9:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:45-3:00 PM to support students during the asynchronous work period. See below for schedule and links:

DAYS 1&2

- Ms Russell 9:30 AM-12:30PM; Ms Singh 1:45-3:00 PM

DAYS 3&4

- Ms Singh 9:30 AM-12:30PM; Ms Russell 1:45-3:00 PM

Connect with our [Google Classroom](#) for announcements and information. Use this [Google Meet](#) to connect with our Special Education Resource Teachers.

Accommodations and Support for Students in Special Education Programs

- Provide more opportunities than the minimum requirements for synchronous learning for students with special education needs, based on their individual strengths and needs, and provide differentiated support and instruction. ([PPM 164](#))
- Continue to provide accommodations to students with special education needs, as detailed in their IEPs. If it is not possible to meet a student's needs through synchronous learning, educators and families will work together to find solutions. (PPM 164)

DD Program

The students in the DD program are learning remotely. The DD Team will continue to provide instruction and support by email, Google Classroom and phone calls. Parents are encouraged to connect with their child's teacher if they need additional information or support. IPRC meetings for some of the students in the DD program have been scheduled for May 6, and parents have been invited to participate in the meeting.

Student Success and Gifted

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Our Quad 4 Credit Recovery class is off to a fiery start. Many of the students are already hard at work, dedicating their time to recovering courses that will contribute to their credit accumulation. Let's go!

In an attempt to reach out to students that are in need of extra support we created a Google form entitled: [Q4 Student Success Early Check-In](#). Classroom teachers that are concerned with students in terms of engagement and/or attendance will complete the form. We will reach out to the students in order to identify and dismantle barriers to their learning.

We are super excited to announce that as of right now, we have 14 incoming grade 9 students to our gifted program next fall!

We are all feeling the negative impacts of this current lockdown. If you feel that you are in need of someone to talk to or just feel the need for some extra support we invite you to reach out to Mr. P. As well, you can reach out to the other members of our amazing guidance team: Ms. Munro and Ms. Grundy. Please feel free to email them: Jennifer.Munro@tdsb.on.ca or Jo-ellen.Grundy@tdsb.on.ca

Teacher Quote of the Week

"I think schools should have a mandatory mental health class that you get a credit for, where you learn about depression, anxiety, eating disorders, schizophrenia and other mental disorders. And you also learn good coping skills and ways to get help."

Unknown