


BIRCHMOUNT

Weekly Update

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Thursday, April 1, 2021

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday April 5	Tuesday April 6	Wednesday April 7	Thursday April 8	Friday April 9
<p>Easter Monday Holiday</p> 	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1

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

Spring Break April 12-16, 2021

From the Desk of the Principal

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Principal Council presents...

Student Council Elections... Call for Applications



The Principals Council has started organizing a Student Council election coming up in early April. We would love for you to show your Panther Pride and apply to be part of our community of student leaders. This is a great opportunity to get more involved in student engagement and have your voice heard on the topics that matter most to you.

The dates to look out for are:

- April 1st - Applications Released
- April 7th - Applications Due
- April 8th-30th - Interview Applicants
- April 30th - Applicants Chosen for Election
- May 1st-13th - Candidates Campaign
- May 13th-14th - Vote and Selection

We look forward to hearing what you have to share and working with you to make a stronger, unified Birchmount community.

School Council Co-Chair Message

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"Teens: Substance Abuse and Stress"

Join the discussion led by John Westland, Social Worker at Sick Kids Hospital

Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 pm. : Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94120252531?pwd=dUUzZEtJdjR3bUhGcnhVZHhFRiVNdz09>



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[Top 10 Athletics Moments -Rio 2016 Paralympic Games](#)

Student Success and Gifted

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We have been thinking about what our summer school program for incoming grade 9s will look like. We understand that one of the best ways to support our future grade 9 students is to have as many as possible participate in the summer program. It is a great way to get to know them. We will be able to begin to address academic gaps that may exist as well as prepare them emotionally and psychologically for what will likely be one of the biggest transitions of their lives.

Many of our exceptional students have been involved in an Identification, Placement, and Review Committee meeting. It has been a really positive experience meeting with our gifted students alongside their family members to discuss what has and has not been working for them in their academic endeavours. We will continue these meetings for the next few weeks.

Guidance Corner

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Thanks to everyone who participated in Spirit Week.

The Panther Photo Challenge was hilarious

Here are some of the submissions

[Check out our online gallery!](#)



BPCI Library

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White Pine Book Club

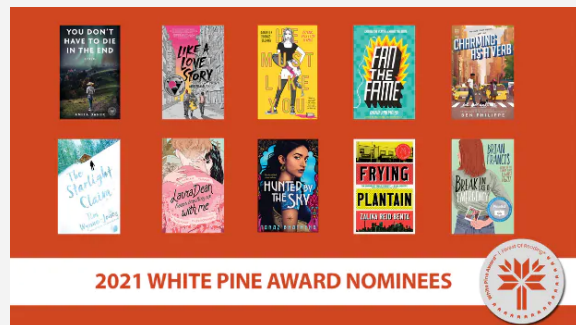
The members of the White Pine Book Club have read the nominees.

They have talked, debated, and had fun reading!

Starting in April members will be voting on their favourite new YA Canadian novel.

Who will the winner be?

A virtual ceremony hosted by CBC books will be held in May to celebrate the amazing authors, the dedicated readers, and the winners!



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[White Pine promo](#)

Drinking enough water each day is crucial for many reasons: to regulate body temperature, keep joints lubricated, prevent infections, deliver nutrients to cells, and keep organs functioning properly. Being well-hydrated also improves sleep quality, cognition, and mood.

Special Education/DD

Identification Placement Review Committee (IPRC)

IPRC meetings will be held virtually using Google meet. We will be contacting students and parents/guardians with details about the process and meeting dates. Watch your Inbox!

The information will be emailed to parents and students. Please take a few moments to respond to the email as soon as possible. Your participation in the IPRC process is important, and your input is always appreciated.

Note: if we don't have your email address, then email us.

Resource Program

The hours to the Virtual Resource Room (VRR) have been changed to provide support to students for in person learning, asynchronous/independent learning and synchronous/virtual learning.

Click the link [Virtual Resource Room](#) and use access code: **2yyda47** to join our Google Classroom. Students can access VRR daily from:

- 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM
- 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Students are also encouraged to email us directly if they are unable to access VRR.

DD Program

Some of the students in the DD program have chosen Virtual School and a number of them have returned to in person school. For families/students who have chosen Virtual learning, 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.

Teacher Quote of the Week

"They need love the most when they deserve it the least"

John Harrison