



BIRCHMOUNT PARK C.I.

School News – June 2019

Ellen Austrom, Principal

Debora Ferrari, Vice-Principal Shawn Robertson, Vice-Principal

Dear Students, Parents & Guardians,

Congratulations to all of our students on a successful year! Take time to enjoy the moment and reflect on all that you have accomplished this year. Reflect on your successes and set your goals now for September.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2019. You made it! It was an honour to celebrate your successes at Commencement. The Birchmount Park staff wishes each of you the very best next year as you move on to work, college or university. We look forward to hearing great things about our 2019 graduates as you make your mark in your chosen fields.

The end of the school year brings many staff changes. Please join the BPCI staff in recognizing the following staff that have been a valued member of the school community.

Staff Retirements

Congratulations to BPCI staff who are retiring this year! Thank you for your dedicated service and contribution to BPCI and the TDSB. We wish you grand adventures and joy in the years ahead.

Mr. J. Groves – Mathematics;

Ms. C. MacInnes – BEAP;

Mr. R. Rose – Head Caretaker; 38 years of service

The School Office

The school office will close for the summer on
Friday, July 12th.

We will re-open on
Monday, August 19th.

Guidance & Student Services

The Guidance Office re-opens on:
Monday, August 26.

Guidance Counsellors will be available to assist students by appointment on:

Monday, August 26 (PM)
Tuesday, August 27
Wednesday, August 28
Thursday, August 29 (AM)

Staff Farewells – we extend our deepest thanks to the teachers and support staff who are leaving BPCI. We acknowledge their contributions to the school community and for the difference they have made for students at BPCI. We wish them continued success!

Ms. S. Baker – ACL of Special Education

Ms. L. Coles – Family Studies

Ms. J. Haiden – Visual Art & English

Ms. D. Fain – ACL Business, Computers & Family Studies

Ms. R. Leary - Geography

Mr. E. Paananen – Geography & Phys Ed

Mr. M. Stewart – Technological Studies

Mr. M. Wagman – ACL Canadian and World Studies

Support Staff

Mr. B. Clark - Educational Assistant

Ms. L. Judge – Social Worker

Mr. R. Ravindran – Office Assistant

Ms. S. Samuels – Educational Assistant

Ms. L. Telio – Office Assistant

Ms. C. Valdes – Office Assistant

Registration Dates

Wednesday, August 29th

Gr. 10 & 11 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Gr. 12 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 30

Gr. 10 to 12 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

We encourage everyone to check the school website for current information.

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/>

LTO's – Long Term Occasional Teachers

Many thanks to our LTO's who have stepped in and picked up the teaching responsibilities for staff absent from work. Thank you for being part of the BPCI school community.

Ms. N. Alli – Law, Civics, History and Social Science

Mr. A. Dawson – Mathematics

Ms. C. Flaherty-Plourde – Geography

Ms. M. Kiperman – English, Careers

Ms. J. Lam - Mathematics

Ms. F. Madhani – Family Studies

Mr. L. Mallin – Science

Mr. J. McLellan – Science

Ms. D. Moir - Business

Ms. J. Morrison – History, Civics, Family Studies

Ms. E. Muqem – Civics, Geography, Special Ed

Ms. G. Smith – English

Ms. J. Sloan – Library

Ms. G. Smith – English

Staff on Leave for the 2019-2020 school year

Ms. G. Ignat - ACL Mathematics

Ms. E. Vincent – Family Studies

SCHOOL NEWS TO SHARE

Math Department: Ms. G. Ignat and Mr. Radu

Our school celebrated on Friday, May 3rd the participation and achievement of our students in various math competitions during the 2018/19 school year. The Math Contests Award Ceremony was attended by the participating students, proud parents and guardians, administrators, and teachers. Well done all of you! Congratulations to the recipients of medals and certificates of distinction: **Cezar Hirescu** (grade 9) and **Justin DiGiorgio** (grade 11).



Cezar Hirescu

Justin DiGiorgio

Technological Studies: Mr. Rhora and Mr. Sygounas

Congratulations to our Skills Ontario Technological Students. Five Birchmount Park students were entered in the Ontario Skills Championships, held at the Toronto Convention Center earlier this month. **Wyatt McGill** represented BPCI in the Welding Division, and **Hunter Puolakka, Tristan Rowe, Nathan Luck, and Evan Oakley** competed in the 4-Man Home Building Division. Staff representatives Harris Sygounas (Manufacturing) and Chris Rhora (Construction) had much praise for the hard work that these students put in. Both Teams

Celebrating Spring Athletics

Girls Lacrosse won the City Championship and finished 8th at the Provincial Trillium Cup.

Coach: Ms. Grundy

Boys Soccer Won East Region Championships! Silver Medal in the City Finals.

Coaches: Mr. De Simas, Ms. Morrison and Mr. Numache

Junior Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee Team finished 3rd in their leagues. Coach: Mr. Wang

Senior Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee Team won the East Region Championships.

Coaches: Mr. Wang, Ms. Coles

Girls Slo Pitch: Won East Region Championships. Coach: Ms. Ireland

The Track & Field Team won the East Region Championship and 8 athletes qualified for OFSAA. Coaches: Mr. Duncan, Mr. MacOdrum

OFSAA Track & Field Medalist: Abdullahi Hassan won GOLD in the Senior Boys 800 metre at the Championships in Guelph. Outstanding! Coaches: Mr. Duncan, Mr. MacOdrum

BPCI Athletic Awards

The Athletic Awards were presented on June 13 and we are pleased to acknowledge our **2018-2019 Athletes of the Year:**

Gr. 9 Female: **Lizzie White**

Gr. 9 Male: **Nathan Casanova**

Gr. 10 Female: **Aaliyah Fairo**

Gr. 10 Male: **Kael Warren**

Gr. 11 Female: **Robin Kitazono**

Gr. 11 Male: **Abdullahi Hassan**

Gr. 12 Female: **Megan Torrance**

Gr. 12 Male: **David Petsinis**

BEAP Rob Pacas Award:

Isabella Trakosas & Danny Assimakopoulos

BEAP Charters Award:

Lauren Lynch-Hudecki & Adam Harricharran

placed Silver in the East Toronto Finals to make it to the Ontario Championships. Congratulations to everyone!

BEAP Scott O'Drewry Award:
Robin Kitazono & Gabriel Bourgeois

BEAP Ivan Pintaric Award:
Megan Torrance and Galen Richardson

Andre Hamilton and Bill Stephens Track and Field Award: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

English: Ms. Munro and Ms. Shawn



Ms. Munro's and Ms. Shaw's Grade-9 and 10 classes attended the Young People's Theatre downtown to watch a modern adaptation of Antigone in May. In March, the same classes made a trip to Chapters at the Scarborough Town Centre to buy books for classroom libraries. Their instructions were to find fiction titles that appealed to them in hopes of further engaging our students in independent reading.



The Birchmount Park Learning Commons is a central hub for our busy school community. It is here that ideas and information are shared, which contributes to enhanced literacy, learning and discovery. The library provides students with the opportunity to view the TDSB online catalogue, research databases, and provides assistance with citation preparation as well as research. As assignments and culminating projects come due, students will appreciate the ease of access to printing and photocopying.

This past year, the library has been very busy as staff, students and guests patronized the library. Meetings, researching, studying, completing assignments, quiet reading and even celebrating academic achievements are some of the regular events that have taken place in the Commons. Also, the afterschool program, S.T.Y.L.E, is a popular homework club who routinely makes use of the library's quiet and welcoming space.

The library collection this year has **expanded** with additions to the Graphic Novel and Young Adult sections. Many students have enjoyed

Fall MVPs

Sr. Girls' Basketball: Anan Abbatulam & Makayla Power

Field Hockey: Lily Howden
Boys golf: Owen Kolinski
Girls' Golf: Nici Browne
Jr. Boys' VB: Dejean Ljubicic
Sr. Boys' VB: Justin Sinopoli
Football – Offence: John Morias
Football – Defence: Josh Connors
Cross-Country: Rocharn Wilson
Cross-Country: Abi Braybrook
Girls' Ultimate: Megan Torrance

Winter MVPs

Boys' Ice Hockey: Matthew Van Slotten
Jr. Girls' VB: Isabella Trakosas
Sr. Girls' VB: Shanyce Jaenicke
Sr. Boys' BB: Ahmed Abdulalam
Boys' Indoor Soccer: Anhr Al-Eidani
Girls' Indoor Soccer: Aliana Dhalla
Badminton-Male: Brendan Hershoran
Badminton – Female: Cheska Chan
Swim – male: Aryan Khan
Swim – female: Victoria Ezechiels

Spring MVPs

Track & Field female: Antonia Pitawanakat
Track & Field male: Nathan Casanova
Track & Field male: Abdullahi Hassan
Track & Field female: Jahnyl Donaldson-Howden

Sr. Boys' Soccer: Anhr Al-Eidani
Jr. Ultimate Frisbee female: Aaliyah Faira
Jr. Ultimate Frisbee male: Kael Warren
Sr. Ultimate Frisbee female: Robin Kitazono
Sr. Ultimate Frisbee male: David Petsinis
Girls' Lacrosse: Lily Sedore
Girls Slo Pitch: Jaida Guan-Armit

TDSSAA Coaching Awards East Region:

Boys Basketball – **Mark Lucashas** won the Community Coaches Award. Mark has coached at BPCI for several years.

The Pete Beach Award, a top honour for a TDSSAA Coach was presented to **Bill MacKay!**

Many thanks to our teaching and coaching staff who are dedicated to supporting school athletics! We cannot thank our coaches enough for their dedication and ongoing support of Birchmount Park CI students.

taking out such titles as *Operatic* by Kyo Maclear, *Surviving the City* by Tasha Spillett and *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill. This new selection at the library is designed to entertain, but also supports and relates to the curriculum.

Thank you to Ms. McFadyen for adding a touch of creativity with the canvas paintings that graced the library walls. Also, thanks to Mr. Chalil for bringing greenery to the library with his kind donations of the Coleus plants. Lastly, thank you to the conscientious student volunteers who assisted with the many library tasks.

To the entire Birchmount Park Community, the library staff wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer! **Ms. Sloan**

Student Voice Art Project

Co-Curricular Activities

Many thanks to the staff who facilitated and supported the many BPCI clubs, student leadership groups, student organizations and school events.

The amazing BPCI staff supported the following:

Art Club, Arts Night, Athletic Council, BEST Olympics, Best Buddies, Breakfast Club, Chess, Christian Fellowship, Club, Eco-Schools, Food Fair Fridays, Gamers, Grade 9 Day, Holiday Bazaar, Library Club, Math Contests (Fryer, Galois, Euclid), Me to We Committee, Mindfulness, Music Concerts, Orange Shirt Day, Peer Leaders, Pink Ribbon Campaign, Prom, QSA / Safe Space, Recycling Club, Robotics, Science Club, Spirit Weeks, Stage Crew, Student Council, White Pine Reading Club, Walk for Water, White Ribbon Campaign, Yearbook, Yoga.

Have a wonderful summer holiday! See you in September.

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